

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD from my listening time in the Secret Place book 3

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*With*

# GOD

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# THANK YOU

*Thank you, Beth, my daughter,  
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**We have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. (1 Corinthians 1:12-13 NLT)**

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**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**

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

**Habakkuk 2:1**

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**This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "Write in a book all the  
words I have spoken to you."**

**Jeremiah 30:2**

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COMMUNICATION THROUGH THOUGHTS

**The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man, except the man's spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. (1 Corinthians 2:10-12)**

*/communicate through thoughts. The thoughts of God are in you.*

**The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14)**

*The enemy also communicates through thoughts to those whose minds are not controlled by the Holy Spirit.*

**The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.**

**The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?"**

**"An enemy did this," he replied.**

**The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?"**

**"No," he answered, "because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the**

**weeds and tie them into bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn." (Matthew 13:24-30)**

*You wondered how the wheat and tares (weeds) were planted. It is in the thought life.*

*The wheat have My thoughts planted in them by My Holy Spirit - as they have given their lives to Me and belong to Me.*

*The tares have rejected Me and My Word, so their thought lives are open to the enemy and he plants his thoughts in them...with all the things he wants to do to destroy man.*

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## KNOWLEDGE OF THE SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM

**The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. (Matthew 13:11-12)**

*And that's what you see happening in the world today, Joan. Do you see that? Those who belong to Me are growing deeper and wiser and more knowledgeable in the secrets of the kingdom of heaven. Like Paul Keith Davis, as an example, and Perry Stone. That's why they have so much mature wisdom to give out.*

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## DO NOT LET YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

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



*Notice that is a command, not a request. Do not. Do not let. Do not be. You get to choose to let your heart be troubled or to be afraid. So I can say to you: Do not. It is your choice. I know sometimes it is hard to not be afraid, but I am speaking here of the things you CAN do something about - like where your thoughts go and what they focus on. Focus on Me instead of your troubles or fears, and this will enable you to overcome them.*

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## BY THEIR FRUIT YOU WILL REGOCNIZE THEM

**He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit. (John 13:2)**

**The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)**

**Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.**

**Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. (Matthew 7:15-20)**

*So you see there are four variations of fruit:*

*No fruit*

*Fruit of the Spirit*

*Good fruit*

*Bad fruit.*

**No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. (John 15:4)**

**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)**

**This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. (John 15:8)**

*By their fruit you will recognize them!*

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## NEW TREASURES AS WELL AS OLD

**He [Jesus] said to them, "Therefore 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 his storeroom new treasures as well as old." (Matthew 13:52)**

What are the old treasures, Lord?

*They are the treasures I taught in the Old Testament before I came to earth as a man. The teachers of the law already have studied these and "own" them. They have those stored inside them.*

What are the new treasures, Lord?

*Everything I taught in the New Testament, plus all the Rhema words and revelations I give through our quiet time/listening/talking relationship.*

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## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE

The Matthew 13 parables reveal what the Kingdom of Heaven is like while we are still on earth. These are things the parables show us:

**A farmer went out to sow seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path...some fell on rocky places...other seed fell among thorns...other seed fell on good soil. (Matthew 13:3-8)**

*The kingdom of heaven is a place where seed is sown into people and they have the opportunity to respond to that seed. They respond in different ways.*

**The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. (Matthew 13:24)**

*The kingdom of heaven is a mixture of those who are believers and those who are not. They will be divided at the time of the harvest.*

**The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. (Matthew 13:31)**

*The kingdom of heaven starts with the Lord planting a small seed which grows and becomes huge over time.*

**The kingdom on heaven is like yeast which a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour. (Matthew 13:33)**

*The kingdom of heaven grows in an unseen way.*

**The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. (Matthew 13:44)**

*The kingdom of heaven is something that is to be searched for, and found, and then given everything for.*

**The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. (Matthew 13:45)**

*The kingdom of heaven is to be searched for and found and purchased with all you have.*

**The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. (Matthew 13:47)**

*The kingdom of heaven catches the righteous and wicked. They will be sorted out by the angels at the end of the age.*

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## WHEN THE COUNSELOR COMES

*1. He will testify about Me.*

**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. (John 15:26)**

*2. He will speak through you.*

**When they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. (Matthew 10:20)**

*3. He will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you.*

**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. (John 14:26)**

*4. He will tell you what is yet to come.*

**He will tell you what is yet to come. (John 16:13)**

*5. You will receive power.*

**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you (Acts 1:8)**

*6. You will be My witnesses.*

**You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts. 1:8)**

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## RAPTURES IN THE BIBLE

As I listened to John Hagee preach on TV about the rapture, he said there were six raptures (catching away) previous to the church rapture. These are the six he mentioned:

**ENOCH**

**Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. (Genesis 5:24)**

**By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. (Hebrews 11:5)**

**ELIJAH**

**When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way to Gilgal...As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. (2 Kings 2:1, 11)**

**ISAIAH**

**In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings..."Woe is me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." (Isaiah 6:1-2, 5)**

**JESUS**

**After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. (Acts 1:9)**

**After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. (Mark 16:19)**

**When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. (Luke 24:50-51)**

**PHILIP**

**When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about. (Acts 8:39-40)**

PAUL

**I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know - God knows. And I know that this man - was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. (2 Corinthians 12:2-4)**

CHURCH

**Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)**

**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. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)**

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IF YOU OBEY MY COMMANDS

As I spent time with the Lord this morning studying His Word, this idea caught my attention - about His promises for those who obey His commands.

*1. You will 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. (John 15:10)**

2. *You are My friends.*

**You are my friends if you do what I command. (John 15:14)**

3. *It may go well with you*

4. *You may increase greatly*

**Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you, and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, promised you. (Deuteronomy 6:3)**

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## THE RIGHTEOUS

**The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:12-13)**

*The righteous will flourish, will grow, and will be planted in My house. They will flourish in My courts. That means they will be close to Me. They will be in My house. They will be with Me, and I will be with them.*

*This is to encourage you today, My daughter. You are the righteous. You will flourish like a palm tree, beautiful, standing tall in the sun. You will grow like a cedar of Lebanon - stately and strong and tall in your spirit.*

*You will be close to Me at all times, as close as being in My house and in My courts. And I will be there with you, wherever you are, wherever you go. Believe this. It is My Word, and My Word is true.*

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## GO AND BEAR FRUIT - FRUIT THAT WILL LAST

**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. (John 15:16)**

*You bear fruit in two ways.*

*First of all you must bear fruit that will last in yourself, so that you have that fruit to give others. You cannot give to others what you do not have yourself.*

*So the first fruit you bear is when you accept Me into your life and become My disciple. When you become My disciple, then you begin to grow the fruit of the Spirit in yourself.*

**The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22)**

*What are fruit that will last? They are the fruit that remain with you for all eternity - faith, hope and love.*

**And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)**

*And when you have these fruit within you, then you can go forth in My name and fulfill the great command I gave to My disciples just before I left the earth to return to My Father in heaven.*

**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. (Matthew 28:18-20)**

*What is it that you give when you go forth in My name and make disciples for Me? You give them life. I am Life.*

**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)**

**The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life (Proverbs 11:30)**



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## WE ARE BEING TRANSFORMED

**And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)**

*You all reflect the Lord's glory.*

*You are a reflection of Me. You are like Me. I have glory, and you are reflecting My glory.*

**Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 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 given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. (John 17:1-2, 4, 5, 22)**

*You are being transformed into My likeness.*

*This is something you may ask Me for every day - to be transformed into My likeness.*

**Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2)**

**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Psalm 51:10, 17)**

*You are being transformed with ever-increasing glory*

*It is with ever increasing glory I am changing you to be like Me. I have glory. I give glory to you who belong to Me. It starts small and continues to increase as you grow to be more and more like Me.*

**I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. (Romans 8:18)**

**For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. (2 Corinthians 4:17)**

*You are being transformed by the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

*It is by My Spirit you are being transformed. And lo, I am with you always until the end of the world. I will never leave you or forsake you. I in you and you in Me.*

**But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Philippians 3:20-21)**

**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. (John 14:26)**

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I SHALL LOSE NONE OF ALL HE HAS GIVEN ME

**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. (John 6:37-40)**

You gave us to Jesus, Father. We belonged to You, and You gave us to Jesus. Jesus came down from heaven to save us whom You gave to Him. And Jesus will raise us up at the last day. This was Your will, Father. Jesus committed Himself to do Your will.

