

Spiritual Strategic Warfare



*”Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place” **Ephesians 6:14***

*”And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace” **Ephesians 6:15***

*“above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts (arrows) of the wicked one” **Ephesians 6:16***

*”And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is *the word of God ...*” **Ephesians 6:17.***

*“For *the word of God* is quick (alive), and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow (bone), and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart...” **Hebrews 4.12.***

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“Why Does God Say “IF” A lot (Conditional)

Most Christians assume that the promise of the gift of salvation, like all other promises in the Bible, is free.

We are taught that salvation is a free gift from God with the usual comment "you cannot earn your way into Heaven". Doesn't **John 8:36** say "so if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed"? And doesn't **Romans 6:23** say "for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"?

We all know that gifts are free – without any attached strings – but is that true when we look at the various promises in the Bible?

The primary Salvation promise is in **John 3:16** which says:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

However, **John 3:16** does not say that Salvation is a free gift because it contains an "if" statement – you will not perish and have eternal life **if** you believe in Jesus! So there is a condition to that gift, and that condition is that you must accept that Jesus is Lord.

This is only a partial statement because just acknowledging that Jesus Christ is Lord is not sufficient – even Satan acknowledges that Jesus is Lord but no-one could claim that Satan has salvation!

The **John 3:16** statement is further clarified in the Word where it says that you must not only accept that Jesus is Lord (the Messiah as foretold in the Old Testament) **but you must also submit yourself to Him (something that Satan does not do!)**.

So **God's promises are conditional** – they are only "free" **if** you obey certain conditions. **Around 1,500 verses in the Bible contain the word "if", and there are lots of other promises in Scripture that do not use the word "if" but contain conditions (like John 3:16 example).**

According to my E-Sword Bible software, the word "if" is used 1,595 times in **1,420 verses within the KJV**. As you can see, it is a well used word in the Bible, and it places conditions on God's promises.

Examples of some of the "IF" statements in the Bible:

"**If** you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But **if** you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

Genesis 4:7

"Now **if** you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession."

Exodus 19:5

"After you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time – **if** you then become corrupt and make any kind of idol, doing evil in the eyes of the LORD your God and provoking him to anger, I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed."

Deuteronomy 4:25-26

"And **if** we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."

Deuteronomy 6:25

"**If** you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the LORD your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your forefathers."

Deuteronomy 7:12

"**If** you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed."

Deuteronomy 8:19

"So **if** you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today – to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul – then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied."

Deuteronomy 11:13-15

"**If** you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow – to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways and to hold fast to him – then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you."

Deuteronomy 11:22-23

"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse – the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; the curse **if** you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known."

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

"**If** a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, "Let us follow other gods" (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them," you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

"**If** you make the Most High your dwelling – even the LORD, who is my refuge – then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent."

Psalms 91:9-10

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. **If** you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land..."

Isaiah 1:18-19

"**If** only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea." **Isaiah 48:18**

Jesus said: "For **if** you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Matthew 6:14-15

Jesus said: "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, **if** you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20

Jesus said: "**If** you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Matthew 21:22

Jesus said: "**If** you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

Luke 17:6

Jesus said: "**If** you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples."

John 8:31

Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, **if** anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

John 8:51

Jesus said: "Did I not tell you that **if** you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

John 11:40

Jesus said: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, **if** you love one another."

John 13:35

Jesus said: "**If** you love me, you will obey what I command."

John 14:15

Jesus said: "**If** anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **if** you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

John 15:6-7

Jesus said: "**If** you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love."

John 15:10

Jesus said: "You are my friends **if** you do what I command."

John 15:14

"**If** God is for us, who can be against us?"

Romans 8:31

"...**if** you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:9

"By this gospel you are saved, **if** you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:2

"**If** anyone does not love the Lord – a curse be on him."

