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INTRODUCTION

THE PROPHET PRAYS FOR THESE BOOKS

Pray for the books.

He prayed for the books. He released them. He saw the angels that gather to send them out. He spoke this:

Your word will accomplish everything in those books. Let them go across America and throughout the earth. Wherever the angels take them and the winds blow. For they are nuggets and treasures of the heart. Let them provide comfort for those who have a soft heart. May they find their way even into the remotest village. Let the cry be heard - "Look what I found. Look what I found." We bless the works of Joan in her heart to do this, Lord. We rejoice with You because of everything that's going to be accomplished because of this work. We bless this and we bless You in the name of Jesus.

Surely I will take this to the ends of the earth as you have asked.

Before he prayed he saw the angels gather the books like the 4 winds of the earth and send them out. (see Zechariah 6:5)

The 4 winds are the power of God in the natural world, basically where miracles can occur, and where the strength of God is made visible to humans.

He said - *it gives life, life, life - giving life into those books is what it means for them.* (see Ezekiel 37:7-10)

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Psalm 96:3
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

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**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
(Psalm 119:105)**

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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, and to seek him in his temple. (Psalm 27:4)

One thing I try to do each day of my life is draw near to God, come into His presence, get connected with Him, and then communicate with Him. As I ponder what helps me come into His presence, I have found different ways work at different times. I want to list here some ways that work for me, that may be of help to others who want to draw near to God also.

SET YOURSELF APART TO BE ALONE WITH HIM

**Song of Solomon 8:14
Come away, My beloved.**

BE STILL

**Psalm 46:10
Be still and know that I am God.**

DRAW NEAR

**James 4:8
Come near to God and he will come near to you.**

Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE THE LORD

James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Psalm 25:9

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

SUBMIT YOURSELF TO GOD

James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

STAND AND WATCH

Habakkuk 2:1

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me and what answer I am to give.

WAIT

Proverbs 8:34

Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life, and receives favor from the Lord.

Psalm 27:14

Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

GET CLEANSED

Psalm 51:7

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

LISTEN

1 Samuel 3:10

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

FORGIVE OTHERS

Matthew 6:12

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

REPENT FROM SINS

Matthew 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near."

READ THE WORD

John 15:7

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

PRAY

Jeremiah 29:12

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

[A song]

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne,
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer

SEEK HIM

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you.

Psalm 27:8

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Matthew 7:7-8

Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

BE STILL

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 37:7

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

THANK HIM

Psalm 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

SING TO THE LORD

Psalm 95:1-2

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

[A song]

I have a song that Jesus gave me
It was sent from heaven above
I know there is no sweeter melody
It's a melody of love.

In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody with heaven's harmony
In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody of love.

LOVE THE LORD

Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."

[A song]
Father, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You.

Jesus, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You.

Holy Spirit, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You.

BLESS THE LORD

Psalm 103:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

PRAISE THE LORD

Psalm 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

1 Chronicles 16:24-25

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Psalm 123:1

I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven.

2 Chronicles 20:12

We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

[A song]
Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

CALL ON HIS NAME

Isaiah 55:6

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Psalm 145:18

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

[A song]

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

There's just something about that name

Master, Savior, Jesus

Like the fragrance after the rain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Let all heaven and earth proclaim

Kings and kingdoms shall all pass away

But there's something about that name.

TAKE COMMUNION

Luke 22:19

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

COME TO HIM EARLY IN THE DAY

Psalm 5:3

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

[A song]

I come to the garden alone

While the dew is still on the roses

And the voice I hear sounding round my ear

The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me and He talks with me

And He tells me I am His own,

And the joy we share as we tarry there

None other has ever known.

TRUST

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path.

REST

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Isaiah 30:15

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.

FEAR THE LORD

Psalm 25:12

Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.

Psalm 25:14

The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

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PATIENCE

Psalm 8:25

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

Proverbs 15:18

A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

Proverbs 19:11

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

Romans 8:25

Hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 12:12

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

2 Corinthians 6:6

As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love.

Galatians 5:22-24

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

Ephesians 4:1-2

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Colossians 1:10-11

We pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience.

Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, cloth yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and

patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

We urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

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FOREKNOWLEDGE

Acts 2:23

This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge.

Romans 8:29

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 11:2

God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

1 Peter 1:2

To God's elect...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: grace and peace be yours in abundance.

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CALLED-CHOSEN

Romans 8:28-30

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.



Matthew 22:14

Many are invited, but few are chosen.

John 15:19

If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.

Acts 2:38-39

Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

Acts 13:48

When the Gentiles heard this, they were very glad and thanked the Lord for his message; and all who were chosen for eternal life became believers.

Ephesians 1:3-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.

1 Thessalonians 1:4

We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people.

1 Peter 1:20

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

2 Peter 1:10

So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away.

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PEACE

Numbers 6:26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 25:12

Therefore tell him I am making my covenant of peace with him.

Judges 6:24

So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace.

Judges 18:6

The priest answered them, "Go in peace. Your journey has the Lord's approval."

Psalms 4:8

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Psalms 29:11

The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

Psalms 37:11

But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

Psalms 119:165

Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

Proverbs 16:7

When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.

Isaiah 9:7

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

Isaiah 26:12

LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

Isaiah 32:17

The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

Isaiah 55:12

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Isaiah 60:17

I will make peace your governor and well-being your ruler.

Daniel 10:19

"Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong." When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength."

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Romans 1:7

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:6

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Ephesians 2:14

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

James 3:17

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

2 Peter 3:14

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

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PORTALS

Portal - a doorway, entrance, or gate

Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it...How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven! (Genesis 28:16-17)

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. (Psalm 24:7)

He commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven. (Psalm 78:23)

Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. (Proverbs 8:34)

"Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. (Malachi 3:10)

Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man. (John 1:51)

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. (Revelation 3:7-8)

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking

with me, saying "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." Immediately, I was in the spirit. (Revelation 4:1-2a)

You come to Me each morning when you come through the "gate" of My name, My works, and your relationship with Me. That gate stays open as you go through your day, and I fill you with truth and life from Me and through Me.

As I sought the Lord for a portal to come into His presence, He told me that now this house has become a portal. The portal used to be my special quiet time chair, and then it became sitting at the computer, but now it is our whole house. Whenever we come in here, we are "in His presence" as He is filling this place with Himself. He says:

It will be that way until the end of time (for me). And this is for you. This is not for you alone. Your daughter may enter too as she seeks Me for it. She will sometime, and I will be here. She will inherit this portal from you when you leave.

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"Heavenly Portals"
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God delights in revealing Himself to those who love His appearing and to those who watch for His coming.

One of the marvelous mysteries of God is the existence of portals--doors and passageways--leading to and from the heavenly realms. When you are standing in a portal, it feels like an open Heaven.

A heavenly portal is a spherical opening of light that offers divine protection by which angels and heavenly beings can come and go, without demonic interference. God has designed portals to begin in the third Heaven, travel through the second Heaven, and open upon Earth.

Throughout Scripture, we see the existence of doorways or portals.

The "door" in Revelation suggests God's invitation for us to have access to His heavenly realm. As His friends, the Lord wants to open the portals of Heaven and release an unparalleled visitation of heavenly hosts.

Jacob Discovered a Heavenly Portal

Jacob spent the night in a place where his forefather Abraham had "called upon the name of the Lord"--Genesis 12:8. As he rested his head upon a covenant stone, a portal opened. Jacob saw a vision of a ladder with angels ascending and descending on it. When he awoke from sleep, he said,

"Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it...How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven!" Genesis 28:16-17

Eager to mark the specific location where he had encountered the stairway to heaven, Jacob erected a monument and named the place, "Bethel" or "dwelling place of God." Several times after this, the Lord told Jacob to return to Bethel, where He would speak to him.

Have you ever wondered why the Lord, who could speak to you anywhere, would instruct you to go somewhere else, so that He could talk with you?