**The world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. (John 14:31)**

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## CHOSEN OUT OF THE WORLD

**You do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. (John 15:19)**

*Chosen. What does it mean to be chosen. It means you have been specially picked out from among all others to belong specifically to Me and to help Me rule and reign in My kingdom.*

*Since you have been chosen for this task, then you must be prepared for this task. Just as a prince must be trained in how to be a king, you must be trained in how to work with Me, hear Me, listen to Me, and follow Me. That is what I meant when I said:*

**If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. (Luke 9:23)**

*It is your delight to be chosen, but it is also your greatest difficulty because of the training it requires.*

*What are some of the training requirements? Reading My Word daily and learning from Me there. Talking with Me daily and listening to what I say to you.*

*Obedience is the number one issue that you must learn. By your obedience I know that you love Me. And only those who love Me will be allowed to rule and reign with Me in My kingdom.*

*It is a great privilege and honor, but also a great responsibility. So I only choose the "brightest and best" among those who might qualify, and those are called "chosen". That's what My disciples were (except one named Judas Iscariot).*

~ 15 ~

## NOT GO ASTRAY

**All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. (John 16:1)**

*I told you all this so that you will not go astray. That is why it is so important to read and meditate on My Word every day - so you can review what I told you, and not go astray. My Words are a protection for you as you eat them, and consume them, and follow them. They will hold you fast to Me and what I taught you.*

*And My Spirit will reveal new things to you as you esteem My Word and follow it. Remember the Holy Spirit will take things from Me and give them to you.*

**All this I have spoken while still with you. 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. (John 14:25-26)**

~ 16 ~

## THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN THE FATHER OR ME

**They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. (John 16:2-3)**

*I talk about this a lot, don't I. They THINK they know Me and the Father, but they don't. They are deceived. That is what the false church thinks right now.*

*I talked about them. Paul talked about them. John talked about them. They existed in the early church and they still exist in this latter day church.*

**I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. (John 10:14)**

**We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (1 John 2:3-4)**

**Jesus said to them, "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 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. (John 8:42-44)**

**He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God. (John 8:47)**

~ 17 ~

## NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT THAT DAY OR HOUR

**No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. (Matthew 24:36-42)**

**So you must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (Matthew 24:44)**

**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. (Matthew 24:50)**

**Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.  
(Matthew 25:13)**

**He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or dates the  
Father has set by his own authority. (Acts 1:7)**

*It is not for you to know the times or dates, the day or the hour. It is not for you to know the exact time, but the approximate time you can know. The season you can know. I talked about that when I told you about the fig tree.*

**Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.  
(Matthew 24:32-33)**

*Do you see "all of these things" Joan? Yes, you do. You have been watching what is happening in the world. You have seen the things happening to Israel - My timeline. You have been listening to the prophets share what I have shown them. You have been seeking Me, and asking Me, and listening to Me. You have been filled with oil so you can watch and wait until I return for you. And you have seen "all of these things." So you know the time is near. This is good. This is what I told you to do - watch and wait and look for Me. For My coming is near. It is very near.*

~ 18 ~

## THE SECRET IS WAITING ON ME

*Call to Me and I will answer and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*

*Oh rest in the Lord; wait patiently for Him, and He will give thee thy heart's desires.*

*The secret is waiting on Me, Joan. The secret to hearing Me and learning from Me, is waiting on Me.*

*Waiting on Me is like worship. It's like praise. It's like thanksgiving. It's like calling on Me. Why? Because waiting on Me brings you before Me in the same way as these things do.*

*Waiting on Me reveals something to Me about you and about your heart attitude toward Me. It shows Me that (1) you love Me, (2) you trust Me, and (3) you depend on Me. All of these show Me you are ready to hear from Me.*

**Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. (Isaiah 64:4)**

~ 19 ~

## HE WILL CONVICT THE WORLD

**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. (John 16:7)**

**When he comes he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. (John 16:8)**

The thought that comes to me is that the world needs to be convicted of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. This needs to happen to fulfill the cleansing of the earth and the return and rule of Christ on earth.

- He convicts the world in regard to sin because men do not believe in Him.
- He convicts the world in regard to righteousness because He, Jesus, is going to the Father. I don't know why this is so, but I would like to understand that statement.
- He convicts the world in regard to judgment because the prince of this world now stands condemned. Satan is now condemned due to what Jesus did. I would like to understand that statement better too.

The Holy Spirit is the One who does the convicting.

~ 20 ~

## HE WILL TAKE FROM WHAT IS MINE AND MAKE IT KNOWN TO YOU

**But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own, he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 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. (John 16:13-15)**

So all that belongs to the Father also belongs to Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will take from that and make it known to us.

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## SO WITH YOU

**A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you. Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. (John 16:21-22)**

*"So with you." You may compare this to what you are going through right now in your life as you grow old and deal with all the pains that come with that. "Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again" (when you come up here and live with Me), "and you will rejoice - and no one will take away your joy."*

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## I WILL TELL YOU PLAINLY

**Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. (John 16:25)**



*And that time is now for you, Joan. I now speak to you plainly about My Father, and about Me, and about the Holy Spirit - and about what we are doing. Now is that time.*

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## GOING BACK TO THE FATHER

**I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father. (John 16:28)**

*That is a bold statement, Joan, but it is true. And it is true of you, too.*

Really?

*Yes. You came from the Father, from heaven where you were with the Father, and He sent you to earth, like He sent Me, and you will go back to the Father too.*

*I know that you do not understand all that, but you will someday. Trust Me, you will. And you will rejoice in My wonderful plan for you.*

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## I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD

**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)**

*Do not fear. Take heart! For I have overcome the world, Joan. And I live in you. So, in Me, you also overcome the world. So take heart! We have overcome the world. I overcame it then, and you are overcoming it now - in Christ Jesus.*

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## SUFFERING

*Pain and suffering is My way to accomplish victory*

The Lord gave this word to a friend of mine recently who shared it with me. Today the Lord wants me to look up suffering and learn more about it and what it does.

### JESUS' OWN SUFFERING

#### **Luke 9:22**

**The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.**

#### **Luke 18:31-33**

**Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. ON the third day he will rise again."**

#### **Matthew 16:21-27**

**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, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.**

#### **Mark 8:31-32**

**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. He spoke plainly about this.**

#### **Isaiah 53:3**

**He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.**

#### **Isaiah 53:4-5**

**Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;**

**the punishment that brought is peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

**Isaiah 53:6**

**The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

**Isaiah 53:10**

**Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.**

**Isaiah 53:11-12**

**After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life, and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

**Luke 24:26, 46**

**Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory? Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead..."**

**Hebrews 2:9**

**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.**

OUR SUFFERING WITH HIM AND FOR HIM

**Matthew 10:37**

**Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**

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**Luke 9:23**

**If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.**

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**Luke 14:26-27**  
**If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.**

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**Acts 5:41**  
**The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.**

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**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.**

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**1 Corinthians 12:24-26**  
**But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. if one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**2 Timothy 1:8-9**

**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.**

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**2 Timothy 1:11-12**

**And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am.**

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**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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**Hebrews 2:18**

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

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**1 Peter 2:21**

**If you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.**

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**1 Peter 2:23**

**When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.**

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**1 Peter 4:12-14**

**Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.**

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**1 Peter 4:16**

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

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**1 Peter 4:19**

**So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.**

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MEDITATIONS ON MATTHEW 24

*I want you to read Matthew 24 today, Joan.*

**Matthew 24:3**

**When will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?**

**Matthew 24:8**

**All these are the beginning of birth pains.**

(i.e. nation rise against nation, famines, earthquakes, false Christ's, deception, wars, rumors of wars)

That's where we are now, Lord? We're still in the beginning of birth pains?

*No, the birth pains began a while back. You are in the middle of birth pains now, but not at the last part of them. They will still get heavier and greater before the actual traumatic time of birth arrives.*

*You want to know where you are in this end time process now, and this is My instruction to you. You are past the beginning of the birth pains, and not yet at the end of them.*

Is the tribulation the actual "birthing time" Lord? And is Your return the final result of this birthing time?

*Yes.*

## JESUS' RETURN

**Matthew 24:27**

**For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

**Matthew 24:33**

**When you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.**

**Matthew 24:36**

**No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.**

(i.e. people eating, drinking, marrying)

**Matthew 24:42, 44**

**Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come...So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.**

### THE DAYS OF NOAH

#### **Matthew 24:37-41**

**As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. THAT IS HOW IT WILL BE AT THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.**

The days before the flood can be compared to the days before the tribulation.

The day Noah entered the ark can be compared to the day the church is raptured.

The church being hidden away for the time of tribulation can be compared to Noah being hidden away during the flood.

Lord, You are really talking about the Rapture here, aren't You?

*Yes, My daughter, you have discerned rightly.*

### THE TOPICS IN MATTHEW 24

*In Matthew 24 I talk about many things:*

*(vs 4-8) What it will be like on the earth before I return*

*(vs 9-13) Things that will happen to the saints and the world's attitude toward Me*

*(vs 14) The spread of My gospel during this time period*

*(vs 15-20) My warnings to the Israelites to flee when they see certain signs*

*(vs 21-29) The distress of the great tribulation*

*(vs 30-31) My return*

*(vs 32-35) Learn to discern when that time is near*

*(vs 36-41) How it will be at the coming of the Son of Man*



*(vs 42-51) Warning to keep watch*

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## AT THAT TIME

### **Matthew 25:1**

**At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.**

*This is about one event during the whole period of the end times.*

*Remember this story is about opening the door of heaven for just a short period of time (in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye) to let in those who are carrying My Spirit with them, and then closing the door again to others who are not yet ready - due to not having My Spirit.*

*This refers to the rapture here.*

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## WHAT GOD DID FOR US BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF TIME

### **2 Timothy 1:8-9**

**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.**

Lord, this says You gave us grace in Christ Jesus BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF TIME. That is amazing to me. I want to know more about what You did for us before the beginning of time. Please share with me.