1 Corinthians 16:22

"Therefore, **if** anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

"I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: **If** anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And **if** anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

Revelation 22:18-19

Too many Christians like to put everything on God and make God responsible for everything that happens to them. However, when you read the Bible and study it closely we find out some very surprising things that should cause us to begin to think differently. When God makes a covenant with People on the earth, you will find that God is always capable of keeping the covenant and to Him it was a forever agreement. However, what we find in the Bible is that it is not all completely up to God and that you and I have a part to play in the relationship and the continued blessings of God. Let's review the principle and then establish this spiritual law Biblically and learn what we can:

Isaiah 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

In this verse in Isaiah, God puts forth a promise to His people. But, this promise comes with conditions. In order for God's people to eat the good of the land, they must be willing and obedient. Two little requirements that are placed upon the People! If they do one and not the other, they fail and do not eat the good of the land. This is the basis of a spiritual law, that I call the "IF" YOU DO "THEN" I WILL DO LAW! This is a popular programming construct that is widely used in programming languages. There is also a converse or inverse part of the law that goes something like this:

IF YOU DO THIS

THEN I WILL DO THIS

ELSE THIS HAPPENS!

God knew about IF THEN ELSE computer programming constructs before we knew there were computers. **God uses this construction in the Bible in the promises that He makes with men and the Covenants that He implements with the People. If we apply this construct to the verse we just read in **Isaiah 1:19** we can see it more clearly:**

IF YOU ARE WILLING AND OBEDIENT

THEN

YOU WILL EAT THE GOOD OF THE LAND

ELSE

YOU WILL NOT EAT THE GOOD

This is very basic Computer Logic applied to the Word of God and yet so profound! If you understand what I have said so far, then **let's go through some other verses in the Bible and determine what else God says about conditional requirements.**

Let's go back and review some words spoken to the Israelites by Moses from God. These are the Words of God spoken directly to them, but if you

look closely they are also prophetic and you will also notice they are very conditional:

Exodus 19:5 **Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:**

What does it mean to be conditional? If I said I would give you \$1000, if you would stay silent for 24 hours, is that \$1000 conditional or automatically yours? No, you see **conditional means, if you follow the instructions and rules** you will get the \$1000, otherwise you do not. The key word is "IF" you satisfy the requirements! Pretty simple concept right? However, some Christians do not understand these concepts, especially when it comes to God and the Bible. When you read a verse like **Exodus 10:5** and it says to Israel that "you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me and above all people". What was the requirement for this to happen in the natural realm? God clearly said, "**if you obey my voice and keep my covenant**", **then I will do what I said and make you above all others**. So when did the nation of the Israelites ever fulfill any of these requirements? If you searched your Bible and could not find it in the Bible, I have to admit that I couldn't either. It would seem to me, that Israel has a major problem. Let's continue with the next verse:

Exodus 19:6 **And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.**

Exodus 19:6 continues to demonstrate what God will do, **if** Israel obeys and keeps the covenant. **What we see in these two verses are a discovery of the fact that God's blessings to the nation of the Israelites are conditional. In order for those in covenant with God to obtain the best that He has for them, they must do something to qualify for them.** Did any of the words in these two verses ring any bells to you? Did you see any parallels or glimpses into another reality that God is prophesying about? To me it was obvious, but to others they miss it. These key words are echoed in a verse found in the New Testament:

1Peter 2:9 **But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the**

praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

So as we have seen, the blessings of God are conditional. The continuation of the participation of the covenants of God are also conditional. People want to put all of the responsibility on the Most High God to whether or not a covenant is valid and that is not what God says in the Bible. You can always depend on God to be faithful and He will never fail you, but that does not relieve you of your responsibility in the relationship. Is faithfulness a two way street that is required of both participants? Of course it is! So do not put all of the responsibility upon God, the Most High will not fail the covenant. God is eternally faithful. However, men fail, men make mistakes and God will forgive them, but only if you ask for forgiveness. **Repentance** is a valuable key part of any bible believer. If you are not sorry for how you use to act and the things you use to do, you are not a true believer. You are just someone who doesn't want to go to hell. **Hebrews 8:9** clearly tells us that God disregarded the Israelites, because they did not keep the covenant. The Bible says this, God says this and I did not write the Bible. Any covenant with the Most High God are always Conditional! Let's review another Old Testament example of these conditional promises of God:

Deuteronomy 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

The key word "**IF**" is given to the Israelites and God tells them that "IF" they would diligently follow the Word of God that "THEN" God would make them above all nations. There are very specific requirements to the **blessings** of God and if you continue to read down in this chapter you will

also find that there are very specific **curses** for not following these instructions. This is a Bible principle and a spiritual law being established by God. This is how God works and this should inform you of your responsibilities. You start by recognizing that you have some responsibilities and then you go about finding out what they are and how to follow them or fulfill them.