While God was talking to Elijah, He instructed the prophet to go to Mount Horeb, also known as Mount Sinai, where the Lord would talk to him further--1 Kings 19:11-18.

Divine portals into the heavenly realm exist around the Earth today. The city of Jerusalem is a portal. In fact, it is the major portal on the face of the Earth. That's why both David and Isaiah said that Jerusalem is the center of the earth. Why do you suppose the enemy is trying to capture Jerusalem? [He] is trying to block or close off this portal.

In Moravian Falls, North Carolina, Rick Joyner has shared that he and his staff have had numerous angelic visitations on their property that was once owned by Count von Zinzendorf and the Moravian community of faith. Several portals exist on this land which had been prayed over by the Moravian brethren for over 100 years.

In Sutton, New Hampshire, a portal exists on the 90-acres that were given to Streams Ministries. Obviously the enemy knows this, because he has been blocking the use of this portal and providing access only to the second Heaven. Every time I climb to the top of the land, which the locals refer to as "the Pinnacle", I have torn down demonic altars erected by witches who trespass on the property and defile places where God had once revealed Himself. But God is calling us to take back these high places, so that His angels can come and go without hindrance.

Sadly, while many in the New Age movement recognize the existence of portals, the portals they recognize are those of the second Heaven. Many erroneously think they are hearing from God when actually they are being deceived by the counterfeit.

While living in Babylon, the prophet Daniel encountered angels who had battled with principalities. However, since the prince of Persia ruled the nation, the portal to the third Heaven was stopped up, much like a kitchen sink that is clogged with debris, so that nothing can flow from the source. But the Lord is calling us to take back these places full of divine destiny, so that His angels can come and go unencumbered in our midst.

Often, the Keys to Open these Heavenly Portals Reside in the Actions of Our Hearts

At Pentecost, the key to unlocking the portal was the unity of the believers. Gathered together, Scripture says they were "in one accord," when suddenly, a portal opened. A sound from Heaven was heard that resembled a mighty rushing wind, filling the whole house. A supernatural manifestation that looked like flames of fire appeared on the believers and filled them with the Holy Spirit--Acts 2:1-4.

We are entering an hour when God wants to give us a mighty outpouring of His Spirit and an unprecedented visitation of heavenly hosts on the Earth--Joel 2:28-29. This new wave of God's Spirit will begin to flow with great power, bringing healing and life, much like Ezekiel's vision of the river of life-- Ezekiel 47.

This coming flow of God's Spirit will be felt in such fullness of power that it will unleash a massive, worldwide revival. Believers will be anointed and empowered to perform even greater works than those Jesus did--healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead, and proclaiming the Kingdom of God has come to Earth--John 14:12. In the coming day, the Lord will begin to show many of you where portals exist in your community, so that you will be able to receive even greater spiritual insight and revelation from God.

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RIGHTEOUS

Righteous (righteousness) - being in a right relationship to God; not guilty before God.

Psalm 5:12

Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Proverbs 4:18

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Jeremiah 23:6

This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

Habakkuk 2:4

But the righteous shall live by his faith.

Matthew 13:43

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Timothy 4:8

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

James 5:16

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

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TAKING THE KINGDOM BY FORCE

Matthew 11:12

NIV From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

KJV And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

RSV From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and men of violence take it by force.

NCV Since the time John the Baptist came until now, the kingdom of heaven has been going forward in strength, and people have been trying to take it by force.

PHILLIPS From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven has been taken by storm and eager men are forcing their way into it.

NEB Ever since the coming of John the Baptist the kingdom of Heaven has been subjected to violence and violent men are seizing it. (Or has been forcing its way forward, and men of force...)

AMP And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize--a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].

(Bob Sorge from his book: *Secrets of the Secret Place*)

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"The term 'spiritual violence' captures the intensity with which the last days' generation will pursue God. They will seek God with their entire being, denying themselves and throwing off all entangling sins, in order to run the race with passion, purity, and perseverance. This is the hour to seek God with violent abandonment! "

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"Spiritual violence begins in the secret place....One of the most violent things you'll ever do is wrestle down all the competing elements in your calendar and consistently carve out the time to shut yourself into the secret place. In the busy seasons, it can seem as though a thousand other voices are clamoring for your attention. Which voice will rule, the voice of incompleting tasks or the gentle voice that beckons you to the secret place?"

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"It will also require violence to provide your body with sufficient rest so that, when you get to the secret place, you're not constantly falling asleep....The man of violence and wisdom will enact whatever measures are necessary to be alert and engaged on a regular basis in this the most delightful portion of the day."

This is the desire of my heart--to be strong in my pursuit of the Lord every day, especially in my Quiet Time, and then throughout the rest of the day. This Scripture encourages me:"

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..." (Hebrews 12: 1-2a)

NATURAL ZEAL OR TRUE SPIRITUAL FERVENCY?

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." (1 Corinthians 9:24)

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"It's easy to confuse natural zeal with spiritual violence. (That's what I've seen in worship services at times - natural zeal!) Some people display incredible zeal for God--in the way they worship or share their faith or attend Bible studies. *(That doesn't necessarily mean they aren't Christians, but they use natural zeal instead of true spiritual fervency)* But if it's a natural zeal, it's a zeal that lasts only as long as others are watching. When that person is alone with God, the zeal fizzles, and the intense level of activity suddenly collapses. Natural zeal must be exchanged for true spiritual fervency--a zeal that is energized by an inward, holy fire that burns even when no one is looking."

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"There is no spiritual merit in fasting; it doesn't earn extra points with God. But it does tenderize your spirit, sensitize your hearing, and accelerate the pace of divine flow in and through your life."

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"Jesus doesn't respond to all believers alike. He responds differently to those who seek more diligently."

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"The Lord is not a respecter of persons. He rewards equally all those who seek Him fervently--which is why some don't enter into much in God."

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SPRINKLING

Exodus 12:21-23

Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down."

Exodus 24:8

Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Hebrews 9:19-22

When Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

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SHADOW OF DEATH

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

Matthew 4:16

The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Luke 1:76-79

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.

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FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES

Do a study on the fullness of the Gentiles today and see what it says. Fullness/maturity/complete - fullness of the Gentiles - what does that mean?

FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES

Romans 11:25 NIV

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

Romans 11:25 RSV

Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brethren: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles come in.

Romans 11:25 KJV

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that "blindness" in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

(NIV Scofield Study Bible, p. 1447, note for Romans 11:25)

The "full number of the Gentiles" is the completion of the purpose of God in this age, i.e. the calling out from among the Gentiles of a people for Christ's name, "the church, which is his body"

CALLING OF GENTILES

Romans 9:23-24

What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory - even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

Ephesians 2:11-13

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth...that at that time you were separate from Christ...but now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

Colossians 1:26-27

The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Isaiah 42:6

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles.

Romans 11:13

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry.

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THE CHURCH

THE CHURCH AGE BEGINS

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

(Note for Acts 2:1, page 1377-8, in NIV Scofield Study Bible, on the Sixth Dispensation: The Church)

A new age was announced by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 12:47-13:52. The Church was clearly prophesied by Him (in Matthew 16:18), purchased by the shedding of His blood on Calvary (Romans 3:24-25; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 1 Peter 1:18-19), and constituted as the Church after His resurrection and ascension at Pentecost when, in accordance with His promise (Acts 1:5), *individual believers were for the first time baptized with the Holy Spirit into a unified spiritual organism, likened to a body of which Christ is the Head* (1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Colossians 2:19). Because of the emphasis upon the Holy Spirit, this age has also been called "the dispensation of the Spirit."