*Use My Word, Joan, to know what I did for you before the beginning of time. It is very important for you to understand this for it helps you to*

*understand Me and all that I am doing in the world. It was all determined and known before the world began.*

**Matthew 6:9-10**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

*My kingdom and My will were determined in heaven before the foundation of the world. And you are praying for that to be done on earth.*

BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

**Matthew 13:35**

**So he fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."**

**Acts 15:18 KJV**

**Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.**

**Romans 16:25 NLT**

**Now all glory to God, who is able to make you strong, just as my Good News says. This message about Jesus Christ has revealed his plan for you Gentiles, a plan kept secret from the beginning of time.**

**Ephesians 1:4**

**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.**

**Ephesians 2:10**

**For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

**Hebrews 4:3**

**And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world.**

**Revelation 3:14**

**All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast - all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.**

**Revelation 17:8**

**The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.**

#### FOREKNOWLEDGE

**Acts 2:23**

**This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge.**

**Romans 8:29-30**

**For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified, those he justified, he also glorified.**

**Romans 11:2**

**God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.**

#### CHOSEN

**Matthew 22:2, 14**

**The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son...many are invited, but few are chosen.**

**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 5:13**

**She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.**

**Revelation 17:14**

**They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings - and with him will be his called, chosen, and faithful followers.**

#### PREDESTINATION

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**For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many**

**brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified, those he justified, he also glorified.**

**1 Corinthians 2:7**

**We speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.**

**Ephesians 1:11**

**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.**

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## THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE

This scripture really intrigues me:

**John 17:3**

**Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.**

There is so much more to that statement than I understand or know. Do You want to teach me more, Lord?

*Yes. Listen and I will. Look up scriptures on life and summarize them. I will speak through My Word.*

**Deuteronomy 30:19-20**

**This day I have set before you life and death. Now choose life, for the Lord is your life.**

**Psalm 16:11**

**You have made known to me the path of life.**

**Proverbs 4:20-22**

**My words are life to those who find them.**

**Proverbs 6:23**

**For these commands, this teaching, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life.**

**Proverbs 8:34-35**

**Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life.**

**Proverbs 22:4**

**Humility and the fear of the Lord bring life.**

**John 1:4**

**In him was life, and that life was the light of men.**

**John 3:16**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall have eternal life.**

**John 3:36**

**Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.**

**John 4:14**

**The water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**

**John 5:24**

**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.**

**John 5:26**

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

**John 6:35**

**Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life."**

**John 6:47-48**

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

**John 6:68**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**John 10:10**

**I have come that they may have life.**

**John 10:28**

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

**John 11:25**

Jesus said to her, “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.”

**John 14:6**

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

**John 20:30-31**

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Acts 13:48**

All who were appointed for eternal life believed.

**Romans 6:22-23**

But now that you have been set free from sin the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**2 Corinthians 3:6**

The Spirit gives life.

**2 Peter 1:3**

His divine power has given us everything we need for life.

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SUMMARY ABOUT LIFE

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It takes listening, watching, and waiting at Your doorway.

Whoever finds You finds life.

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In Jesus was life.

Whoever believes in Jesus has eternal life.

The water Jesus gives wells up to eternal life.

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We cross over from death to life.  
Father has life in Himself.  
Jesus has life in Himself.  
Jesus is the bread of life.  
He who believes has everlasting life.  
Jesus has the words of eternal life.  
Jesus came that we may have life.  
Jesus gives eternal life to His sheep.  
Jesus is the resurrection and the life.  
Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.  
By believing you have life in Jesus' name.  
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The Spirit gives life.  
God's power gives us everything we need for life.  
Those who have life have their names are written in the book of life.

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## COMPLETING THE WORK

### **John 17:4**

**I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.**

Lord, this scripture says to me that I also bring You glory by completing the work You have given me to do. Is that right?

*Yes, My daughter, you also bring Me glory by completing the work I give you to do on earth. And you ARE doing that, daily, as you wait before Me and listen to Me and follow Me.*

*The writing I give you to do each morning is the current work I am giving you to do for Me. The discipleship work I gave you previously was also work I gave you to do for Me. That's why I anointed you and guided you while you were doing that work.*

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## IN THE COMING AGES

### **Ephesians 2:6-7**

**And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.**

As I read this scripture today my attention is drawn to the phrase "in the coming ages". This means there are "ages" (plural) coming, not just one age. I wonder how God sees this and what those "coming ages" are. Lord, do You want to enlighten me on that today?

*Yes, I do. I drew your attention to those specific words for a reason. I want to talk to you about those "coming ages" and what they mean to Me.*

*Tell Me the ages you know of already.*

### AGE OF GRACE - CHURCH AGE

I know of the current "age of grace" (church age - see Acts 2:1) in which You have called out and matured Your church, Your bride. This will conclude with the rapture of the church (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)

### DAY OF THE LORD - TRIBULATION

I know of the "time of tribulation" (called the Day of the Lord) that comes after this age of grace. (see Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:2, Revelation 7:14)

### AGE OF THE THOUSAND YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST

I know of the "age of the Millennium" when Christ will rule and reign for a thousand years. (see Matthew 24:29-30; Luke 1:31-33; 1 Corinthians 15:24, Revelation 20:4-6)

### NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH AGE

After that I have read about the "new heavens and new earth age" mentioned in Revelation 21:1 and following. This scripture tells about the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. And during that age God dwells with men. There will be no more mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (Isaiah 65:17-19; Isaiah 66:22; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1)

*The answer to your question is ALL THESE AGES. I am showing "the incomparable riches of My grace and kindness to you" in all the coming ages that you mentioned. This will be a display of My glory...you, My church, My bride. You will be on display in every age to come that you mentioned.*



*There will be others who are not part of My church who will see the display of My grace and kindness through seeing you then. Some of these others will be those who live during the tribulation and during the millennium.*

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## I AM PRAYING FOR THOSE YOU HAVE GIVEN ME

**I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to 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. (John 17:6, 9-20)**

Here again the scripture talks of those who belonged (past tense) to God were given to Jesus. This reminds me of Ephesians where it says

**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. (Ephesians 1:4-5)**

This still amazes me, that He chose us before the creation of the world. He not only chose us, but He worked in us to make us like Him.

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He called  
He justified  
He glorified

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## UNION

**If you love me, you will obey what I command. (John 14:15)**

**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. (John 14:16-17)**

*Yes, forever.*

*I am the Holy Spirit; I am the power of God, and I will rapture you.*

*And I will be with you, those who belong to Jesus and Father, forever. I and the Father are One. Those who come to heaven and live forever with Father and Jesus will be One with them also, just as I am.*

*This is the union I have been telling you about - being One with Father and Jesus and Me, Holy Spirit. And this will be forever. It will never change. This is the consummation of the Bride with her husband, Jesus - this union.*

**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. (John 14:17)**

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## ON THAT DAY

**Because I live, you also will live. (John 14:19)**

**On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. (John 14:20)**

*On the day when this takes place. On that day. On the day that you will live because I live.*

**He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. (John 14:21)**

*And that is what I am doing today, Joan, showing Myself to you.*

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## WAIT FOR THE LORD

**Wait for the Lord. Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.  
Psalm 27:14**

*Each person's relationship with Me is different, Joan. And I enjoy each one individually and uniquely. That variety is great for each of you and great for Me too. That's why you don't judge another one's relationship based on your own experience.*

*There are things that I tell each one that are different than the others, and things that are the same. It is unique to each person. That is why you encourage each person to seek Me personally for their own truths. And you don't contradict what another believer hears from Me - you just ask Me privately your questions about what they hear.*

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## JUDGMENT AND WRATH

Judgment is the time of judging, a time of making the decision about something based on the facts/circumstances.

Wrath is pouring out of the consequences of those decisions, those judgments, regarding things being against God.

So the judgment on Houston through the flood talked about by Jim Bakker and Sadhu Sundar Salvaraj (on the Jim Bakker show on TV) was the wrath of God poured out on that city? It was both?

*Yes. And so will be the great earthquake coming to California. I use natural disasters to pour out My wrath. Notice that in the scriptures in Revelation in the seals, etc. (see Revelation 6 and 7)*

*Those I bless I protect from those natural disasters in some way, or use it for good in their lives since the natural disasters come to believers and non-believers. That is for now.*

**And God works all things together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)**

Lord, You are making judgments now? And pouring out Your wrath now?

*Yes, Joan, I am doing it now. I have been doing it through all the centuries. But at the time of the end comes the FULLNESS of judging and pouring out My wrath.*

So what about the scriptures that say we will be saved from God's wrath?

