Weekly Devotional: God's "Yes" and "Amen."

Scripture Focus: 2 Corinthians 1:20 For as many promises of God as there are, in Him is the Yes; therefore, also through Him is the Amen to God, for glory through us to God.

Today, I would like to reflect with you the power and meaning of God's promises from a new perspective. God's promises are not uncertain or inconsistent. In Christ, His answer is certain — fully Yes. And when we respond with Amen, we are declaring, *"Truly, so be it, let it be done."* Amen is our word of agreement, a seal of trust in God's faithfulness. Here's the subtle but powerful part of this above verse: all His Yes is in Him, all His Amen is through Him, and it's all for the glory of God.

In Him — God's promises are never scattered or partial. They are centered in Christ. Our hope, trust, and joy are all anchored in Him.

Through Him — God's Amen isn't just a statement; it's active in our lives. He works through Christ to bring His promises to completion. The blessings, guidance, and transformation — all flow through Him.

To the glory of God — Everything God does, every Yes and Amen, ultimately point back to His glory. Our lives are the canvas on which His faithfulness is displayed.

Validation vs. Transformation

Too often, we pray hoping God will simply approve what we already want. We long for Him to nod and say, "Yes, go ahead." But God's heart is not just to validate our desires — it's to transform us. His promises are about shaping us into the people He knows we need to be. Sometimes His

Yes is not what makes us immediately happy; it's what makes us truly good, what refines our character, and what draws us closer to Him.

Not Every Good Feeling is Good

Feelings are tricky. Proverbs 14:12 warns: *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."*What feels good isn't always good. Our emotions can mislead us, but God's Word is the steady unchanging truth. His Yes is rooted not in our fleeting desires, but in the perfect wisdom of His providence.

Scripture as God's Providence

Every word of Scripture is breathed by God (2 Timothy 3:16). Every promise is intentional, every truth alive and active. Isaiah 55:11 reminds us: His Word *"shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose."* God's Yes is found in His promises, and through them, He accomplishes lasting good in our lives — even when we don't fully understand it.

A Soul Transformed by God's Yes

Here's the reality: our souls cannot fully grasp God's Yes because we live in a fleshly, limited state. His "Amen" does not always give immediate pleasure; sometimes it feels like discipline or correction. Yet, this is exactly what our souls need. The Lord's agreement is meant to free us from our destructive desires, to turn our longing away from what harms us, and to lead us into lasting joy. When God says Yes, it's not about indulgence — it's about redemption, transformation, and true delight in Him.

So today, let's rest in the certainty of God's promises. Let us say Amen with faith, trusting that His Yes is perfect, even when we cannot yet see its full effect. Our joy comes not from the fleeting satisfaction of the flesh, but from a soul aligned with the God who is always faithful, always good, and whose promises never fail. God's Yes isn't just approval — it is a life-giving soul-deep transformation. Amen to that.

Daily reflection

God's promises are never uncertain. In Christ, every promise is a firm **Yes**, and when we respond with **Amen**, we are agreeing with God's faithful plan. His Yes is not just approval of our desires, but a transformative work that shapes our hearts, redirects our longings, and leads us into true joy. Even when it feels like correction or discipline, God's Amen works through Christ for our good and for His glory. Today, let us trust His perfect Yes, say Amen in faith, and rest in the certainty of His unchanging promises.

Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we come before You. You loved us so deeply that You gave Your only begotten Son for our salvation. That is the measure of value You place on us. Yet many times we fail to understand that worth, lowering ourselves below the standard You intended for us. Though we are sinners, You call us precious; though we are unworthy, You still choose us. Today, we humble ourselves before You so that we may truly rejoice in Your providence. You are the fullness of love, peace, and joy. Let the joy of salvation continually rest in our lives, rather than the temporary pleasures of this world. Revive us, Lord.

Help us to taste and see that You are good. Deliver us from every deception and accusation that rises against us. In Jesus Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Daily Takeaway

God's promises in Christ are a firm **Yes**, and our **Amen** is our trust in His faithfulness. His Yes does not just satisfy our fleeting desires, but transforms us, guiding us toward true joy. Even when it feels like correction, God's Amen works for our good and His glory. Therefore, I invite you today to rest in His unchanging promises.

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Announcements:

1. If you are seeking support in your discipleship journey, we warmly invite you to join our weekly discipleship sessions held every Saturday at 6am (IST).

Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81144235750pwd=RG4veEdLQkJNS1NxYW1ZWmNnb3EvQT09 (Meeting ID: 811 4423 5750. Passcode: 12345).

2. If you wish to receive personal counselling, kindly use this link to make an appointment. https://scheduler.zoom.us/rev-immanuel-paul/appointment

3. We welcome you to join our WhatsApp group to receive updates and Communication about our ministries and meetings. https://chat.whatsapp.com/EokMFGuZdgb23Sg8BsHzas

We look forward to walking with you in faith and fellowship.