

CHAPTER IV.—ON WHAT CONDITIONS CAN THEY BE CASHED ?

This is the most important question of all. Everything depends upon a compliance with certain conditions. What are they ?

1. Obedience to the will of God. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you," John 15:7. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, *because* keep His commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:22. In the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy are recorded some of the most wonderful promises God ever made to His ancient people. But you will notice that at the beginning, and in the middle, and at the end, the condition of obedience is plainly enforced. "If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God to do and observe all His commandments which I command thee this day." Deut. 28:1, 2, 9, 13, 14.

2. Faith. "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering," Jas. 1:16. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them which diligently seek Him." "Without faith it is impossible to please Him."

A mere theoretical belief in the promises of God is not sufficient, there needs to be a trust of the heart.