The point of testing in this dispensation is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the message of good news about His death and resurrection (John 19:30; Acts 4:12; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; 2 Corinthians 5:21 etc). The continuing, cumulative revelation of the previous dispensations combines with this fuller revelation to emphasize the utter sinfulness and lost condition of humanity and the adequacy of the historically completed work of Christ to save by grace through faith all who come unto God by Him. (John 14:6; Acts. 10:43; acts 13:38-39; Romans 3:21-26; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Timothy 4:10; Hebrews 10:12-14; Hebrews 11:6). As those saved individuals who compose Christ's true Church fulfill the Lord's command to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth (Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8), God, during this age, is taking out from Jews and Gentiles "a people for himself" (Acts 15:24), called "the Church" and henceforth carefully distinguished from both Jews and Gentiles as such (1 Corinthians 10:32; Galatians 3:27-28; Ephesians 22:11-18; Ephesians 3:5-6).

The Lord Jesus warned that during the whole period, while the Church is being formed by the Holy Spirit, many will reject His Gospel, and many others will pretend to believe in Him and will become a source of spiritual corruption and hindrance to His purpose to this age, in the professing church. These will bring apostasy, particularly in the last days.

The Church Age will be brought to a close by a series of prophesied events, the chief of which are:

1. The translation of the true Church from the earth to meet her Lord in the air at a point of time known to God but unrevealed to men, and ever held before believers as an imminent and happy hope, encouraging them in loving service and holiness of life. This event is often called "the rapture" (see 1 Thessalonians 4:17)
2. The judgments of the seventieth week of Daniel, called "the tribulation" (see Revelation 7:14), which will fall upon mankind in general but will include the unsaved portion of the professing church, which will have gone into apostasy and thus be left behind on earth when the true Church is translated to heaven.
3. The return from heaven to earth of our Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory, bringing with Him His Church, to set up His millennial kingdom of righteousness and peace (see Revelation 19:11 and 17).

THE CHURCH WHEN IN HEAVEN

Hebrews 12:23

You have come to...the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

THE VISIBLE CHURCH WHEN ON EARTH

1 Timothy 3:15

If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

THE CHURCH PREDICTED BY CHRIST

Matthew 16:18

And I will tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

THE RAPTURE OF CHURCH

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

THE CHURCH IN RELATION TO SECOND ADVENT

Acts 1:10-11

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of

Galilee", they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

MATURITY OF CHURCH

Ephesians 4:11-13

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

James 1:4

Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Hebrews 6:1-2

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

COMPLETING THE TASKS OF THE CHURCH

John 17:23

May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Acts 20:24

I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

Colossians 4:17

See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord.

James 2:22

You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

CHRIST HEAD OF THE CHURCH

Ephesians 1:22-23

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

THE CHURCH AS ONE BODY

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

BRINGING THE CHURCH TO MATURITY

Ephesians 4:11-13

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THE TIME TABLE FOR THE CHURCH

WHERE ARE WE TIME-WISE ON GOD'S TIMETABLE?

Where are we on Your timetable, Lord?

The question is: has the Gospel been preached to the ends of the earth?

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have

commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Mark 16:15-16

He said to the, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Luke 24:46-48

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Has it, Lord?

ALMOST. Almost. We are almost there. It is so close you wouldn't believe it if I told you. That's why I keep telling you to be ready. I may come for you, My Church, at any moment.

Matthew 24:44

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

WHAT ARE THE END TIME EVENTS?

The end time events for the Church are the ones you listed:

- *Rapture*
- *Spend time in heaven at the wedding supper of the Lamb*
- *Return with Me to rule and reign*

He told me to look up the scripture that contained: "and then the end will come."

1 Corinthians 15:22-24

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits, then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

WHEN ARE THESE EVENTS COMPLETED?

You are waiting for the first one for the Church - the rapture

Matthew 24:44

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 25:1-13

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming...At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"...The virgins who were ready [who had oil] went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut...Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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A DREAM ABOUT BLOCKS OF TIME IN THE END TIMES

In the dream I saw three tall rectangles standing up on end. They had marks in them like circles. I felt the circles represented people. One rectangle had only a few marks, and one had a lot of marks. These rectangles seemed to represent time blocks. They seemed to pass before me like time passing. I thought they may have represented blocks of time in the end times which I had just been talking to the Lord about.

The dream seems to indicate there are three time blocks and each block contains a number of spiritual people in them.

Yes, they do. I have three time blocks I want to show you. Each one contains a different amount of spiritual people. You're thinking one is the rapture group which has a lot of people, one is the group that is living during the tribulation that become Mine and are therefore spiritual people, and one might be the Jews saved represented by the 144,000. Yes, all these answers are true. They each form during a different time block, although the time blocks can overlap.

Time block 1 - now, and the people who are Mine now. That is the largest group - millions are now Mine and millions will be raptured. This is My bride. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Time block 2 - the people who live during the tribulation who become Christians and are often martyred. That is the smallest group, even though it is a great multitude that no one can count. They are mentioned in Revelation 7:9-17.

Revelation 7:9, 13-17

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. There were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes - who are they, and where did they come from?"

I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Time block 3 - the Jews saved during the tribulation, 144,000. That number may represent a large group of My favored people, the Jews. (Revelation 7:1-8)

Revelation 7:1-4

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."

Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

When are these time blocks?

Block 1 is now.

Block 2 is during the earlier part of the seven year tribulation primarily.

Block 3 is during the great tribulation, primarily in the latter half when the Jews are persecuted.

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PRAISE

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.

Psalm 9:1-2

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.

Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Psalm 33:1-5

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalm 34:1, 3

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips...Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God; the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Psalm 96:1-4

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

Psalm 96:7-10

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 101:1

I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise.

Psalm 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 104:33-34

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

Psalm 105:1-5

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced

1 Chronicles 16:23-

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name.

Daniel 2:20-23

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers; you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king.

Habakkuk 3:3-4

His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden.

Luke 1:46-50

And Mary said: My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is his name.

Luke 1:68-69

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.

Ephesians 1:3-6

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will - to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Ephesians 1:7-12

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment - to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Revelation 19:5-8

Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!" Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

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RESTORER

Restore - to bring back; to return something to its former condition.

Jeremiah 16:15-16

“For I will restore them to the land I gave their forefathers. But now I will send for many fishermen,” declares the Lord, “and they will catch them. After that I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them down on every mountain and hill and from the crevices of the rocks.”

Psalm 23:3

He restores my soul.

Psalm 51:12

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 80:19

Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Psalm 85:4

Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.

Jeremiah 33:26

I will restore their fortunes and have compassion on them.

Lamentations 5:21

Restore us to yourself, Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old.

Joel 2:25

I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten - the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm - my great army that I sent among you.

Matthew 17:11

Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things."

Acts 1:6

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Acts 3:21

Heaven must receive him (Jesus) until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

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SEALED

Ephesians 1:13-14

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession - to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now it is God who makes both us, and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Revelation 7:2-4

Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

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TEMPTATION

Joshua 1:5b

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous...

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 24:15

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.

Isaiah 59:19 KJV

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

1 Corinthians 6:13b-20

The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All

other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Ephesians 6:13-14

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then.



Seeing Through A Glass Darkly

1 Corinthians 13:9-12

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought like a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known.

2 Corinthians 5:7

We live by faith, not by sight.

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

1 John 3:2

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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THANKSGIVING

1 Chronicles 16:8

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

Psalms 18:1-3

I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

Psalms 18:28-36

You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. For who is God beside the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn.

Psalms 32:6-8, 10b-11

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you...the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalm 34:1

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the Lord.

Psalm 34:3

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

Psalm 50:14, 23

Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me....He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.

Psalm 95:1-2

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Psalm 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 107:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 107:8-9

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107:21-22

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy...

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Romans 14:6-8

He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live,

we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:14

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:12-15

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Ephesians 5:19-21

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.

Colossians 2:6-7

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 4:4

For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

Hebrews 12:26-29

At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

Revelation 7:12

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

Revelation 11:16-17

And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign."

Today I am to go to see my primary care doctor for my annual physical exam. Since this is something I do not like to do, and don't look forward to it, the Lord has taught me to

say 'thank You' for it every time I think about it. It is amazing how that changes my attitude when I say 'thank You' for it.

