

**Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church
We're glad you're here!**





Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

plbiblechurch@gmail.com

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, but it is out of focus. The background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text 'Call to Worship' is centered over the pages in a large, bold, black font.

Call to Worship

Psalm 28:6-9

Psalm 28:6-9 Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Receiving of the Offering



**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:
Promise Land Bible Church
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Famous Quote:

“God proved His love on the cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, ‘I love you.’ ”

BILLY GRAHAM



Today's Message

**“Call to Persevere, Part 4”
*(Total Surrender)***

Scripture text: Jude 1:17-25

Jude 1:24-25 Now to him **who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy**, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

This well-known benediction **contains a wealth of spiritual truth for the believer to receive**. If we want to keep our feet on the ground spiritually, walk straight, and not stumble, **then we must yield ourselves fully to the Savior**. He alone is able to guard us, but we must “keep ourselves in the love of God” (Jude 21). **He is *able if we are willing!***

Jude was not writing about the possibility of the believer sinning and falling from God's family. We have noted before that he made it clear in Jude 1 that true believers are "preserved" and cannot be lost.

He was writing about the believer's daily walk with the Lord and the danger of going astray and stumbling.

If we do disobey God, we may confess our sins and receive His forgiveness (1 John 1:9). If we persist in disobedience, He will chasten us in love (Heb. 12:5–11). He will never permit one of His own to be lost.

Hebrews 12:5-9 And have you forgotten the exhortation **that addresses you as sons?** "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For **the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.**" It is for discipline that you have to endure. **God is treating you as sons.** For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. **Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?**

Hebrews 12:10-11 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

The Father has covenanted with the Son that all of His people will one day see and share His glory (see John 17:22–24). Jesus Christ will have the special joy of presenting His bride, the church, before the Father's throne! It was the anticipation of this "joy" that helped Him endure the sufferings of the Cross (Heb. 12:2).

John 17:22-24 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, **that they may be one even as we are one**, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, **so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me**. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, **may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world**.

Hebrews 12:2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The purpose of salvation is not simply to rescue sinners from hell, as wonderful as that is. **The grand purpose is that God may be glorified for all eternity.**

Ephesians 1:6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:12-14 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be **to the praise of his glory**. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, **to the praise of his glory**.

Today, there are spots and blemishes in the church, but on that day God's people shall be blameless. Satan will find nothing to accuse. The bride will be arrayed in the righteousness of Christ to the glory of God.

Knowing this, **the believer has a strong motive for living for Christ and obeying His Word.** We want to bring joy to His heart today as we anticipate the joy He will have when He welcomes His bride to heaven!

This is the significance of ***1 John 3:3*** *And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.* (cf. Eph. 5:27; Phil. 2:15).

Ephesians 5:25-31 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.** In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Philippians 2:14-18 Do all things without grumbling or questioning, **that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.** Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, **I am glad and rejoice with you all.** Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Jude 25 is the only place in this little letter where Jude called our Lord “Savior.” Peter used this title five times. But Jude opened his letter by reminding his readers of “the common salvation” (Jude 3) that they shared because of their faith in Jesus Christ. It is not enough to say that Jesus Christ is “a savior,” or “the Savior”; we must say that He is “our Savior—my Savior.”

He is not only our Savior, but He is “the only wise God.” He can give you the wisdom you need to live your life to the glory of God. The false teachers boasted of their special knowledge, but they lacked spiritual wisdom.

God gives wisdom to those who ask Him (James 1:5), provided they are **sincerely willing to obey Him**. If Christians would seek the wisdom of God in the Word of God, **they would not stumble into the traps of the false teachers, but would walk to please the Lord.**

Colossians 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking **that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding**, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Why should we walk in obedience to God's will?

So that Christ might receive the glory!

Glory is the sum total of all that God is and all that God does. Everything about Him is glorious! The glory of man fades as the mown grass, but **the glory of God goes on eternally.**

Majesty means “greatness, magnificence.” Only God is great. When we praise God, we praise the most magnificent Person in the universe. **He is not simply King; He is King of kings! He is not simply Lord; He is Lord of lords!**

Dominion has to do with God's sovereignty and rule over all things. The Greek word means "strength, might," but it carries the idea of **complete control over all things.**

Power means "authority," which is the right to use power. **All authority belongs to Jesus Christ** (Matt. 28:18), including authority over the powers of darkness (Eph. 1:19–23).

As we yield to Him, we share His authority and accomplish His will.

What a magnificent doxology this is!

Knowing the purpose Jude had in mind when he wrote this letter, this doxology takes on even greater significance. Jude was **reminding his readers of the greatness of Jesus Christ**. If only they could catch that, **they would never be led astray by false teachers**.

Like the young man who falls in love and marries, and is no longer interested in his old girlfriends, **so the believer who keeps himself “in the love of God”** (Jude 21), **caught up in the glories of the Savior, will never want to turn to Satan’s substitutes**.

You don't have to stumble.

If you will remember the Word, build your Christian life in faith, hope, and love, exercise spiritual discernment, and surrender yourself to Christ, then He will keep you from stumbling.

Be alert!

The enemy is subtle and **the dangers are great.**

But the only wise God your Savior will keep you safe and one day present you joyfully in glory!

Jesus Loves Me

Hymn 226