Jeremiah 4:1 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine **abominations out of my sight, the shalt thou not remove.**

You see in Jeremiah God says to Israel, if they would return and put away their **abominations**, that God would not remove them. There is a very strong statement with very direct consequences being made to the Natural Nation of Israel. There are just many verses in the Bible that declare God will do something **if** you first do something. You cannot pray and ask God for something and then when it does not come, think that God said NO! Many times things like praying for specific answers in the Bible have specific conditions and requirements attached them. **You have to pray the right way, believe the right things, do the right things, act in the appropriate manner and then God will do His part.** This is a staggering concept to many Christians, but yet it is in the Bible if you look. **The Most High God always tells you what to do and then expects you to do it. Then God will always step in and do the rest.** Read the Old Testament very closely. Notice things that God instructs Joshua in taking Jericho and other such examples. God would always tell them to do something and if they did it, God would come through and do the rest. When Moses went to God with a problem, either Pharaoh or the children of Israel, God would always tell Moses to do something with very specific steps. If Moses followed and obeyed, God would always do His part faithfully. The Bible is full of examples like this.

Jeremiah 31:36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Many people, whether in the church or outside the church cannot comprehend that God would require them to do anything in order to obtain God's Grace. It is almost unimaginable that the Israelites could do anything that would cause God to end their Covenant. If you should go back and reread the Bible and look for how many times the word "IF" is used in verses concerning the Israelites, you will discover that God has put conditions on many of the things that He has given. God placed responsibility of the continuation of the covenant into the hands of those who He was trusting to do the right things and be obedient. If you study carefully you discover that the Israelites did a very bad job of fulfilling their end of the bargain. What a bargain they had, the fastest and most direct way to the Messiah, they had the first choice at Salvation, they were the keepers of the Holy Word of God and they blew it.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Just as the Old Covenant was conditional, entrance into the New Covenant is also conditional. There is no such thing as Universal Salvation. There is no such thing that everyone is saved automatically, because they attend church every Sunday. God always requires action by people. **People need to realize that God has already done everything that He needs to do to get all of the people on the earth to inherit his Kingdom! However, the bible make it clear that not everyone will inherit his kingdom which will be by their own choice!** Jesus tells us clearly in Revelation that He is standing at the door of the heart of man, knocking and that clearly indicates that He wants to come in. However, the conditional part of the verse clearly states that the Man on the inside is required to hear the knock and open the door to let Him come in. **There are conditions to people being accepted into his kingdom. People are required to act appropriately and let Christ in. There are specific conditions to being accepted and worthy of the kingdom of The Most High God!** You must realize and understand that the Old Covenant of God with the Israelites was a conditional agreement. It was very clear in the Bible that in order for them (Israelites) to remain in Covenant with God, they were required to be faithful to God. Just like in any marriage contract a covenant works this

way also. Both parties are either faithful to the vows and conditions of the agreement or the agreement is terminated. If one party is faithful and the other party is not, the agreement is terminated.

The promises of God are not unconditional

There are those who believe that the promises which God makes in Scripture **must be fulfilled** by God, without a care about our behavior. **I have not seen in the entire Bible one solitary divine promise that does not have an explicit or implicit condition.** Some believe that they can "claim" a promise and that is all that is necessary. We will see some promises in order to show that there is always a conditional "if" in them.

Many believers think that once God promises something, they can behave in any way, because God is "**obligated**" to fulfill his promises in any event. What they don't realize is that although at times a verse of the Bible has a promise and not a condition required, much later in another verse they have not read or have not wanted to understand, is the condition God required for the fulfillment of that promise to take place. It would be good for those who believe that the promises of God are unconditional, to review all the verses where there are promises and look for the references to other verses so they can see that in order to obtain that promise, we must act in accordance with something on our part, even if that is only having faith. Let us see what the following verses say.