It reminds me of the time when my husband and I played in a doubles tennis tournament. We had won the first round in the match, but the second round we were facing opponents whom we thought were definitely better players than we were. That was because the other man and my husband were about equal in skill, but the other woman was more skilled than I was. I was concerned about that match. The Lord taught me, as I prayed about it, to thank Him each time I did something which was a miss or was poorly done. So I did that. And saying 'thank You' quietly each time I made a poor hit helped keep my attitude positive. And, of all things, we won that tournament! It was amazing. I have remembered that ever since.

I assume my saying that released Him to work in me. As I write this today, the scripture comes to my mind:

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)

Ah! That is the key! He told us these things so that **in Him** we may have **peace**. So when He had me say "thank You" it brought His peace to me!!!

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SELF-CONTROL

Galatians 5:23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

1 Thessalonians 5:6

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Timothy 3:2-4

Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.

Titus 2:2

Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

Titus 2:3-5

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Titus 2:6

Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.

Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 4:7

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

1 Peter 5:8

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

2 Peter 1:5-8

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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THOSE CUT OFF FROM THE LORD

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. (John 15:6)

I used to read and ponder these scripture verses and wonder what verse 6 meant --- what did it mean to NOT remain in Him. Who were these people who were thrown into the fire and burned? How could they be His people, and then not be His people?

Similarly, I also wondered about the meaning of John 15:1-4

I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. (John 15:1-4)

I wondered how someone could be a "branch of Mine" and then be cut off.

Today the Lord led me to read again John 15:5-8. He then gave me revelation about John 15 verse 6. To help explain it, He led me to Matthew 13:3-8 and had me read that scripture.

A farmer went out to plant some seeds. As he scattered them across his field, some seeds (#1) fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. Other seeds (#2) fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. Other seeds (#3) fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. Still other seeds (#4) fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! (Matthew 13:3-8 NLT)

Then He began to show me that those who did not “remain” in Him in John 15:6 were like those (#2 and #3) who had the seed sown into them and followed Him for a while, but didn’t “remain” in Him.

In Matthew 13:20-22 Jesus explains it further:

The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. (Matthew 13:20-22 NLT)

He also drew my attention to Matthew 13:11-12 as further explanation:

You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. (Matthew 13:11-12 NLT)

So those who “listen to His teaching” are contrasted here with those who “are not listening”. Those who “are not listening” will have what understanding they have taken away from them. LISTENING to Him and His teaching is the key.

And the thought that comes with that is this: there are those who listen and continue to listen, and continue to listen. And there are those who listened for awhile, and gained a little understanding, but stopped listening.

It is important to listen every day. It is important to develop a “listening ear” to hear the Lord moment by moment.

He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit. (John 15:2)

Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. (John 15:6)

To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless

servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 25:29-30)

I thought about the idea that some “servants of the Lord” will be cut off from Him. I remembered Matthew 25:29-30 and compared it to John 15:2 and 6 and saw that both talked about some who would be cut off and thrown out.

The characteristics of these people seem to be that [1] they don't produce fruit (John 15:2), [2] they don't remain in him (John 15:6), and [3] they don't use what the Lord gave them (Matthew 25:29-30)

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SHIELD

Psalm 28:7

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.

Ephesians 6:16

Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Psalm 3:3

But you, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.

Psalm 91:3-4

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge. His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

Psalm 7:10

My defense and shield depend on God, who saves the upright in heart.

I see from these scriptures that my shields are:

- The Lord is my shield
- The shield of faith is my shield
- His faithfulness is my shield



THE THIRD DAY

Joshua 1:10-11

So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: "Go through the camp and tell the people, 'Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own."

Hosea 6:1-2

Come, and let us return to the Lord; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight.

Matthew 12:40

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 16:21

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. (First time He tells them)

Matthew 17:23

When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief. (Second time He tells them)

Matthew 20:19

He took the twelve aside and said to them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!" (Third time He tells them)

Matthew 27:62-63

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.'

John 2:1

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had been invited to the wedding.

John 2:18-19

The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

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SHINING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

2 Samuel 23:2-4

(David) The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: "When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth."

Job 22:28

What you decide on (decree) will be done, and light will shine on your ways.

Psalms 37:5

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Proverbs 4:18

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Proverbs 13:9, 21

The light of the righteous shines brightly. Prosperity is the reward of the righteous.

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and think darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Daniel 9:16

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who led many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Zechariah 9:16

The Lord their God will save his people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown.

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl, instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 13:43

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Philippians 2:14-16

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

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TIME

Esther 4:14

And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?

Psalm 31:15

My times are in your hands.

Psalm 34:1

I will extol the Lord at all times

Psalm 119:126

It is time for you to act, Lord.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 8:6

For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter.

Isaiah 60:22

I am the Lord; in its time I will do this swiftly.

Habakkuk 2:3

For the revelation awaits an appointed time.

John 7:6, 8

My time is not yet here; for you any time will do...I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come.

Ephesians 5:15-16

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

Colossians 4:5

Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.



(From Books of Destiny by Paul Keith Davis, p. 18)

"Presently we are at the threshold of a "fullness of time" juncture in Church history. A door stands open before us, and a Voice calls us to higher, heavenly realms. God invites us to understand experientially the unfolding of heavenly blueprints and to apprehend spiritual mysteries that have been hidden until now. These secrets of God and mysteries of His Kingdom are hidden in the depths of Christ."



SLEEP

Job 11:18

You will be protected and take your rest in safety.

Job 11:19

You will lie down, and none will make you afraid.

Psalm 3:5

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

Psalm 121:4

He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Psalm 127:2

He grants sleep to those he loves.

Proverbs 3:24

When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

Ecclesiastes 5:12

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

1 Thessalonians 5:6

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

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HIS TREASURED POSSESSION

As I was reading in Malachi 3:16-17 I noticed it talked about the time when He will gather His “treasured possession” and that intrigued me, so I followed up on the references to it. Here they are:

Malachi 3:16-17

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. “They will be mine,” says the Lord Almighty, “in the day when I make up my treasured possession.”

Deuteronomy 7:6

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

Exodus 19:5

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.

Deuteronomy 14:2

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the Lord has chosen you to be his treasured possession.

Deuteronomy 26:18

And the Lord has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands.

Titus 2:14

(Jesus Christ), who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. (Eph. 1:3)

What are these (every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places)?

More than you can know and count. Look up blessing.

Holy - Eph 1:4
Blameless - Eph 1:4
Chosen - Eph 1:4
Blessed - Eph 1:3
Predestined - Eph 1:5
Loved - Eph 1:4
Adopted as His son - Eph 1:5
Grace - Eph 1:6
Life - Prov 8:34
Favor - Prov 8:34
New creation – 2 Cor. 5:17
Righteousness of God – 2 Cor. 5:21
Salt of the earth – Matt. 5:13
Light of the world – Matt. 5:14
Eternal life – John 3:36
Streams of living water flow from within me – John 7:38
Set free by truth – John 8:32
Christ is in me – John 14:20
Peace – John 14:27
Bear much fruit – John 15:5
Joy – John 17:13
Protected from the evil one – John 17:15
Sanctified – John 17:17
Have God's glory – John 17:18
Forgiveness of sins – Acts 13:38