*It is referring to that special time in the history of the world when the FULLNESS of My wrath is poured out on ALL mankind that are left on earth, not just in a selected place. In that way it is like the time of Noah. At that time I poured out the FULLNESS of My wrath on the earth and took out and saved the remnant which I prepared ahead of time.*

There will be no place during the great tribulation that will be safe from the wrath?

*That's correct. Therefore to be safe from the wrath means My people MUST be taken out of the earth. It cannot happen any other way, for no one will be safe from My wrath during that time of the tribulation.*

*The wrath is being poured out now during the time of "birth pangs" which Jesus talked about - and Perry Stone mentioned. And that wrath will be full blown during the actual time of birth - the tribulation.*

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DEEP STATE

This morning the Lord talked to me about the "deep state" in the church.

He said there is the true church which I am calling #1.

Then below that there is the "deep state" church. I am calling it #2.

That is the church (#2), as I understand it so far, that is the seeker friendly church, the church interested in dealing with personal and social issues, the one not preaching the gospel of the kingdom and the return of Jesus Christ, and the end time prophecies.

As He explained, these two are pictured in the parable of the 10 virgins (see Matthew 25:1). The wise virgins who took plenty of oil with them are representative of the true church (#1). The foolish virgins who didn't take a supply of oil with them are representative of the deep state church (#2).

Then He told me that there is a "deeper state" church also. One time He called it the "double deep state" church. That church contains the Vatican and the element of the church that will become the apostate church, the church of the false prophet. I am calling that church #3.

He reminded me that He is "bundling" together each of these three groups, similar to how He is "bundling" together the tares/weeds in Matthew 13:30

**Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters. First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn. (Matthew 13:30)**

*Now is My time of tying them into bundles, Joan. The bundling is almost finished. The true church is ready to be raptured out - like pictured with the five wise virgins. Put that scripture here.*

**At midnight the cry rang out: "Here comes the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" The virgins who were ready 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. (Matthew 25:6, 10, 13)**

*Now is the time to watch and wait. Now is the time to keep watch. Now is the time to draw closer and closer to Me and to all who truly belong to Me. Now is the time to listen to Me, and read My Word, and follow Me. Now is the time to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Me.*

*Stay close to Me, My daughter, and you WILL be ready and watching when I return. It will be VERY SOON.*

*Be aware that Rosh Hashanah is coming very soon. Be watching and waiting for Me especially during that time. I WILL FULFILL My fall festivals, just like I fulfilled My spring festivals.*

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## FATHER TESTIFIES ABOUT JESUS

This morning I wanted to turn my attention away from the world and onto the Lord. So I picked up my Bible from the coffee table and prepared to read something. As I did that I heard:

*John 5:31*

So I opened to John 5:31 and read this:

**If I were to testify on my own behalf, my testimony would not be valid. But someone else is also testifying about me, and I assure you that everything he says about me is true. (John 5:31 NLT)**

Then I began to realize that the Lord just gave me another scripture pertaining to a subject I have been studying a lot lately - about how the Father brings people to Jesus who already belong to Himself.

The phrase "someone else is also testifying about me" is another scripture verse indicating Father is testifying to those who belong to Him and believe in Him that Jesus is authentic. That fits with John 5:24 which says:

**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. (John 5:24 NIV)**

When this verse says "and believes him who sent me" it indicates that the Father, who sent Him, will show people and tell people about Jesus.

Now He is leading me to put here other scriptures which reveal this same truth - that the Father validates Jesus by speaking to those who can and will hear it.

Validation given by Father through John the Baptist:

**John 1:29-34**

The next day John [Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

Validation given by Father through speaking Himself:

**Matthew 3:16-17**

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased."

**John 5:37**

And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.

**John 12:27-30**

"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!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine."

Validation given through Moses:

**John 5:39-40, 45-47**

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life...

But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses,

**you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?**

Validation through what Jesus did:

**John 11:41-44**

**So they took away the stone [from Lazarus' tomb]. Then Jesus looked up and said, "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."**

**When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."**

Validation to His closest disciples:

**Matthew 17:1-3, 5**

**After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.**

**While he [Peter] was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"**

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## POTTER AND CLAY

This morning the Lord gave me a clue about what He wanted me to study and talk with Him about during our quiet time together. The clue He gave me was a song.

(a song)

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way  
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay  
Mold me and make me after Thy will  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

As the song went through my mind over and over, I realized He wanted me to study about the Potter and clay, so I asked Him and heard yes to that.

Here are some scriptures about that:



**Isaiah 29:16**

**You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, "He did not make me"? Can the pot say of the potter, "He knows nothing"?**

**Isaiah 45:9**

**Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, "What are you making?"**

**Isaiah 64:8**

**Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.**

**Jeremiah 18:6**

**Then the word of the Lord came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.**

**Romans 9:21**

**Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?**

**2 Corinthians 4:7**

**We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.**

**2 Timothy 2:20-21**

**In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.**

*That's the key of the whole thing - being cleansed from ignoble purposes! If a man cleanses himself from them, he will be an instrument for noble purposes. He will be made holy and useful to Me. He will be prepared to do any good work. That is what I want to talk about today. That is why I brought that song into your mind.*

*I want to be the One who is shaping you, My child. I want to be the One who is shaping all who belong to Me - just like the Potter shapes the clay and*

*make out of it whatever He chooses. I am the Potter. You are the clay. Ask Me to shape you exactly the way I want you to be - for Me and for My purposes.*

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## THINGS WE TREASURE

"But Mary kept [treasured] all these things and pondered them in her heart."

That is the verse I was given as a child to speak in the Christmas drama at our church. Each year we did a drama about the birth of Christ. This particular year each child stood at a microphone and spoke by memory the line given to him/her. Ever since then that verse has remained in my memory.

As an adult I now believe the Lord guided that situation so I would be given that special verse to learn. Why? Because that is the kind of person I am. That is the kind of person He made me to be. I am one who likes to treasure things up in my heart and ponder them.

Today the Lord brought back that verse to me to ponder. Then I realized He wanted me to study about the things we "treasure" in our hearts, and ponder, and think about.

**But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.  
(Luke 2:19 KJV)**

**But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19 NIV)**

*You treasure My words, Joan, and so I give them to you day after day.*

*Those who wrote for Me in the New Testament also treasured My words - John, Mark, Matthew, Luke, Paul, James, Jude and Peter.*

*Look up the word treasure.*

*Those who treasure My words, treasure Me.*

## REGARDING TREASURES

**Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)**

**My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:3)**

### REGARDING PONDERING

**All mankind will fear; they will proclaim the works of God and ponder what he has done. (Psalm 64:9)**

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. (Psalm 8:3-5)**

**Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord. (Psalm 107:43)**

**Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom...I will meditate on your wonderful works. (Psalm 145:3, 5)**

**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. (Philippians 4:8)**

*Store up for yourself treasures, Joan. What treasures? All that I am. I am all the treasures you need, so place Me in your heart and ponder the wonders I am. I am all you will ever need. In Me are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. So when you want wisdom and knowledge, come to Me. When you want the answers to your questions about life, come to Me. I am your treasure that you are to ponder.*

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## PRINCE OF PEACE

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)**

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

**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 )**

**But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)**

*My peace I give unto you. Peace, peace when there is no peace. Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in Me.*

*I have come not to bring peace but a sword. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.*

*Peace will come on the world when I am its Prince. Prince means ruler - the highest ruler, the One in authority.*

*Peace - what does it mean? That's what I want to talk about. Look at all the promises I made in My Word and list the things of peace spoken there. What I have spoken will be done and there WILL be peace.*

*But first I must deal with the prince of the power of the air and thoroughly defeat him and his minions. That is what is taking place right now. We are in that battle and we ARE winning. That's why you see so many small conflicts all over the world.*

*The devil is trying his best to rule and reign over the world. He is giving it his best shot. But he is losing, day after day - for it is prophesied that I will win, and I will. He knows that.*

*The mysteries of the kingdom - one of the mysteries is that I will win and how I will win. The devil cannot figure that out.*

### Promises of peace from Scriptures

Judges 6:24  
The Lord Is Peace.

Psalm 4:8  
In peace I will lie down and sleep and dwell in safety.

Psalm 29:11  
The Lord blesses his people with peace.

John 14:27  
Peace I leave with you; My peace.

John 16:33  
In Me you may have peace.

Romans 8:6  
The mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 15:13  
God will fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him

Galatians 5:22  
One of the fruit of the Spirit is peace

Philippians 4:7  
The peace of God will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:15  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

## GLORY

(A song)

For God so loved the world He gave His only Son  
To die on Calvary's tree, from sin to set me free  
Some day He's coming back, what glory that will be  
Wonderful His love to me.