Deuteronomy 28:62 "And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; **because thou wouldst not obey** the voice of the LORD thy God."

This verse refers to the promise that the Israelite people would be as numerous as the stars. However, it is here where it is recorded that **this promise would be fulfilled if they obeyed**, not if they disobeyed the commandments of God. In other words, the promise was not unconditional.

There are many who have the foolish notion that after God makes a promise, they can do whatever they want because they believe that God **is obligated to fulfill what they imagine is His Word**. When they read in the Bible a promise made by God, they only pay attention to or only remember the part which is most advantageous or beneficial to them, not the implicit or explicit conditions God has ordained for the fulfillment of His promise.

Judges 2:1-3 "1 *And an angel of the LORD came up from Gulag to Bochum, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. 2 **And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars; but ye have not obeyed my voice; why have ye done this? 3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you."***

In this verses, God said that he would never invalidate His covenant (which is the part they want to remember), on the condition that they not form an alliance with the enemy (which is the part they do not want to remember). Many Christians proceed in this manner now. They remember that Christ liberated us from all sin, **but they do not want to remember that it is necessary to repent wholeheartedly** of their sin and not continue to commit the sin.

When God makes a promise, he does not give us a "Letter of Marque" that allows us to do whatever we want, with the assurance that God is **obligated** to fulfill His word. See below.

II Chronicles 33:8 "Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; **so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them,** according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses."

It is similar with salvation. Christ did all the work for us, we simply have to accept it; but we should not believe that we have a Letter of Marque to continue sinning voluntarily and not lose it. Like all of God's

promises, **salvation has its conditions: the true and profound repentance of sin**, something that a person who continually repeats voluntarily his sin cannot have.

The following verse shows David explaining to his son, Solomon, how the promise made by God had conditions.

I King 2:4 "That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying: If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee a man on the throne of Israel."

Note that God said to David, "**If thy children take heed to their way...**", in which case means that **if they do not heed their way, the promise would not be fulfilled**. We see it again in **I Kings 3:14, 6:12-13 and 9:4-5**. Do not be deceived, not even those who are great in the faith received promises without conditions.

The promises of Yeshua who is our Lord and savior, like his Father's, are conditional as well. For example, in **Matthew 6:14**, Christ says, "...if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you", which means that if we do not forgive, we will not be forgiven. As we see, the "if" is conditional and states that the promise has conditions.

If we read **Matthew 17:20**, we will note that the promise of being able to remove a mountain to yonder place depended on faith the size of a grain of mustard. That's why it says, "...if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed..." Another example is in **Matthew 18:19** where God promises, "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on Earth **as touching anything that they shall ask**, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." This is not unconditional.

In Jesus Christ's letters to the Seven Churches, there are **conditional promises**.

Revelation 2:7 "...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life...". This implies that if one does not overcome, he will not receive the promise.

Revelation 2:11 "...He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." There is the promise of not dying a second time, **if** he overcomes.

We see the same if we read **Revelation 2:17, 2:26, 3:5, and 3:21**. In other words, we confirm that **the promises of God are not unconditional**. Let us not have the dangerous notion that the grace of God consists in the continuation of sin without losing salvation.

Conditional Promises In The New Testament

Matthew 5:5

The Promise: You will inherit the Earth.

The Condition: **If** you are gentle, humble and/or meek

Matthew 5:10

The Promise: The Kingdom of Heaven will be yours.

The Condition: **If** you have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness.

Matthew 5:11-12

The Promise: The Son of Man (Jesus) will reward people in Heaven and the reward will be great.

The Condition: **If** people revile and persecute you for Jesus' sake and your faith in Him.

Matthew 7:7

The Promise: It will be given you

The Condition: **If** you ask

The Promise: You will find

The Condition: **If** you seek

The Promise: It will be opened to you

The Condition: **If** you knock

Matthew 16:27

The Promise: The Son of Man (Jesus) is going to come in His glory and will reward people.

The Condition: You will be rewarded according to your own deeds in this life.

Matthew 24:14

The Promise: The end (eschaton) will come.