Called – Romans 1:6
Justified – Romans 5:1
Perseverance, character, hope – Romans 5:34
Saved from wrath of God – Romans 5:9
Reign in life – Romans 5:17
Died to sin – Romans 6:2
No condemnation – Romans 8:1-2
Child of God – Romans 8:16
Heir of God – Romans 8:17
All things – Romans 8:32
Spiritual gifts – Romans 12:6
Goodness, knowledge – Romans 15:14
Fellowship with Jesus – 1 Cor. 1:9
Mind of Christ – 1 Cor. 2:16
His Spirit, sealed – 2 Cor. 1:21-22
Transformed into likeness of Jesus - 2 Cor. 3:18
All sufficiency in everything – 2 Cor. 9:8
Fruit of Spirit – Gal. 5:23
Every spiritual blessing – Eph. 1:3
Power within me – Eph. 3:20
Heart and mind guarded – Phil. 4:7
All my needs supplied – Phil. 4:19
In Jesus' kingdom – Col. 1:13
Will meet the Lord in the air – 1 Thess. 4:17
Power, love, self-discipline – 2 Tim 1:7
Crown of righteousness – 2 Tim 4:8
Angels ministering to me – Heb. 1:14
God's rest – Hebrews 4:9-10
High Priest - Jesus – Heb. 4:15
Cloud of witnesses surrounding me – Heb. 12:1
He will never leave or forsake me – Heb. 13:5
Mercy – 1 Peter 2:10
Part of family of God – 1 Peter 2:10
Healed – 1 Peter 2:24
Overcomer – 1 John 4:4
Goodness – Psalm 23:6
Instructed, taught, counseled, watched over – Psalm 8:32
My path is directed – Prov. 3:5-6
Abide under His shadow – Psalm 91:1
Instructed tongue – Isaiah 50:4
Listening ear – Isaiah 50:4
Immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine – Eph 3:20
Safety – Psalm 4:8
Authority to trample on snakes and scorpions – Luke 10:19
Authority to overcome all the power of the enemy – Luke 10:19
Nothing will harm me – Luke 10:19

Drive out demons – Mark 16:17
Speak in new tongues – Mark 16:17
Deadly poison will not hurt me – Mark 16:17
Place hands on the sick and they will get well – Mark 16:17

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UNBELIEF

Mark 9:24
Help me overcome my unbelief!

UNBELIEF AS SIN:

John 16:9
When he (Counselor) comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me.

1 Corinthians 7:14
For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

Titus 1:15-16
To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Hebrews 3:18-19
And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

1 John 5:10
Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

THE SOURCE OF UNBELIEF:

Mark 16:14

Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

Luke 8:12

Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

Luke 24:25

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!"

John 5:38

...nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.

John 8:43-47

Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! ... If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

John 10:26-27

You do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice.

John 12:39

For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: "He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.

Acts 19:9

But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them...

2 Corinthians 4:4

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:10b-12

They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

Hebrews 3:12

See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

THE EFFECTS OF UNBELIEF

1 Kings 17:18

You have abandoned the Lord's commands and have followed the Baals.

2 Kings 7:2

The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, "Look, even if the Lord should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?" "You will see it with your own eyes," answered Elisha, "but you will not eat any of it!"

Psalm 78:19

They spoke against God

Psalm 106:24-25

Then they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe his promise. They grumbled in their tents and did not obey the Lord.

Isaiah 53:1

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Matthew 24:11

...and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

John 12:37

Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.

John 16:9

When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me.

Acts 14:2

But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.

Acts 19:9

But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them...

Romans 11:20

They (branches) were broken off because of unbelief.

Hebrews 3:12

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STEADFAST

Steadfast: resolutely, or dutifully firm and unwavering, loyal, faithful, firmly fixed, to stand by, stand still, stand ready, stand firm, remain true

Psalm 37:12

If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

Psalm 57:7

My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

Acts 11:23

When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their heart.

1 Corinthians 7:37

The man who has settled the matter in his own mind, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and who has made up his mind not to marry the virgin - this man also does the right thing.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

2 Corinthians 1:6-7

If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.

Ephesians 6:13

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you've done everything, to stand.

Colossians 1:23

But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation - if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

Hebrews 3:14

We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

Hebrews 6:19

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

James 5:11

As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.

1 Peter 5:10

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

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GIANTS AND NEPHILIM

Genesis 6:4

The Nephilim were on the earth in those days - and also afterward - when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. There were the heroes of old, men of renown.

Numbers 13:28

But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak!

Numbers 13:33

We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grass hoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.

Deuteronomy 1:28

Where can we go? Our brothers have demoralized us with their report. They tell us, "The people of the land are taller and more powerful than we are, and their towns are large, with walls rising high into the sky! We even saw giants there - the descendants of Anak!"

Deuteronomy 2:10

A race of giants called the Emites had once lived in the area of Ar. They were as strong and numerous and tall as the Anakites, another race of giants.

Deuteronomy 2:20

That was also regarded as a land of giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them Zamzummim.

Deuteronomy 3:11

For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.

Deuteronomy 3:13

The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to half the tribe of Manasseh. (All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of the giants.)

Deuteronomy 9:2

These people are strong and tall - descendants of the famous Anakite giants. You've heard the saying, "Who can stand up to the Anakites?"

Joshua 13:12

All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Astaroth and Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants; for Moses had defeated and cast out these.

Joshua 17:15

So Joshua answered them, "If you are a great people, then go up to the forest country and clear a place for yourself there in the land of

the Perizzites and the giants, since the mountains of Ephraim are too confined for you."

2 Samuel 21:15-16

[Battles against Philistine Giants] Once again the Philistines were at war with Israel. And when David and his men were in the thick of battle, David became weak and exhausted.

Ishbi-benob was a descendant of the giants; his bronze spearhead weighed more than seven pounds, and he was armed with a new sword. He had cornered David and was about to kill him.

2 Samuel 21:18

After this, there was another battle against the Philistines at Gob. As they fought, Sibbecai from Hushah killed Saph, another descendant of the giants.

2 Samuel 21:20

In another battle with the Philistines at Gath, they encountered a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in all, who was also a descendant of the giants.

2 Samuel 21:22

These four Philistines were descendants of the giants of Gath, but David and his warriors killed them.

1 Chronicles 20:4

After this, war broke out with the Philistines at Gezer. As they fought, Sibbecai from Hushah killed Saph, a descendant of the giants, and so the Philistines were subdued.

1 Chronicles 20:8

These Philistines were descendants of the giants of Gath, but David and his warriors killed them.

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UNCLEAN SPIRITS, EVIL SPIRITS

1 Samuel 16:14-16, 23

Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him. Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you."

"Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better."

Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

1 Samuel 18:10

The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand.

1 Samuel 19:9

But an evil spirit from the Lord came on Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the lyre...

Matthew 10:1

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

Mark 1:21-27

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God!"

"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him"

Mark 3:11

And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God."

Mark 5:1-3

[Jesus restores a demon-possessed man] They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain...

Mark 5:8

For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"

Mark 5:13

And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

Mark 6:7

And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

Mark 7:25

For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.

Mark 9:25

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

Luke 7:21

At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind.

Luke 8:2

And also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases; Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out.

Luke 8:29

For He commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

Luke 9:42

And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

Luke 11:24

When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, "I will return to my house from which I came."

Acts 5:16

Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Acts 8:7

For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

Acts 19:12

So that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

Acts 19:13 15, 16

Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out."

One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?"

Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Revelation 16:13

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Revelation 18:2

With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal.

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SUFFER

Isaiah 53:10

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer.

Mark 8:31

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

Luke 24:26

Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?