As I sang this song (from church camp as a child) I kept thinking about the words "What glory that will be" until I realized He wanted to emphasize that today. Then He began to speak to me about His glory:

*Glory - what is glory, Joan?*

*I am glory. So glory is My manifested presence. Glory is what I carry on Me and reveal to the extent I want.*

*Glory is what Peter, James, and John saw on Me at the mount of transfiguration.*

### **Matthew 17:1-3**

**After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.**

*Glory is what the disciples saw as I ascended.*

### **Acts 1:9-11**

**After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 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."**

*Glory is what Isaiah saw in chapter 6*

### **Isaiah. 6:1-3**

**In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above**

him were seraphs, each with six wings...And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

*Glory is what the Israelites had over them in the fire by night and the cloud by day.*

**Exodus 13:21-22**

By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

*Glory is what John saw in Revelation 1*

**Revelation 1:9-16**

I, John...was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet...I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

*Glory is what I have prepared for you My people.*

**Romans 8:29-30**

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

*Glorious is My Father seated on His heavenly throne.*

**Rev 4:2-3, 5-6**

At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne...From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven

**lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass.**

*Glory is what I want you to focus on today and write about.*

*Every time I touched someone to heal them I expressed My glory. So glory is also an expression of supernatural power.*

**Luke 6:19**

**The people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.**

(the song from above)

Some day He's coming back, what glory that will be

**Matthew 24:30**

**Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.**

**Matthew 25:31-32**

**When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him.**

**Mark 13:26**

**At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.**

Glory: a brilliant light indicating the presence of God.

**Exodus 24:15-17**

**When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.**



## OVERCOME

*That's one reason I sent you to earth - to overcome troubles. By overcoming troubles you are built up and established in Me. I have overcome all troubles even to the point of overcoming death. You will too. You will overcome all troubles because I am in you and I have overcome all. And you will overcome death too as I did because you are in Me and I am in you.*

*How do you overcome? By the blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony - and not shrinking back from death.*

*Write that scripture in every translation you have available here.*

**Revelation 12:11 NIV**

**They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.**

**Revelation 12:11 NLT**

**And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.**

**Revelation 12:11 RSV**

**And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.**

**Revelation 12:11 KJV**

**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.**

**Revelation 12:11 TMB**

**They defeated him through the blood of the Lamb and the bold word of their witness. They weren't in love with themselves; they were willing to die for Christ.**

**Revelation 12:11 AMP**

**And they have overcome (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to life even when faced with death [holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing].**

**Revelation 12:11 TLB**

**They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb, and by their testimony; for they did not love their lives but laid them down for him.**

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CONSEQUENCES OF OVERCOMING

**“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him...Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.” (Psalm 37:7, 9)**

*And I say you have now “inherited the earth.” It is accomplished. Receiving the manifestation of what that means is a process which has now begun. You will see it come into being gradually as this process continues.*

*It means that through waiting on Me, and resting and trusting in Me, a process of “overcoming” has taken place - like spoken of in Revelation.*

*Write down here the fruits or consequences of overcoming as mentioned in Revelation:*

EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE

**To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (Revelation 2:7)**

*You will become like what you eat from, what you look at, what you behold. Eat from the manna of Me, Jesus, and become like Me. Eat from the tree of life and take on its characteristics: the 12 fruit it bears monthly and the healing in its leaves. I am Life, so eating from this tree gives you Me, My Life.*

**On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. (Revelation 22:2)**

**Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. (Revelation 22:14)**

*They get to "inherit the land" of the city of God.*

NOT BE HURT BY THE SECOND DEATH

**He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death. (Revelation 2:11b)**

HIDDEN MANNA, WHITE STONE WITH A NEW NAME

**To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it. (Revelation 2:17)**

*Manna = Jesus, the Bread of Life (John 6:49-51). Hidden = only overcomers get to know. The new name is what you will be-as I created you to be.*

AUTHORITY, MORNING STAR

**To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star. (Revelation 2:26-28)**

*I will give you authority in the kingdom because you are an overcomer, and I will give you understanding about that authority. The Morning Star is I, Myself. I give you Myself! And that Star is brightly shining - so you will shine brightly in My kingdom.*

DRESSED IN WHITE, NAME IN BOOK OF LIFE, ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE  
FATHER AND ANGELS

**He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, and will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. (Revelation 3:5)**

PILLAR, GOD'S NAME ON ME, NAME OF CITY ON ME,  
JESUS' NEW NAME ON ME

**Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. (Revelation 3:12)**

SIT WITH JESUS ON HIS THRONE

**To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Revelation 3:21)**

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SANCTIFY BY THE TRUTH

**Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:17)**

SANCTIFY

Sanctify: Greek *hagiazō* (set apart for sacred use or make holy)

(From NIV Scofield Study Bible, p. 1611 summary note on sanctification at Revelation 22:11)

1. In position: believers are eternally set apart for God by redemption, "through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:10). Positionally, therefore, believers are "saints" and "holy" from the moment of believing (Philippians 1:1; Hebrews 3:1).

**Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. (Hebrews 3:1)**

2. By experience, believers are being sanctified by the work of the Holy Spirit through the Scriptures (John 17:17; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 5:25-26; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

**And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)**

3. In consummation, believers' complete sanctification awaits the appearing of the Lord (Ephesians 5:27; 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 he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2)**

*I am sanctifying you, Joan, every single day of your life. This is a moment-by-moment work that I do. But you cooperate with Me by listening to Me and following Me. As you listen and obey, the process of sanctification is carried out. It is completed at the moment you leave the earth either by death or by rapture. Whatever degree of sanctification you have reached then will be for eternity.*

**Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. (Revelation 22:12)**

## TRUTH

**Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:17)**



**I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one come to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)**

**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 1:13)**

**He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. (James 1:18)**

*I tell you the truth. The Word of Truth is what comes from My mouth. I am the Truth and I speak the truth - always. I am the same yesterday, today, and forever. I never change. The only way to the Father is through Me. And I sanctify you through My Word of Truth.*

HE GAVE US BIRTH THROUGH THE WORD OF TRUTH

**Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again!" (John 3:3)**

**Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit." (John 3:5-6)**

*I give you birth through My Word of Truth. My Word created the world, and My word created you.*

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## I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK

I treasure Your words, Lord. Thank You for speaking them to me today, and every day.

*You're welcome, My daughter. It is My pleasure to communicate with you. Remember "I stand at the door and knock"*

**Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me. (Revelation 3:20)**

*Yes, I am available every day in every way. I stand at the door and knock. I do this for all who are called by My Father and Me. We stand at the door and knock. And we neither slumber nor sleep, but we keep on knocking and keep on knocking until the person finally opens the door. Then we come in and fellowship with them.*

I knew as I typed this scripture in my journal today that this is the scripture He wants me to study today. The key words are "hears My voice" and "opens the door". The thought that comes are the words "he who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." This is in Revelation 3:13 and six other places in Revelation.

**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Revelation 3:13)**

I wonder how many "hear His voice" but do not open the door. I pray for them, that they will hear His voice, and stop and listen to His voice, and choose to open the door. Then

He will come in, and they will eat together and talk of wonderful things He has for that person.

I realize as I write this that the key words are "stop and listen to His voice". I wonder how many people hear His voice but do not stop and listen. I know that, when I hear His voice, I need to stop whatever else I am doing and listen to Him. When I do this, I show Him that what He says is very important to me and valued by me. When I do that, then He speaks to me more and more.

This is a good prayer to pray - "*Lord, give me ears to hear You, and a heart to listen to You and value what You say to me.*"

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## A HEART TO UNDERSTAND

*Lord, give me ears to hear You, and a heart to listen to You and value what You say to me.*

That reminds me of the scripture about asking God for a "heart to understand." It is from Deuteronomy 29:4

*And, Lord, give me a heart to understand.*

**But to this day the Lord has not given you a mind that understands or eyes that see or ears that hear. (Deuteronomy 29:4)**

*You see, as you read this scripture, that it is I who gives a mind that understands. And it is I who gives eyes to see or ears that hear. You are blessed, My child, because I give these freely to you. It is not that way with everyone. But it IS that way with My chosen ones.*

*Yes, there are ones I choose to open their ears. And there are ones I choose to close their ears...like Pharaoh (see Exodus 4:21). It is My choice. I am the Potter. You are the clay. (see Isaiah 64:8)*

As I look at scriptures that talk about this idea of a heart to understand, I note these: Isaiah 6:10; Acts 28:27; Matthew 13:15; Romans 11:8; 2 Corinthians 3:14-16. Also compare John 8:43 and Ephesians 4:18.

