## LESSON 4

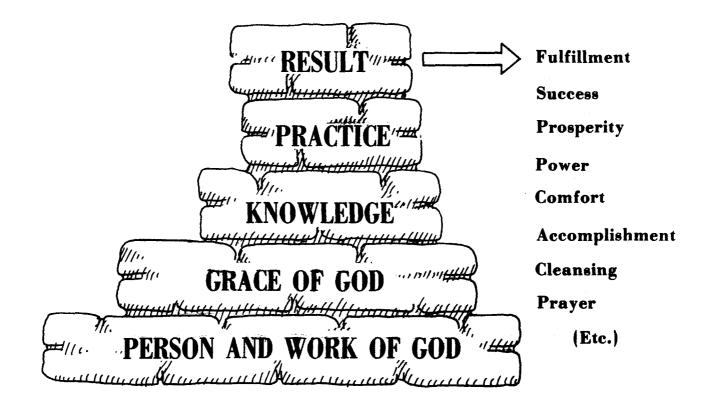
THE GRACE OF GOD

AND THE

PROMISES RELATED TO THE SCRIPTURE

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## Introduction

- A. Christianity is inseparably related to the written Word of God, Hebrews 1:1-3.
- B. The Grace of God is constantly related to the person of Jesus Christ and to the Holy Scripture, John 1:14,17.
- C. The importance of understanding and obeying the Word of God is presented in Scripture as an absolute necessity, Ezra 7:10; Isaiah 8:20; Luke 6;46; James 1:22,23.
- D. The Bible is not a magical formula. We must understand the message of the Scriptures and put this into practice by the decisions of faith and love.
- I. The Biblical Basis for This Lesson.

In every age God has designated how His grace could and should be received by His people. In our day one of the most important channels of the Grace of God is the Holy Scripture. When we obey God, as He has revealed Himself in the Bible, the Grace of God becomes a powerful reality in our lives.

II. The Biblical Explanation of this Principle.

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Psalm 45:2 --
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Acts 14:3 --

Acts 20:24,32 --

Colossians 1:6 --

II Peter 3:18 --

III. The Biblical Promise Related to this Principle.

Joshua 1:8,9 -- The promise of spiritual success.

Psalm 1:1-3 -- The promise of spiritual prosperity.

Psalm 119 -- The promise of power and comfort.

Isaiah 55:10,11 -- The promise of spiritual accomplishment.

John 15:3 -- The promise of cleansing.

John 15:7 -- The promise of answered prayer.

John 17:17,19 -- The promise of sanctification.

Acts 20:32 -- The promise of strength and inheritance.

Romans 10:17 -- The promise of faith.

Philippians 2:16 -- The promise of life.

I Thessalonians 2:13 -- The promise of inner power.

II Timothy 3:16,17 -- The promise of adequate provision.

James 1:21 -- The promise of salvation.

I Peter 2:2 -- The promise of growth.

I John 1:4 -- The promise of joy.

IV. The Biblical Instruction Related to this Principle.

John 17:6 -- The Word of God must be kept. (I John 2:4,5)

Romans 6:16-18 -- The Word of God must be obeyed. (Phil. 2:12,13; I Peter 1:21)

Ephesians 6:17 -- The Word of God must be used.

Colossians 3:16 -- The Word of God must be dwelt upon.

Hebrews 4:1-3 -- The Word of God must be mixed with faith.

James 1:22 -- The Word of God must be practiced.

I Peter 2:2 -- The Word of God must be desired.

## Conclusion

- A. Read the Bible, meditate, seek to understand God's message to you.
- B. Respond to God on the basis of His Word. Ask Him to fulfill His Word in you.