Luke 24:46

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Acts 5:41

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Romans 8:17-18

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

1 Corinthians 12:26

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

2 Corinthians 1:5

For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Philippians 1:29

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

2 Timothy 1:8

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

Hebrews 2:9-10

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Hebrews 2:18

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

1 Peter 2:21

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 4:16

However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

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TODOLIST-BYGOD

- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (Matthew 22:37)

- Love one another (John 13:34; 15:17)
- Love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 19:19; 22:39; Romans 13:9)
- Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:14)
- Serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13)
- Love your wives (Ephesians 5:25)
- Love the brotherhood of believers (1 Peter 2:17)
- Love your enemies and pray for them (Matthew 5:44)
- Do not love the world or anything in the world (1 John 2:15)
- Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48)
- Have no other gods before the Lord your God (Exodus 20:3)
- Do not make for yourself an idol and worship it (Exodus 20:4)
- Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God. (Exodus 20:7)
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. (Exodus 20:8)
- Honor your father and mother (Exodus 20:7)
- Do not murder (Exodus 20:13)
- Do not commit adultery (Exodus 20:14)
- Do not steal (Exodus 20:15)
- Do not give false testimony against your neighbor (Exodus 20:16)
- Do not covet your neighbor's house, wife, servants, animals, or belongings (Exodus 20:17)
- Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness (1 Chronicles 16:29)
- Praise the Lord (Psalm 106:1)
- Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength (1 Chronicles 16:28)
- Bless the Lord (Psalm 103:1)
- Declare the Lord's glory and His marvelous deeds (1 Chronicles 16:24)
- Bring an offering and come before the Lord (1 Chronicles 16:29)
- Tremble before the Lord (1 Chronicles 16:30)
- Give thanks to the Lord for He is good (1 Chronicles 16:34)
- Call on the Lord's name (1 Chronicles 16:8)
- Make known among the nations what the Lord has done (1 Chronicles 16:8)
- Sing to the Lord, sing praise to Him (1 Chronicles 16:9)
- Glory in the Lord's name and rejoice (1 Chronicles 16:10)
- Look to the Lord and His strength (1 Chronicles 16:11)
- Seek the Lord's face always (1 Chronicles 16:11)
- Remember the wonders, miracles the Lord has done, and the judgments the Lord has pronounced (1 Chronicles 16:12)
- Proclaim the Lord's salvation day after day. (1 Chronicles 16:23)
- Look after widows and orphans (James 1:27)
- Fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith (Hebrews 12:2)
- Throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles (Hebrews 12:1)
- Run with perseverance the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1)
- Consider Him (Jesus) who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart (Hebrews 12:3)
- Do not be wise in your own eyes (Proverbs 3:7)

- Repent and believe the good news (Mark 1:15)
- Believe all that the prophets gave spoken (Luke 24:25)
- Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved - you and your household (Acts 16:31)
- Stop doubting and believe (John 20:27)
- Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9)
- Believe that God exists (Hebrews 11:6)
- Believe God rewards those who earnestly seek him (Hebrews 11:6)
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart (Proverbs 3:5)
- Don't lean on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5)
- In all your ways acknowledge the Lord (Proverbs 3:6)
- Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1)
- Do not conform to this world (Romans 12:2)
- Be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2)
- Be patient until the Lord's coming (James 5:7)
- Do not swear by heaven or earth or anything else (James 5:12)
- Let your yes be yes and your no be no. (James 5:12)
- If you lack wisdom, ask God for it (James 1:5)
- When you ask for wisdom, believe and not doubt (James 1:5)
- Give a cup of cold water in Jesus' name (Matthew 10:42)
- Feed the hungry (Matthew 25:35)
- Invite in strangers (Matthew 25:35)
- Give clothes to those in need (Matthew 25:35)
- Help the needy (Proverbs 14:21, 31)
- Visit those in prison (Matthew 25:35)
- Look after the sick (Matthew 25:35)
- Fear the Lord your God and serve Him only (Deuteronomy 10:20)
- Hold fast the Lord your God and take your oaths in His name (Deuteronomy 10:20)
- Watch because you do not know the day or hour of His return (Matthew 25:13)
- Feed My lambs (John 21:15)
- Feed My sheep (John 21:17)

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SEEK ME - I WILL BE FOUND BY YOU

Deuteronomy 4:29

But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

1 Chronicles 16:10-11

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

1 Chronicles 28:9

If you seek him, he will be found by you.

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 15:2

The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

2 Chronicles 15:4

But in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them.

2 Chronicles 15:15

All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it wholeheartedly. They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them.

Psalm 9:10

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Psalm 24:3-6

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who see your face, O God of Jacob.

Psalm 27:8

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Psalm 40:16

But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

Psalm 53:2

God looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

Psalm 63:1

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psalm 119:2

Blessed are they who keep his statutes, and seek him with all their heart.

Psalm 119:10

I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

Lamentations 3:25

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.

Isaiah 55:6

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Jeremiah 6:16

Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord.

Amos 5:14

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you.

Zephaniah 2:3

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger.

Matthew 6:33

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Luke 11:9

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

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WARRIOR

Exodus 15:3

The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name

1 Chronicles 12:8

Some Gadiites defected to David at his stronghold in the wilderness. They were brave warriors, ready for battle and able to handle the shield and spear. Their faces were the faces of lions, and they were as swift as gazelles in the mountains.

Psalm 89:19

Once you spoke in a vision, to your faithful people you said: "I have bestowed strength on a warrior; I have raised up a young man from among the people.

Isaiah 13:3

I have commanded those I prepared for battle; I have summoned my warriors to carry out my wrath— those who rejoice in my triumph.

Isaiah 42:13

The Lord will march out like a champion, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies.

Jeremiah 20:11

But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten.

Joel 2:7

They charge like warriors; they scale walls like soldiers. They all march in line, not swerving from their course.

Joel 3:11

Come quickly, all you nations from every side, and assemble there. Bring down your warriors, Lord!

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

Zechariah 10:7

The Ephraimites will become like warriors, and their hearts will be glad as with wine. Their children will see it and be joyful; their hearts will rejoice in the Lord.

Revelation 19:11

[The Heavenly Warrior Defeats the Beast] I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.

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WATCHERS

Daniel 4:13 NASB

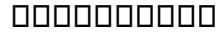
I was looking in the visions in my mind as I lay on my bed, and behold, an angelic watcher, a holy one, descended from heaven.

Daniel 4:17 RSV

The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men, and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.

Daniel 4:23 RSV

And whereas the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven...



SCRIPTURES FOR WHEN I FEEL GROUCHY OR IMPATIENT

Lord, when a person feels grouchy and impatient, what are some Scriptures, to speak out loud, on kindness, love, and not being moved by feelings?

Ok, listen and I will tell you.

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we *take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.* (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways. (Job 22:28 KJV)

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand]. (Psalm 91:1 AMP)

Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life, and receives favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:34)

If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you..."My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:13-14)

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. (Psalm 130:5)

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. (Psalm 141:3)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23-24)

But you, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head. (Psalm 3:3)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
Who forgives all your iniquity,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the Pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-5 RSV)**

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry. (Psalm 34:15)

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. (Psalm 34:9)

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. (Psalm 32:7)

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:8)

The Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. (Psalm 32:10b)

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:14)

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. (Psalm 27:8)

I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Joshua 1:5)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee. (Isaiah 26:3)

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. (Isaiah 41:13)

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? ... Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. (Psalm 27:1, 3)

Though an army of negative thoughts and feelings besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war against my thoughts and feelings break out against me, even then will I be confident (Based on Psalm 27:3)

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. (Ps 34:4)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. (Ps 56:3)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Don't be afraid; just believe. (Mk 5:36)

Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid. (Matthew 14:29 NIV)

And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7 NLT)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

Let us look only to Jesus, the One who began our faith and who makes it perfect. He suffered death on the cross. But he accepted the shame as if it were nothing because of the joy that God put before him. And now he is sitting at the right side of God's throne. Think about Jesus' example. He held on while wicked people were doing evil things to him. So do not get tired and stop trying. (Hebrews 12:2-3 NCV)

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. (Heb 13:6)

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WATCHMEN

THE WATCHMAN PROPHET SPENDS TIME BEFORE THE LORD AND
SPEAKS/WRITES WHAT HE SEES AND HEARS

Jeremiah 1:11-12

The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you see, Jeremiah?"

"I see the branch of an almond tree," I replied.

The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."

THE WATCHMAN TELLS THE KING WHAT HE SEES
AS HE STANDS ON THE WALL

2 Samuel 18:25

While David was sitting between the inner and outer gates the watchman went up to the roof of the gateway by the wall. As he looked out, he saw a man running alone. The watchman called out to the king and reported it.

THE WATCHMAN WATCHES FOR TROOPS COMING
TO SEE WHOSE SIDE THEY ARE ON

2 Kings 9:17

When the lookout standing on the tower in Jezreel saw Jehu's troops approaching, he called out, "I see some troops coming."