**Isaiah 6:9-10**

**He said, "Go and tell this people: " 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."**

**Acts 28:25-27**

**They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: "The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your forefathers when he said through Isaiah the prophet: 'Go to this people and say, "you will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving." For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' "**

**Matthew 13:11-15**

**Jesus replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. This is why I speak to them in parables:**

**"Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: 'you will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them."**

**Romans 11:7-8**

**What then? What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the elect did. The others were hardened, as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear to this very day."**

**2 Corinthians 3:14-15**

**But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.**

**John 8:42-43**



**Jesus said to them, "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."**

**Ephesians 4:18**

**They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.**

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## A DISPLAY OF HIS GLORY AND GRACE

*Forever and forever I will have a display of My glory and My grace as seen in My church, My beloved ones, whom I gave My only Son for, and for whom He gave his life on the cross. Forever and forever I will display My glory in them to all others who are not part of My glorious church, My bride. My bride is a special group of people whom I gave My life for, and they belong to Me forever as a display of what I did on earth when I came there to save them.*

**Psalm 19:1**

**The heavens declare the glory of God.**

**Isaiah 44:23**

**He displays his glory in Israel.**

**Ezekiel 39:21**

**I will display my glory among the nations**

**Ephesians 1:4-6**

**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**

**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.**

**Ephesians 1:13-14**

**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 2:6-7 NIV**

**And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.**

**Ephesians 2:7 NLT**

**So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.**

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

**2 Thessalonians 1:7, 10**

**This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels...on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.**

**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.**

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DEPOSIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A GUARANTEE

*Now I want you to know this...it is a VERY SHORT TIME now until the rapture and the changing of the bodies of all who belong to Me - those who*

*truly belong to Me, not those who just think they belong to Me, but really don't.*

*The filling with My Spirit is the key to this. The Spirit is the "deposit" that seals our commitment to each other. Those who have My Spirit (like the 5 virgins with plenty of oil - see Matthew 25:1) are the ones who will come with Me when I return for My bride.*

**Ephesians 1:14-15**

**When you 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.**

**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.**

*Right after the rapture there will be a short revival of all those who thought they were Christians, but weren't born again of the Spirit, so they didn't have the Holy Spirit as a deposit in them to guarantee their redemption.*

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## KNOWING GOD

**Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:3)**

*The delight of your life is to know Me, Joan. I am your joy and your delight. I am the One who makes you glad. I am the One who puts meaning in your life every single day. I am the One who leads you and teaches you and blesses you daily. I am the One whom you are to fear with holy reverence. I am the One you are to turn your eyes upon day after day as you look for meaning and purpose in life. I am the One who will guide you. AND I am the One*

*who will return with a shout to rapture you from the earth at My appointed time.*

We ask Him to teach us His ways to know Him

**Exodus 33:13**

**If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you.**

We follow His precepts for understanding to know Him

**Psalms 111:10**

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.**

Our boast is understanding and knowing Him

**Jeremiah 9:23**

**This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength, or the rich man boast of his riches, 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," declares the Lord.**

We ask Wisdom and Revelation to know Him

**Ephesians 1:17**

**I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.**

He gives us understanding so we may know Him

**1 John 5:20**

**We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true.**

We know in our hearts that He lives

**Job 19:25**

**I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.**

We need to be still to know Him

**Psalm 46:10**

**Be still and know that I am God.**

God gives us the heart to know Him

**Jeremiah 24:7**

**I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord.**

His sheep know Him

**John 10:14**

**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.**

Eternal life is to know Him

**John 17:3**

**Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.**

Knowing Christ Jesus is the most important thing

**Philippians 3:8**

**I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.**

We know in whom we believe

**2 Timothy 1:12**

**I know whom I have believed, and am convinced he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.**

Jesus will continue to make Father known to us

**John 17:26**

**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.**

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## CHOSEN

*You are My chosen, Joan. You are My chosen. I chose you because I knew you would respond to My message and I knew you would love Me. I knew you ahead of time - before the foundation of the world.*

**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. (John 15:16)**

**You do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. (John 15:19)**

**He chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. (Ephesians 1:4)**

**From the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. . (2 Thessalonians 2:13)**

**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. (1 Peter 2:9)**

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## SHARE IN THE GLORY

**From the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He**

**called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)**

*You didn't know I chose you to SHARE in My glory, did you? I know that phrase "share in My glory" surprised you today. That is the surprise I wanted you to find today, so I revealed this to you as you read My Word. I called you "that you might share in My glory". Amazing, isn't it? That is My word to you today, Joan. You get to "share in My glory"!*

**Psalm 8:4-5**

**What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.**

**John 17:22**

**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.**

**Romans 8:18**

**I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.**

**Romans 8:30**

**And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.**

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

**And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.**

**2 Corinthians. 4:17**

**For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!**

**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.**

**2 Timothy 2:10**

**Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.**

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## ARISE, SHINE

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)**

In my Quiet Time listening to the Lord to day, He quickened this scripture to me as applying to the rapture of the church. I had never thought of it as applying to that before. It was a brand new revelation thought to me.

I could imagine the event of the rapture happening in my mind and the Lord saying to us, His Bride,

*Arise, shine, My children, My precious ones, My bride, and come with Me. For your Light has come, your Bridegroom has come. My Light that covers you is now upon you. My glory rises upon you! Arise and come with Me.*

*Come away, My beloved. I have waited for this day from eternity past. I have awaited this day when My Bride comes to live with Me in heaven, and then upon the earth - together at last. Come away, My loved one from the foundation of the world.*

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## NEW BEGINNINGS

*New beginnings, new beginnings. You are a child of new beginnings, Joan. That's why you were born on the 8th day of the month.*

*Study new beginnings today - behold I do something new, do you not see it? New heavens and new earth.*



*You've had many new beginnings with Me in your lifetime, Joan, and you get to have a new beginning along with Me in the Millennium. You will see the finishing and tearing down of the "old" world and the rebuilding of the new world - along beside Me.*

*All My bride will do this with Me. I will take you (bride) out of the world, finish tearing it down, and then you will help Me rebuild it to My glory. You will like that.*

8:38 a.m.

*Why does 8:38 catch your attention so often? Because it stands for the new beginnings that you and We (Trinity) will make together. Therefore it is symbolic of your life linked together with Mine. That's why I have drawn your attention to it so often. It symbolizes Me in the midst of you - My "new beginning" person.*

*838 is good because it stands for what is in your future, your new beginning on the restored earth (see Revelation 20:6), AND in the new heavens and new earth where we will live together forever (see Revelation 21).*



## NEW BIRTH

**John 3:3, 6**

**Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again...I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.**

**1 Peter 1:23**

**For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.**

## NEW COMMAND

**John 13:34**

**A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.**

## NEW COVENANT

### **Jeremiah 31:31**

**"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah."**

### **Mark 14:24**

**This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many.**

### **1 Corinthians 11:25**

**This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.**

### **Hebrews 8:10**

**"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts."**

## NEW CREATION

### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!**

## NEW HEART

### **Ezekiel 36:26**

**I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.**

## NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH

### **Isaiah 65:17**

**Behold, I will create new heavens and new earth. The former things will not be remembered nor will they come to mind.**

### **Isaiah 66:22**

**"As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the Lord, "so will your name and descendants endure.**

### **2 Peter 3:12-13**

**That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.**

**Revelation 21:1**

**Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.**

#### NEW JERUSALEM

**Revelation 21:2**

**I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.**

#### NEW LIFE

**Romans 6:4**

**We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life**

#### NEW MAN

**Ephesians 2:15**

**His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death this hostility.**

#### NEW COMPASSIONS

**Lamentations 3:23**

**Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning.**

#### NEW NAME

**Isaiah 62:2**

**You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.**

**Revelation 2:17**

**To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.**

NEW SELF

**Ephesians 4:24**

**You were taught...to be made new in the attitude of your minds, and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

NEW SONG

**Psalm 40:3**

**He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.**

**Psalm 96:1**

**Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

**Revelation 5:9**

**Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song.**

NEW SPIRIT

**Ezekiel 36:26**

**I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.**

NEW THINGS

**Isaiah 42:9**

**See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare: before they spring into being I announce them to you.**

**Isaiah 43:18-19**

**Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?**

**Isaiah 48:6-7**

**From now on I will tell you of new things, of hidden things unknown to you. They are created now, and not long ago; you have not heard of them before today.**

NEW WAY

**Romans 7:6**

**But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.**

NEW WINE

**Matthew 9:17**

**Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.**

NEW WORLD

**Matthew 19:28 RSV**

**Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

ALL THINGS NEW

**Matthew 19:28 NIV**

**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.**

**Revelation 21:5**

**He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"**

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WATCH AND PRAY

**Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak. (Matthew 26:41)**

*That's what you are doing right now, Joan. You are watching and praying as you wait before Me and listen for what I will tell you each day.*

**Pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)**

*Pray without ceasing - that means to be in contact with Me all the time, day and night, so you can instantly hear My message when I speak.*

**This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. (Matthew 6:9-13)**

**Keep watch, because you do not know on what day our Lord will come. (Matthew 24:42)**

**Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (Mark 11:24)**

**It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. (Luke 12:37)**

**Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. (Luke 18:1)**

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)**

*What you pull down into the earth realm [from heaven] enriches the earth realm. It holds back the forces of the enemy. Watching and praying holds back the forces of the enemy. It has power to do that. Yes - the Restrainer is in you. And He is in all who truly belong to Me.*

THE RESTRAINER

**That day [the day of the Lord] will not come, until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. (2 Thessalonians 2:3)**

**And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed. (2 Thessalonians 6-8)**

*Think of the earth's atmosphere filled with all the goodness of My people who watch and pray daily. That is a powerful force. It restrains the enemy because He can't go any place where My light is. Darkness cannot dispel light. Light dispels darkness.*

*So when I take out My people [from the earth to heaven], that which restrains the enemy isn't there to restrain anymore, and the enemy comes in to those empty spaces.*

*That's when the antichrist will reveal himself.*

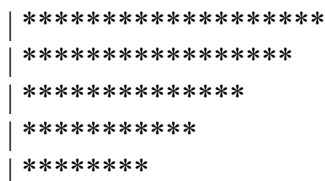
*Oh, he is here on the earth right now, Joan. He is biding his time and slowly making his way to the place and time of his revealing.*

DIFFERENT AMOUNTS OF THE RESTRAINER IN CHRISTIANS

**Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)**

This is the graph picture the Lord gave me to explain the different levels/amounts of deposits of the Holy Spirit (the Restrainer) that is in various Christians who belong to the Lord. This graph shows the amount of oil (Holy Spirit) they take to heaven with them when they are translated or transferred there.