The Condition: When the Gospel has been preached to all nations in the whole world.

Matthew 24:45-47

The Promise: God will make a person ruler over all that is His (His possessions).

The Condition: **If** that person is faithful and wise in charge of the "little things".

Mark 9:41

The Promise: A person will not lose their reward.

The Condition: Giving a cup of water (being charitable) in Christ's name for the exact reason that we belong to Christ.

John 3:16

Promise: You will have eternal life

The Condition: To whosoever will believe that God sent His only begotten son to die in our place as a sin offering.

Romans 8:31

The Promise: No one can be against you.

The Condition: When God is for you.

Philippians 3:21, 4:1

The Promise: Jesus will transform our current perishing bodies in exchange for a body that does not perish like His glorious body (σῶμα πνευματικόν /Resurrection body) **(3:21)**.

The Condition: We must stand firm in the Lord **(4:1)**

Philippians 4:13

The Promise: We can do all things.

The Condition: **If** Christ strengthens us.

Colossian 3:1, 4

The Promise: When Christ appears at the second coming, we will appear with Him in glory.

The Condition: **If** we too are risen or raised up in Christ, and seeking the things above.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

The Promise: The dead in Christ will rise first, then we who are still alive will be called up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air [The Resurrection of The Righteous]. We will then be with the Lord forever after that.

The Condition: We need to believe that Jesus died and rose again.

1 Timothy 4:1-8

The Promise: There is a crown of righteousness laid up for us by God which I will be awarded with on my day of glory.

The Condition: Those awarded will have loved His appearing and faithfully preach the Gospel and the Word of God in season and out of season.

Hebrews 12:28

The Promise: We will serve God acceptably.

The Condition: **If** we serve Him with reverence and fear.

James 1:5-6

The Promise: **If** you ask of God in faith.

The Condition: Wisdom will be given.

James 1:12

The Promise: We will receive the crown of life

The Condition: **If** we endure trials by temptation and love the Lord.

1 Peter 5:1-4

The Promise: Elders will receive a crown of glory that will not fade.

The Condition: **If** they feed the flock God has given them, by taking the oversight of the flock willingly and not for money (extortion, theft, bribery). Thereby setting an example for said flock.

1 John 3:2

The Promise: When Jesus appears we will be like Him

The Condition: **If** we are children of God

1 John 3:9

The Promise: A true Christian cannot habitually sin without the desire to repent of it.

The Condition: **If** we have been born of God

2 John 7-8

The Promise: We will receive our full reward from God.

The Condition: **If** we acknowledge that Jesus has indeed come in the flesh (incarnate).

Revelation 2:7

The Promise: We will be allowed to eat from the Tree of Life which is in the paradise of God

The Condition: **If** we persevere over evil and endure for Christ's namesake and overcome (persecution and trials)

Revelation 2:10

The Promise: Jesus Himself will give you a crown of life.

The Condition: Do not fear and **are faithful** to the point of death.

Revelation 2:11

The Promise: People will not be hurt by the second death which is damnation in the Lake of Fire

The Condition: **If** they take part in the first resurrection of the righteous.

Revelation 2:17

The Promise: Jesus will allow people to eat of the hidden Manna and will give a white stone with a new name written on it that only the one that receives it will know.

The Condition: **If** people overcome persecution and trials

Revelation 2:23

The Promise: Jesus will give to every one.

The Condition: **According to their works.**

Revelation 2:26-28

The Promise: Jesus will give power over the nations and will give the morning star

The Condition: To those **that overcome** and keep Jesus' works until the bitter end

Revelation 3:21

The Promise: Jesus will allow people to sit with Him on His throne

The Condition: To those **that overcome** persecution and trials.

Revelation 20:4

The Promise: Some will live and reign with Christ for 1000 years.

The Condition: Those that **did not** worship the beast, nor his image, nor received his mark (666)

My favorite scripture regarding the "**IF**" statement. **II Chronicles 7:14**
"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

That last scripture sums it up. Repentance is what must be done, and ask the Most High God to deliver us so we may inherit his everlasting Kingdom! Glory Be, The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! Halleluyah!