THE WATCHMEN MUST CO-LABOR WITH THE LORD
OR THEIR WATCHING IS IN VAIN

Psalm 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

THE WATCHMEN GO THROUGHOUT THE CITY
AND HELP PEOPLE

Song of Solomon 3:3

The watchmen found me as they made their rounds in the city. "Have you seen the one my heart loves?"

THE WATCHMAN WATCHES WHAT IS HAPPENING
AND IS ALERT, FULLY ALERT

Isaiah 21:6-7

This is what the Lord says to me: "Go, post a lookout and have him report what he sees. When he sees chariots with teams of horses, riders on donkeys or riders on camels, let him be alert, fully alert."

THE WATCHMAN LOOKS TO SEE WHAT IS
LEFT OF THE NIGHT

Isaiah 21:11

An oracle concerning Dumah: Someone calls to me from Seir, "Watchman, what is left of the night? Watchman, what is left of the night? If you would ask, then ask; and come back yet again."

THE WATCHMEN SPEAK GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMING SALVATION
AND GOD REIGNS;
WHEN THE LORD RETURNS THEY WILL SEE IT WITH THEIR OWN EYES

Isaiah 52:7-8

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen

lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

THE WATCHMEN WATCH AND TELL THE PEOPLE
LIKE A TRUMPET SOUNDING

Jeremiah 6:17

[The Lord says] "I appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!'"

THE WATCHMEN WILL CALL PEOPLE
TO GO TO THE LORD

Jeremiah 31:6

There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

THE WATCHMAN IS TO HEAR THE WORD THE LORD SPEAKS
AND WARN OTHERS FROM HIM

Ezekiel 3:17

At the end of seven days the word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.

IT WAS THE WATCHMAN'S DUTY TO SOUND WARNINGS
AS THE LORD LEADS HIM

Ezekiel 3:2-6

When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people, then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not heed the warning and the sword comes and takes their life, their blood will be on their own head. Since they heard the sound of the trumpet but did not heed the warning, their blood will be on their own head. If they had heeded the warning, they would have saved themselves. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone's life, that person's life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood.

THE WATCHMAN SOUGHT THE LORD AND WROTE DOWN

WHAT HE WAS TOLD SO OTHERS COULD RUN WITH IT

Habakkuk 2:1-3

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

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WHO JESUS SAYS HE IS - IN HIS OWN WORDS

(From the book of John)

What Jesus is like, how He thinks, what He desires, what His hopes and dreams are – in His own words – from the book of John.

You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree.

I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

My time has not yet come.

How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!

Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.

I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven--the Son of Man.

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world,

Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.

I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father.

He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.

And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear this voice and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned

By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me.

And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me.

These are the Scriptures that testify about me.

I do not accept praise from men,

I have come in my Father's name

If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me.

The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.

It is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.

No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.

I am the bread of life. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

The world - hates me because I testify that what it does is evil.

I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come.

My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.

I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true.

You do not know him, but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.

I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me.

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

I know where I came from and where I am going.

I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.

I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.

If you knew me, you would know my Father also.

I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come.

You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.

The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.

Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire.

He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge.

I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.

My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.

I tell you the truth, before Abraham was born, I am!

As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.

The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep.

The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice.

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me --just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.

The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;

No one can snatch them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

I and the Father are one.

Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'? Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does. But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.

(Lazarus) This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!

Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.

When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.

For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.

Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.

You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

I know those I have chosen.

I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.

Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.

In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

You know the way to the place where I am going.

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

If you love me, you will obey what I command.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me.

Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.

He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

He who does not love me will not obey my teaching.

These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches.

If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command.

I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

This is my command: Love each other.

I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world.

For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

All I have is yours, and all you have is mine.

And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me.

I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one. I in them and you in me.

Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.

I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.

My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.

You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.

Peace be with you!

As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.

Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

You must follow me.

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SCRIPTURES ON WHAT GOD IS LIKE

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. (Exodus 34:6-7)

For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite." (Isaiah 57:15)

But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. When he thunders, the waters in the heavens roar; he makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses. (Jeremiah 10:12-13)

He who is the Portion of Jacob is not like these, for he is the Maker of all things, including Israel, the tribe of his inheritance—the Lord Almighty is his name. (Jeremiah 10:16)

But let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight. (Jeremiah 9:24)

But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King. (Jeremiah 10:10)

The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)

For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. (Psalm 33:4-5)

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. (Psalm 33:6-7)

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. (Psalm 33:8-9)

The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. (Psalm 33:10-11)

NAMES OF GOD

Adonai - Genesis 15:2
Adonai Jehovah - Genesis 15:2
El Elyon - Genesis 15:2
El Olam - Genesis 21:33
El Shaddai - Genesis 17:1
Elohim - Genesis 1:1
Eternal God - Genesis 21:33
God Almighty - Genesis 17:1
I AM - Exodus 3:14
Jehovah - Exodus 34:6

Jehovah Elohim - Exodus 34:6
Jehovah-Jireh - Exodus 34:6
Jehovah-Nissi - Exodus 34:6
Jehovah-Rapha - Exodus 34:6
Jehovah Sabaoth - 1 Samuel 1:3
Jehovah-Shalom - Exodus 34:6
Jehovah-Shammah - Exodus 34:6
Jehovah-Tsidkeny - Exodus 34:6
Lord, God - Genesis 15:2
Lord Almighty - 1 Samuel 1:3
Lord God - Exodus 34:6
Most High - Genesis 14:18
Sovereign - Genesis 15:2
A Trinity - Matthew 28:19
Visible in Christ - John 1:18

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WELLS

Wells - pits dug for water

Genesis 24:11

He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town (Abraham's servant who came to find Rebekah to be Isaac's bride)

Numbers 21:17

Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well! Sing about it, about the well that the princes dug, that the nobles of the people sank - the nobles with scepters and staffs."

2 Samuel 23:15, 16

David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!" So the three mighty warriors broke through Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David.

Song of Solomon 4:15

You are a garden fountain, a well of flowing water streaming down from Lebanon.

Jeremiah 6:7

As a well pours out its water, so she pours out her wickedness

Luke 14:5

If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?"



FEATURES CONCERNING WELLS

Dug for water

2 Chronicles 26:10

Uzziah also built towers in the wilderness and dug many cisterns

Numerous in Canaan

Deuteronomy 6:11

A land with - wells you did not dig

Often very deep

John 4:11

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"

Covered with stones

Genesis 29:2,3

There he saw a well in the open country, with three flocks of sheep lying near it because the flocks were watered from that well. The stone over the mouth of the well was large.

Women came to for water

Genesis 24:13-14

I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water.

John 4:7

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

Surrounded by trees

Genesis 49:22

Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall.

Sometimes empty

Jeremiah 14:3

The nobles send their servants for water; they go to the cisterns but find no water.

Sometimes cause strife

Genesis 21:25

Then Abraham complained to Abimelek about a well of water that Abimelek's servants had seized.



NAMES OF WELLS

BEER

Numbers 21:16-17

From there they continued on to Beer, the well where the Lord said to Moses, "Gather the people together and I will give them water." Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well!"

BEER-ELIM

Exodus 15:27

Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

BEER-IAHAI-ROI (well of the Living One who sees me)

Genesis 16:14

She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "you are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi. (well of the Living One who sees me).

BEER-SHEBA (well of seven and well of the oath)

Genesis 21:30,31

He replied, "Accept these seven lambs from my hand as a witness that I dug this well." So that place was called Beersheba (well of seven and well of the oath), because the two men swore an oath there.

BEEROTH

Deuteronomy 10:6

And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera; there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.

ESEK (dispute)

Genesis 26:20

But the herders of Gerar quarreled with those of Isaac and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek (dispute), because they disputed with him.

HAGAR

Genesis 21:19

Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

JACOB

John 4:6

Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

REHEBOTH (room)

Genesis 26:22

He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth (room), saying, "Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land."

SITNAH (opposition)

Genesis 26:21

Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also, so he named it Sitnah (opposition).



WELLS CAN BE FIGURATIVE OF:

One's wife

Proverbs 5:15

Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.