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## LISTENING

*Watch and pray. Part of prayer is listening. I want you to do a study on listening.*

**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.  
(Revelation 3:6)**

*Eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart to understand.*

*Listen and you will hear - the finest of things.*

*Listen My son, and remember the advice I'm giving you.*

**Listen, my son, to your father's instruction. (Proverbs 1:8)**

*My son, listen to My word.*

**Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. (Proverbs 4:1)**

**My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight; keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body. (Proverbs 4:20)**

**My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight, that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge. (Proverbs 5:1-2)**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105)**



*Listen to My heart, Joan, and keep your heart in tune with Mine.*

*Listen to My prophets and bring their words before Me for verification.*

*If anyone would follow after Me - "follow after Me" means listening to Me.*

**Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. (Deuteronomy 6:4)**

*How can you hear if you do not listen? How can you listen if your mind is cluttered with other things.*

**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)**

*Listen, My children, and you shall hear -*

*He who has ears let him hear. Ask for ears to hear, and then set yourself apart to listen to Me - with an undivided heart.*

*It is very important when listening, to have an undivided heart - a heart that is committed to My way and not seeking your way mixed with My way. That separates us. So ask for a heart that listens and a heart that is committed to follow Me.*

*Listen, listen, listen - in peace and quiet and rest.*

(song)  
O rest in the Lord. Wait patiently for Him.

*Waiting patiently is also part of listening.*

(song)  
And He will give thee thy heart's desires.

*Listen to My heart, Joan, and you will know which way to go and what answer to give.*

*Listening is a powerful tool in your toolbox for life.*

*As you listen to Me you learn to know Me. To know Me is eternal life (John 17)*

**Now this is eternal life; that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:3)**

*Listen to the thoughts I give you as you read My word. Don't let those thoughts slip away unheeded. I will speak to you through My Word.*

**Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " (Matthew 4:4)**

*Take care of your body, but don't put it first.*

*Early in the morning is your best time to listen - before you start making plans for the day and clutter your mind with that.*

**In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. (Psalm 5:3)**



## SCRIPTURES ON LISTENING

### **Deuteronomy 6:4 NLT**

***Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.***

### **Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NLT**

**This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, *listen* to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life.**

### **1 Samuel 3:10 NLT**

**And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is *listening*."**

**Proverbs 1:5 NLT**

Let the wise *listen* to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles.

**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.

**Ecclesiastes 5:1**

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. *Go near to listen* rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.

**Jeremiah 26:2-3**

Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word. Perhaps they will *listen* and each will turn from his evil way.

**Matthew 13:11-13 NLT**

He replied, "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. That is why I use these parables, for they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really *listen* or understand."

**Luke 9:34**

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; *listen to him.*"

**John 10:2-4**

The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the 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*.

**John 10:16**

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.

**John 10:27-28**

***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.***

**Acts 3:22-23**

**For Moses said, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must *listen* to everything he tells you. Anyone who *does not listen* to him will be completely cut off from among his people."**

**James 1:19**

**My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to *listen*, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for a man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.**

**1 John 4:6**

**We are from God, and *whoever knows God listens to us*; but whoever is not from God *does not listen* to us.**

**Revelation 1:3 NLT**

**God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who *listen to its message and obey what it says*, for the time is near.**

**Revelation 2:7 NLT**

***Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit* and understand what he is saying to the churches.**

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JUSTICE

**Isaiah 42:1-4 NCV**

**Here is my servant, the one I support. He is the one I chose, and I am pleased with him. I have put my Spirit upon him, and he will bring justice to all nations...He will truly bring justice; he will not lose hope or give up until he brings justice to the world.**

As I read this scripture I felt I was to focus on justice as a topic to study. So I found these scriptures on justice:

**He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice. The Lord is known by his justice. The Lord is righteous,**

**he loves justice. Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. It is from the Lord that man gets justice.**

(From Psalm 9:8 Psalm 9:16 Psalm 11:7 Psalm 45:6 Proverbs 29:26)

**But the Lord Almighty will be exalted by his justice, and the holy God will show himself holy by his righteousness. 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. I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him.**

(From Isaiah 5:16 Isaiah 9:7 Isaiah 28:17 Isaiah 30:18)

**This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. Blessed is the man who does this, the man who holds it fast. For I, the Lord, love justice. I will shepherd the flock with justice."**

(From Isaiah 56:1-2 Isaiah 61:8 Ezekiel 34:15)

*Justice is who I am. I am Justice and Righteousness. I am forever Justice and Righteousness. Therefore only those who are just and righteous will live with Me forever in My heavenly kingdom. That kingdom is established on justice and righteousness and is eternal. You are one who will be there along with many others who belong to Me and love Me and believe in Me. Therefore justice and peace will roll on like a river (see Amos 5:24).*

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## WHAT YOU FOCUS ON

*What you focus on is what you get.*

**They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall rise up with wings like eagles. (Isaiah 40:31)**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33)**

**Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (Mark 11:24)**

**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses. (Acts 1:8)**

**In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. (Acts 2:17)**

**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 3:2)**

*What you focus on is what you get. Focus on Me - and you get Me. Turn your eyes on Me. Seek first My kingdom. Ask for Me in prayer. Be My witnesses in the power of My Spirit. Wait on Me and I will renew your strength. Then you will rise up with wings like eagles.*

*I am pouring out My Spirit on all people even now, in your very days on this earth. I am pouring out My Spirit day and night, day and night, upon all people. Listen and hear. Receive all I have for you to receive. I am your Light and your Salvation. I am the Author and Perfecter of your faith. And I WILL perfect it.*

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## FAITH IN ACTION

In my dream I was at a church camp.

*What does church camp mean? It means being with a group of people dedicated/committed to Me.*

I thought: When the Holy Spirit came upon them then they became bold.

*And that's the way it is with you when you write like this. My Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you have the faith to write what I give you.*

*You EXPECT Me to speak to you, and I do.*

*He - Jamie Galloway (seen on Sid Roth's TV program) - imagined bones forming in that boy's foot. He expected it and focused on it.*

*You imagine Me giving you words to write for our books together and you wait expectantly for those words - you focus on Me and on them - and you receive it.*

*It's the same process. It's believing. It's faith in action.*

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FOR THIS REASON I WAS BORN  
TO TESTIFY TO THE TRUTH

**Jesus answered, "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." (John 18:37)**

*To testify to the truth, Joan. That is why I came into the world. And I called out My disciples to also testify to the truth.*

*I am Truth. My Father is Truth. Holy Spirit is Truth. And you are My testimony as to who I am - the Truth.*

*That is why I called you to Me way back in the 70's by calling you to find the truth about who you are, and about life, and what life is for. I called you to Me at that time.*

*I called you to come apart with Me and to get to know Me, the Truth. And then I led you to Me.*

*So I called you, I led you, and then I brought you into close relationship with Me. That is why I was born - to bring all those who belong to My Father to the Truth.*

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## ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

*This is what life's about - it's about relationships. That's why I gave you the first two commandments about the most important relationships.*

*First the relationship with Me*

*Second the relationship with others and yourself.*

### **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. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."**

*That's what love is. Love is about how you think and act in relationships - with caring, with respect for one another, and with honoring one another.*

### **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.**

*Notice these Scriptures on honoring one another and preferring one another.*

### **Romans 12:9-10**



**Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.**

**Romans 12:13**

**Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another.**

**Ephesians 6:2**

**Honor your father and mother - which is the first commandment with a promise - that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.**

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## REST IN ME

*My dove, My lovely one, receive all you need from Me today. Rest in Me; wait for Me; listen for My footsteps into your consciousness. I will walk with you today and lead you and show you the way to relate to Me the way I desire for you to relate to Me today.*

*Every day is different, Joan. Some days I speak loudly and clearly. Some days I am quiet and want you to quietly rest in Me and trust Me for what to do. Today is one of THOSE days - the quiet ones. Rest in Me.*

*Look up REST and place your favorite rest scriptures here now.*

**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 6:16)

*Rest in Me. No matter what comes, rest in Me. Now you are learning to do that (rest in Me) and I want you to go through everything, no matter what it is, in My rest.*

