

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

*Isaiah 11:2; Zechariah 12:10; John 14:16, 17, 26;
16:13-14; Acts 1:4; 2:4.*

When my heart is deeply burdened
with depression, fear or grief,
and relentless, grinding pressure
breathes no whisper of belief,
then the promise of the Father
brings me comforting relief—
through the Counsellor, the Spirit of Grace.

When I face unnerving choices
with uncertainty and fear
and I search in vain for guidance,
for an answer to appear,
then the promise of the Father
makes the resolution clear—
through the Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom.

When I feel inept and fragile
and incompetent to serve
and I find it petrifying
to stand firm and hold my nerve,
through the Promise of the Father
there is strength and godly verve—
by the Spirit, the Spirit of Might.

When I face temptation's lure
and the passion of the flesh,
and I fear I'll be entangled
in sin's sticky, clinging mesh,
through the Promise of the Father
I can stand in holiness,
by the Spirit, the Holy Spirit.

When I find myself disheartened
by my egoistic soul
and I need to be more patient,
and as gentle as a foal,
through the Promise of the Father
I find loving self-control
by the Spirit, the Spirit of Love.

When I come to God in prayer
and I cannot intercede
with effectual expression
of an aching, yearning need,
through the promise of the Father
with new utterance I plead—
by the Spirit, the Spirit of Intercession.

When a situation's hopeless
and no answer can be found
and I need a mighty miracle
to turn things right around,
through the promise of the Father
signs and wonders may abound—
by the Spirit, the Spirit of Power.

When my soul feels isolated
and my Lord seems far away
and I cannot see him clearly
(it is even hard to pray),
through the promise of the Father
Christ appears like dawning day—
by the Spirit, the Spirit of Revelation.

To fulfil the Great Commission
I am promised teeming showers
of renewal and refreshing
from the Saviour who empowers
through the Promise of the Father
(as the devil darkly cowers)
and the mighty name of Jesus
over every rival towers,
by the Spirit, the Spirit of the Lord.

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