Mouth of the righteous

Proverbs 10:11

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life.

Wisdom

Proverbs 16:22

Prudence is the fountain of life to the prudent.

Salvation

Isaiah 12:3

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Rich blessings

Jeremiah 2:13

My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water (the fountain of living waters), and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

False teaching

2 Peter 2:17

These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.

The Holy Spirit

John 4:10

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.

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WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH

Psalm 112:10

The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Matthew 8:11-12

I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:41-42 KJV

And the Son of Man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 24:50-51

The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and

assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:28-30

So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 13:24-28

Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, "Sir, open the door for us."

But he will answer, "I don't know you or where you come from"

Then you will say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets."

But he will reply, "I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!"

There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.

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SCRIPTURES ABOUT LOSING SALVATION

(Or not be raptured)

You have become weak, so make yourselves strong again. Live in the right way so that you will be saved and your weakness will not cause you to be lost. (Hebrews 12:12-13 NCV)

Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14 NIV)

But the one who endures to the end will be saved. (Matthew 24:13)

Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the

darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 25:28-30 NIV)

(The 10 virgins): But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast and the door was locked. (Matthew 25:10)

It seems like some believers (as the 5 wise virgins in Matthew 25) will be raptured (taken out) by the Lord and some won't. The ones who are ready will have an oil reserve. Since oil represents the Holy Spirit, this may refer to not being "filled with the Spirit" or "baptized with the Spirit" as in Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)

Derek Prince says this reserve refers to Bible study, prayer, and waiting on God (*Prophesies on the End Times* p. 107). He compares it to "buying gold" and says it must be paid for like was told to the church at Laodicea in Revelation 3:15-18

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. (Revelation 3:15-18)

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WORDS OF JESUS IN MATTHEW 4:17 TO 18:19

Matthew

- 4:17 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.
- 4:19 Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
- 5:42 Give to the one who asks you
- 5:44 Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

- 5:48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect
6:1 Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them.
6:6 When you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray unto your Father who is unseen
6:10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
6:11 Give us today our daily bread
6:12 Forgive your debtors
6:13 Keep us from temptation and deliver us from the evil one
6:17 When you fast, do it in secret
6:25 do not worry about your life
6:19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth.
6:34 Do not worry about tomorrow.
6:33 Seek first his kingdom
7:1 Do not judge
7:6 Do not give dogs what is sacred.
7:7 Ask, seek, knock
7:12 Do to others what you would have them do to you.
7:13 Enter through the narrow gate
7:15 Watch out for false prophets. By their fruit you will recognize them.
7:24 Hear these words of Mine and put them into practice
8:3 Be clean
8:7 I will go and heal him
8:13 Go! It will be done just as you believed it would.
8:22 Follow Me and let the dead bury their own dead.
8:26 You of little faith, why are you so afraid?
9:22 Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you.
9:29 According to your faith will it be done to you.
10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.
11:27 All things have been committed to me by my Father.
11:28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
13:11 The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.
13:52 Every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of this storeroom new treasures as well as old.
14:27 Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.
16:23 Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.
18:18 I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven
18:19 If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

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THE SON IS THE EXACT REPRESENTATION
OF GOD'S BEING

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.



John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

2 Corinthians 4:4

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Colossians 1:19

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

John 5:19

I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

John 17:20

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.



GOD CREATED AND SUSTAINS ALL THINGS

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Colossians 1:16

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Colossians 1:17

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

John 1:3

Through him [the Word] all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 3:35

The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.

Romans 11:36

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

Ephesians 3:9

And to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 2:10

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

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REIGN ON THE EARTH

Exodus 15:18

The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

Psalms 2:9

You will rule them with an iron scepter

Psalms 110:1-2

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies.

Psalm 146:10

The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Isaiah 24:23

For the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders, gloriously.

Isaiah 32.1

See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice.

Jeremiah 23:5

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness."

Daniel 7:13-14

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Micah 4:1-2

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.

Micah 4:2-3

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Micah 4:7

The Lord will rule over them in Mount Zion from that day and forever.

Zechariah 2:10

"I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the Lord.

Zechariah 6:12-13

Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from this place and build the temple of the Lord. It is he who will build the temple of the Lord, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne.

Matthew 19:28

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

1 Corinthians 15:24-25

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

2 Timothy 2:11-12

If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him.

Revelation 5:10

You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

Revelation 11:15

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:4-5

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

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The Lord wanted me to put at the end of this book a message that tells you how to receive salvation through Jesus Christ. So I chose to copy here the material from Good News Tracts at www.goodnewstracts.org)

IS THERE A WAY TO BE SAVED?

Perhaps one of the most commonly referenced verses in the Bible is John 3:16, in which Jesus says, **"For God so love the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).**

John's gospel is crucial to learning more about Jesus and discovering what it means to become a Christian. His purpose in writing this book of the Bible is to evidence that Jesus is the Son of God and our Savior. By believing in Jesus and trusting in the salvation from our sin that he offers, people can gain eternal life.

WHY DO WE NEED TO BE SAVED?

Jesus said, **"Everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin" (John 8:34).** If we are honest with ourselves, we cannot deny that from the moment of our birth we have done wrong things - things that make us guilty before God and deserving of his judgment. The Bible calls these wrong things sin, and sin separates us from God. And because we are separated from God, we face the awful prospect of his eternal wrath (John 3:36). **"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him" (John 3:36).**

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

Can anyone save us from God's wrath and assure us of heaven? Some people believe that they can get into heaven by doing good works, or by following the teachings of a religion, or even by giving money to churches or charities. But Jesus clearly said that none of these things would save us: **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).** No human effort can give us eternal life.

In fact, the only "work" that can save us is the "work" of believing in what Jesus has done to accomplish our salvation: **"This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent" (John 6:29).** And to those who so believe, the promise of God stands firm: **"To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).**

HOW DOES JESUS SAVE US?

John the Baptist, a biblical prophet, calls Jesus the "**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world**" (John 1:29). Jesus explains that our salvation comes through his death on the cross as the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for our sin. "**Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him, may have eternal life.**" (John 3:14-15).

When reading the Gospel of John, for example, you'll notice that chapters 18-19 describe Jesus' death and then chapter 20 tells of his glorious triumph over death as he rose from the dead. Jesus' resurrection means that he can give eternal life to all who believe in him: "**I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die**" (John 11:25-26).

DO YOU BELIEVE?

John 11:26 ends with Jesus asking, "**Do you believe this?**" It is a question that every person must answer: Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Do you believe that he died on the cross to free you from guilt and judgment of sin? Do you believe that he rose from the grave, breaking the power of death and making a way for you to have eternal life in heaven?

If you believe that these things are true, then you may want to express your faith in him by praying the prayer:

Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus Christ is your Son, and that he died on the cross to save me from my sin. I believe that he rose again to life, and that he invites me to live forever with him in heaven as part of your family. Because of what Jesus has done, I ask you to forgive me of my sin and give me eternal life. Help me to live in a way that pleases and honors you. Amen.

GROWING IN CHRIST

Once you have received the gift of eternal life, you will want to grow in your knowledge of Christ and your obedience to him. Jesus' teaching about how to live for God can be summed up in three simple instructions:

Read the Bible. Jesus said, "**Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me**" (John 14:21). One way to show our love for God is to read and live out the commands set forth in the Bible, God's holy Word. Read the Bible daily to learn how to live a life that honors God and gives testimony to others that Jesus has made a difference in your life.

Pray. Communication with God through prayer keeps your focus on eternal things. If you are truly following Jesus, your desires will be for God's glory and for his kingdom, the church. Jesus promised, **"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" (John 15:7).**

Seek Christian fellowship. Meeting regularly with Christian brothers and sisters allows you to follow Jesus' example of love and to fulfill his command to **"Love one another...just as I have love you" (John 13:34).** Just as Jesus surrounded himself daily with his disciples and followers, find a Bible believing church where you can meet with other Christians. There you will find joy and encouragement in the fellowship of God's people.

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