



## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

We thank and praise God for bringing us into this new year.

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*And this is a simple matter in the sight of the Lord;...."*

*2 Kings 3:17&18 (NKJV)*

God blessed all of our worship services last year and we praise God for His goodness. Please pray for all our services in Irvine, Rancho Cucamonga, Woodland, Las Vegas and Connecticut.

### **Upcoming Events/Special Worship Services:**

- **Fasting Prayer:** Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> in Irvine from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- **Connecticut Worship Service:** Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Kindly pray for this service.

The new syllabus for this year's children ministry (except Sunday Services) is – Fruit of the Spirit. Please pray for our children's ministry.

We have conference prayers on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, please check our website and make plans to join us in prayer.

Check our website ([www.throneofgrace.us](http://www.throneofgrace.us)) for timely updates on all our worship services and meetings. Also we encourage you to download our app (Throne of Grace) on your iPhone, iPad and android device. All of our Irvine and Las Vegas services can be watched live and other services are uploaded on YouTube.

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**Throne of Grace Ministries**

## Promise Message – January 2016

For this month God wants to give us a promise from 2 Kings 3:17&18:

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In this new year God wants to give us this promise and bless us. This year will be year of miracles. In this promise verse the Israel army and the animals walked around without water but they were having the need for water. At this time a word came from God through prophet Elisha, even though you may not see the wind and rain needed for water yet your thirst and need for water will be fulfilled. In the same way even in your life, the resources needed for the miracle may not be there yet your miracle will happen. To receive the miracle there are three things we need to do which we are going to see in this promise message:

### 1. Believe in His Word

We have to believe that this promise or word is coming from the Lord. 2 Kings 3:15 says the Lord's hand came upon a prophet Elisha and he said, "Thus says the Lord: 'Make this valley full of ditches.'" (2 Kings 3:16). In the situation where there was no water they had to trust the word that came from God and dig ditches. As an example (how to believe on His word) we are going to look at the life of Mary.

*"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS."*

*Luke 1:31 (NKJV)*

An angel visited Mary and tells her that she is going to bear a son, at that time Mary looks at the angel and asks, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" At that time the angel looks at Mary and answers:

*"... 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.'"*

*Luke 1:35*

The angel also tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant with a son. At this time Mary was challenged with a situation, she had a choice of believing the word from God.

*“Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth“*

*Luke 1: 39&40 (NKJV)*

Mary went and met Elizabeth, she believed the angel of God and as a sign of her belief she went to meet Elizabeth. At that time the Holy Spirit spoke through Elizabeth, “Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.” (Luke 1:45). If we believe a word from the Lord it will make a way to receive miracles from Him.

When Abraham received word from God, he was a man with no children but even then he did not look at the condition of his body or the situation he was in, he just believed and it was counted to him as righteousness (Genesis 15:6).

When the people of Israel complained for meat in the wilderness, God told Moses to tell the people that they will be given meat for a whole month, then Moses questions God, “The people whom I am among are six hundred thousand men on foot ...Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to provide enough for them?” (Numbers 11:21&22). God tells Moses, ““Has the Lord’s arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not.” (Numbers 11:23) Just like God said to Moses, in a miraculous way He provided meat and fulfilled their need (Numbers 11).

*“Then Elisha said, “Hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord: ‘Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.’”*

*2 Kings 7:1 (NKJV)*

God’s word came through Elisha during a famine in Samaria - at the same time tomorrow the famine will be over and the people will be able to get food for less. The King’s officer questioned the word and doubted (2 Kings 7:2). But according to the word from God the miracle happened through the lepers and the famine ended.

Therefore according to the word from God, believe that a miracle will happen in your life and you will receive your miracle in this year. The people of Israel who believed for water saw that the water came by way of Edom and filled the land (2 Kings 3:20). In your life too a miracle will take place even though it seems impossible. Remain in faith.

## *2. Allow His Holy Spirit*

To receive a miracle the second thing we need to do is allow the Holy Spirit.

*“And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”*

*Luke 1:35 (NKJV)*

Here in Mary’s life she believed the angel and allowed the Holy Spirit to work in her. Through this she received the blessing of bringing forth the son of God. Those who allow, are filled and guided by the Holy Spirit and will receive a miracle.

Luke 2:25 talks about Simeon who was waiting for the Messiah and the scripture tells us that he was led by the Holy Spirit to go to the temple to see Jesus.

*“The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.”*

*Ezekiel 37: 1&2 (NKJV)*

The Lord showed a valley of bones and said that it was the whole house of Israel (Ezekiel 37:11) and Lord revived the bones with His Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can revive your dead situation and bring it to life. Therefore it is important we allow the Holy Spirit to work in us. Many holy people in the Bible received life changing miracles by allowing the Holy Spirit to work in them.

In the upper room the disciples were asked to wait to receive the Holy Spirit at that time the Holy Spirit appeared like tongues of fire and rested on each of them (Acts 2:3). Peter who feared much turned to a bold person. In the same way all believers who were filled with the Holy Spirit prayed together and the place where they were assembled shook and they all spoke the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:31). You too in this year allow the Holy Spirit to move in your life and your life will be revived and you will see a miracle.

### 3. Surrender to Him

*"Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord!  
Let it be to me according to your word."..."*  
*Luke 1:38 (NKJV)*

In Mary's life one of the reason the miracle took place was that she wholly gave her life to God's word. To receive your miracle, you not only have to believe God's word and allow the Holy Spirit but it is important for you to completely surrender to the word of God.

*"So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"*  
*"....Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."*  
*Act 9:6 (NKJV)*

When God met Saul, Saul asked, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" (Acts 9:6) At that time God asked Him to arise and go into the city and Saul obeyed the word and gave himself to the work of the Lord.

*"except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."*  
*Acts 20:23&24 (NKJV)*

Even though Paul knew there were trials, He was willing to give himself completely to fulfill God's purpose in his life. For Jesus, Paul was even ready to die and surrendered himself wholly (Acts 21:13&14 ).

Because he surrendered in this way God performed many miracles through Paul's life (Acts 19:11&12).

Peter gave his life completely to the Lord and left his boat and fish and surrendered to the Lord therefore through his life God showed many miracles (Acts 5:15&16). You too completely surrender to Jesus then you too will see miracles in your life and miracles will happen through your life.

***Let the Lord bless this message to you and your family.***