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We have established that God's promises flow freely once the trigger is pulled. A promise whether given or not remains a privilege to the receiver and would at no time become a right! Although a promise comes on the heels of a commitment from a relationship or a past act; which sometimes means that the receiver may be deserving, it is distinct from a reward which must be proportional to the act being rewarded. We can compare a promise to a gift: once given it must be delivered. However, before and after it is given, the nature and quantum is solely determined by the giver.



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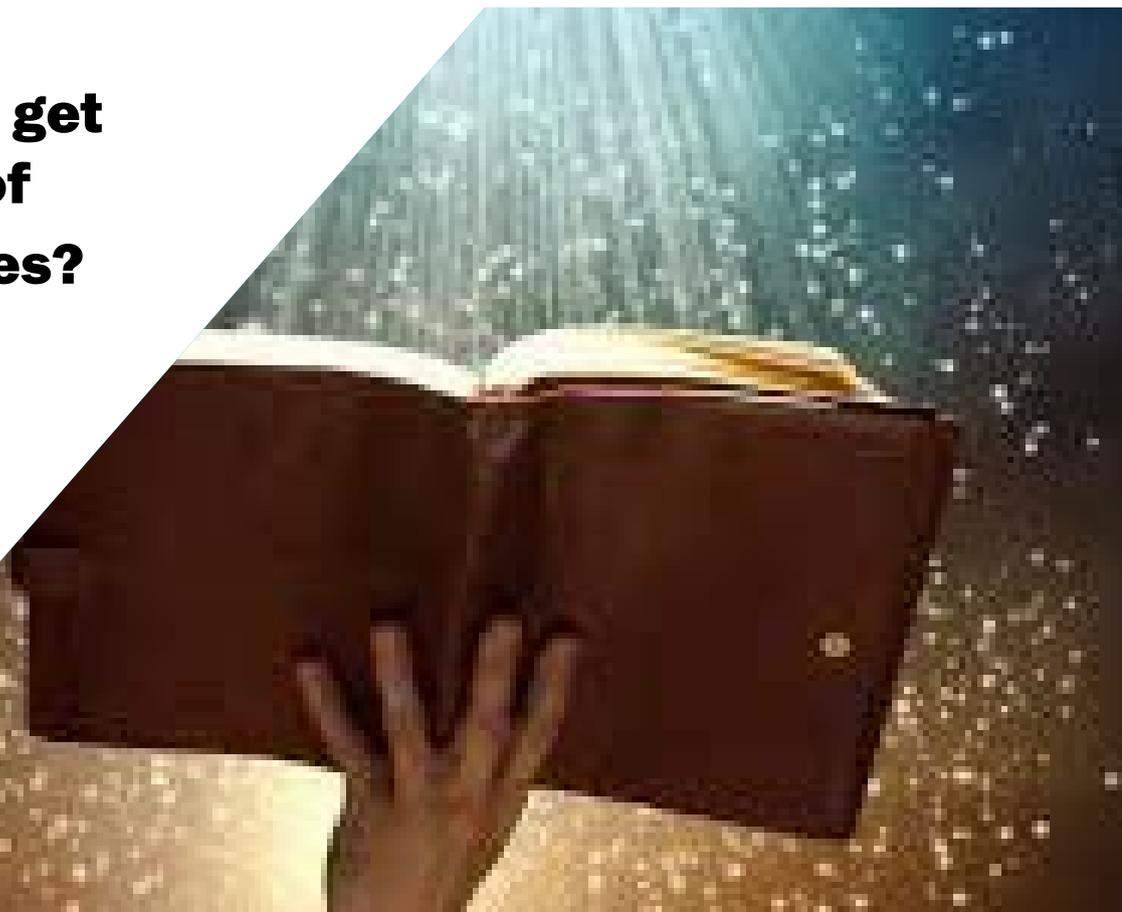
It cannot be mandated, either by fasting / prayer nor by sacrificial giving nor any other act our human brains can conceive. The nature, quantum and even timing is solely determined by God himself. The only point on which we can hold God to is that He delivers his promises, and God always does. If this is the case, it is utterly disrespectful to try to 'manipulate' God to deliver His promise in a certain way neither is it acceptable to murmur at a delivered promise. Many of us do this; whether unconsciously and or unintentionally, we must repent and stop this unacceptable behavior.



I have learnt by experience that God's promises are not only awesome, they are delivered with excellence and precision : in the most appropriate way and at the right time all the time! The truth is that God is very deliberative, and His thoughts are good, always to give us a great ending, many times beyond our contemplation. Moreover, God is so good that He answers every prayer / request from those who approach Him in sincerity and with 'clean hands', although the response may not always be positive. God is also so superior to man that His response whether Yes Or No is the best for us at every point in time.

So how do we get the best out of God's promises?

I would say when we learn to trust Him and develop a heart of gratefulness.



Trust is present where we have confidence. It also means to allow without fear. Having trust in God does imply we no longer second guess Him, we are sure His decisions and plans for us are the best we can possibly have. The highest level of trust we can have is when we can convince ourselves that since God is so much greater than us, He is capable and willing to do for us what we are unable to do for ourselves. And that is very true!! These truths would lead us to 'allow Him' in our affairs without fear and resistance.



Trusting in God in this way should lead us to be grateful. A grateful person is always full of thanksgiving - and giving attracts receiving. Gratefulness and thanksgiving does two things:

It gives us access to the presence of God and in that presence there is a fullness of joy and there are pleasures continually,

It reminds us that what we have is a privilege not to be taken for granted and so we take care of our privilege which of course means we do not lose it!



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