

# A Precious Promise of God's Perfecting Work

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*Bob Hoekstra's sermon emphasizes God's promise to perfect our lives as we humbly depend on Him for spiritual growth and transformation.*

**Scripture:** 2 Peter 1:4

**Topics:** "Spiritual Growth", "Gods Guidance"

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## Description

Bob Hoekstra preaches on the assurance of God's perfecting work in the lives of believers who trust and depend on Him. Drawing from Psalms 138:8 and 2 Peter 1:4, he emphasizes God's promise to complete His work in every aspect of our lives, including spiritual growth, godliness, and relationships. By humbly seeking God's guidance through His word and relying on His grace, believers can experience His perfecting work in all areas of life.

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## Transcript

The LORD will perfect that which concerns me. (Psalm 138:8)

Again, we look at one of God's "precious promises." (2 Peter 1:4). This one pertains to His perfecting work in the lives of those who know Him and humbly depend upon Him. This priceless promise is the Old Testament antecedent of the one we recently considered from Philippians 1:6. "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it."

Think of the astounding implications of our present promise. "The LORD will perfect that which concerns me." Our God has pledged to fully accomplish His will and His plan in every matter that pertains to our lives. Whether it is growth in biblical insight, development in godliness, progress in marriage, or whatever, "the LORD will perfect that which concerns [us] ."

If we have given even minimal attention to God's word, we know that He wants us to grow in sound biblical understanding. "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food" (Hebrews 5:12). If we will humbly feed on God's word, seeking Him for spiritual insight, He "will perfect that which concerns [us] " in this area of life.

If we care about the will of God for our overall spiritual development, we know His word calls us to godliness. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying

ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age" (Titus 2:11-12). If we seek the Lord and trust in Him for ongoing growth in godliness, He "will perfect that which concerns [us] " in this area as well.

With respect to family life, the scriptures reveal God's will to be a household of mutually submissive servants, each serving the other out of reverence for the Lord: "submitting to one another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:21). The servant wife would follow the spiritual leadership of the husband. "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22). The servant husband would love His wife with sacrificial Christ-like love. "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). As each seeks the Lord for His transforming grace, He "will perfect that which concerns (us) " in this area of life also.

Dear Father, forgive me for attempting to perfect myself, when You have promised to attend to it. My vain efforts only quench the work of Your Spirit of grace. Lord, please carry out Your transforming work in my study of the word, my need to grow in godliness, my relationships at home, my testimony on the job, my service of You -- my entire life, in Jesus name, Amen.

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