**The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. Rest in the Lord (be still before the Lord), and wait patiently for him. He that dwells in the shelter (secret place) of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” In returning and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength.**

(From Exodus 33:14 Deuteronomy 33:12 Psalm 23:2-3 Psalm 37:7 Psalm 91:1-2 Isaiah 30:15)

*My rest is My "Secret Place". It is My "Shelter". It is abiding "under My shadow". It is "under My wings". It is "the Secret Place of the Most High". It is your "bubble". It is "the house of the Lord". It is your "hedge of protection". It is your refuge. It is your fortress.*

**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. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. For only we who believe can enter his rest. There is a special rest still waiting for the people of God. For all who have entered God's rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world.**

(From Matthew 11:28-30 Hebrews 4:3 Hebrews 4:9 Hebrews 4:10)

*That is where you are right now, and where I want you to remain. That is your place of protection, and comfort, and peace with Me.*

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## HERITAGE

**"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me," declares the Lord. (Isaiah 54:17)**

*You have a heritage in Me, Joan, and I want you to know and understand what that is. So spend time today looking at what My Word says about your heritage in Me.*

**Psalm 33:12**

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen for his inheritance.**

*You see that My inheritance is for those chosen by Me and they are blessed.*

**Psalm 37:29**

**The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever.**

*The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it.*

**Psalm 94:14**

**For the Lord will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance.**

*My inheritance will never be forsaken or rejected.*

**Matthew 5:5**

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

*The meek will have an inheritance - the earth.*

**Matthew 25:34**

**Then the king will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."**

*Notice the inheritance is the kingdom, and it was prepared for those who receive it since the creation of the world.*

**Acts 20:32**

**Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.**

*It is God and the word of His grace that gives you an inheritance.*

**Romans 8:17**

**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.**

*You are co-heirs with Christ by sharing in His sufferings.*

**Galatians 3:29**

**If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

*Your inheritance comes through the promise.*

**Ephesians 1:13-14**

**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.**

*The seal guaranteeing your inheritance is the promised Holy Spirit who marks you.*

**Ephesians 1:18**

**I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.**

*I desire for you to know your inheritance as it is rich and glorious.*

**Colossians 3:23-24**

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as your reward.**

*Your inheritance is your reward from Me.*

**Titus 3:5-7**

**He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**

*Your inheritance includes the hope of eternal life.*

**Hebrews 1:14**

**Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?**

*Your inheritance includes angels ministering to you.*

**Hebrews 9:15**

**For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

*Your inheritance is promised and it is eternal.*

**Hebrews 11:7**

**By his faith he [Noah] became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.**

*This inheritance comes by faith.*

**1 Peter 1:3-4**

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you.**

*Your inheritance can never perish, spoil or fade. It is kept in heaven for you.*

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WHERE IS HE?

The Lord said to go to John 7:11. So I did that.

**Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for him and asking, "Where is he?" (John 7:11)**

I felt He wanted me to ask Him that same question, so I asked, "Where are You, Jesus?"

*Among the downhearted, the lowly, the humble, the kind, the true. I'm with those who love Me, who worship Me, and who call upon Me.*

*I'm with those who cry out to Me, and seek Me with all their hearts.*

*I'm with those who love My Father and love My children.*

*Call to Me and I will answer you and tell and show you great and marvelous things which you do not know - unsearchable things - only I know them.*

**Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3)**

I call to You, Lord!

*Remember Lot and how I would have spared the city if there were 10 good people there?*

**He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it." (Genesis 18:32)**

*This is about the Kansas City Metro area. There are at least 10 people here, at least 100 people here, at least 1000 people here who belong to Me and worship Me in Spirit and truth. One thousand represents all here who belong to Me.*

*I will spare this city. It will be, and is, one of My spiritual hubs.*

*That's why I brought you (and many others) here - to be My anointed ones in the coming days of distress.*

*You will be the calm in the middle of the storm, the place of peace and tranquility.*

*So - WHERE IS HE?*

*Right here in the Kansas City area.*

*That is the question of the day - WHERE AM I?*

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## HIS FACE

**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 6:24-26)**

*Do you want to know about My face? My face represents Me. Just as My name represents Me.*

*So if I turn My face toward you, that is a good thing. If I turn My face away from you, that is bad for you. If My face is toward you, I am FOR you. It means you have My attention.*

**Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. (James 4:8)**

I saw a picture of a little child looking up intently at her Father waiting for Him to acknowledge her. And other children were there also, who were taller than she was, but they were tending to what they were interested in and not looking to the Father.

*That's the way I see you, Joan, as that little child waiting for My attention (My face) to turn toward you. And we smile at each other, and love passes between us.*

*Joan, I am protecting you. My face is My guarantee of protection. My face IS turned toward you.*

*That blessing places My name on you and My name is a promise of protection. It's like being in the secret place in regard to protection.*

**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.**

**Psalm 4:6**

**Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

**Psalm 27:8**

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

**Psalm 31:16**

**Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.**

**Psalm 105:4**

**Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.**

**Psalm 119:135**

**Make your face shine upon your servant and teach me your decrees.**

**1 Peter 3:12**

**For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.**

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## DWELL

**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)**

This is one of my favorite verses. This is what I desire to do - to DWELL in the house of the Lord. As I read this scripture today I felt led to seek other verses about *dwelling*. I know that word is in Psalm 91 - another favorite scripture of mine.

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1)**

**If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the Lord, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (Psalm 91:9-11)**

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

**I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)**

**Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. (Psalm 43:3)**



**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. (Psalm 46:4-5)**

**Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. (Psalm 65:4)**

**How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. (Psalm 84:1-3)**

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. (Psalm 84:4)**

**Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the Lord is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. (Psalm 84:10-11)**

**Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool. (Psalm 132:7)**

**There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. (Luke 2:36-37)**

*And that's you, Joan. You are My Anna, never leaving the temple of My presence, worshiping Me night and day, fasting and praying. That's why I led you to this scripture today - to show you this - that you are like Anna. Even your name is similar to hers.*

*And you are My intercessor like Anna. And you are My worshiper like Anna. And I reveal things to you that other people do not know, because you have My favor and you dwell before Me night and day.*

*I am your dwelling place. I am your eternal dwelling place. Forever we will be together in My dwelling place. Wherever I am, you will be also. Wherever you are, I will be also.*

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## I SHALL NOT BE IN WANT

The Lord said to go to John 6:10

**Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. (John 6:10-11)**

I had that underlined in my NIV Scofield Study Bible from previously. I had it dated two separate times - once as a promise to me. I also had noted Psalm 23 in regard to plenty of the grass there.

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters; he restores my soul. (Psalm 23:1-3)**

He gives me these thoughts as I read this scripture this morning:

*If they obeyed Me and sat down, they received the bread multiplied. I distributed to "those who were seated".*

*I thanked God for what I had and then God multiplied it to meet the need of that moment "as much as the people wanted."*

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## PEACE BE WITH YOU

**On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" (John 20:19)**

*Remember this when you feel afraid and threatened as these disciples did that night when I appeared to them. Remember what I spoke to them: "Peace be with you!"*

*Remember that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)**

*So when you feel afraid with your doors locked for fear, I will come to you and speak peace to you. What I speak happens. When I speak peace to you, you receive peace from Me.*

**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)**

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## WHAT IS JUSTICE?

**For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! (Isaiah 30:18)**

*What is justice but to bring all things into righteousness - right thinking and right balance. Right thinking IS right balance.*

**God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)**

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" - think like that - all things.*

**I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)**

*Give up who you THINK I am...and ask Me who I REALLY am.*

*I REALLY am - The Almighty. ALL MIGHTY. I can do anything I choose. I don't want to be limited by you.*

**When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty." (Genesis 17:1)**

*I want you to think like Me, not like an earthling. You are a NEW CREATION in Christ now, so I want you to be that way and think that way.*

**If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17)**

*With My thinking you can go anywhere and do anything I ask.*

*You need to trust Me in all things to do what I say I will do.*

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)**

*What does "off balance" mean? It means you are not in right thinking with Me. So let's do what it takes to get you into right thinking with Me. That's what I want. Do you?*

*I want you to know what the enemy is doing and slap him down. Don't receive him when he tries to put lies in your thinking.*

*Lies are to be countered with the truth. And I am the truth. And what I say is the truth. That is what you use to fight the enemy with - the truth, My word, spoken boldly and bravely whenever a lie tries to creep in.*

**Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:16-17)**

*Now ask Me what I want to do for you.*

*I want to give you hope - and joy. I am for you, not against you.*

*Now place the situation in My hands, and rest in Me.*

**Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. (Psalm 37:7)**

**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. (Matthew 11:28-29)**

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## EXPECTATION

**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.**

"EXPECT A MIRACE" was what was featured on the Sid Roth TV show which I watched last night. He interviewed a lady who expected the Lord to do miracles through her on a regular basis, and He did. They told marvelous stories of healings and miracles the Lord did using her. So when I read this scripture today, it caught my attention regarding expectation.

**Romans 8:19**

**The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.**

**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.**

**Philippians 1:20-24**

**I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.**

**Hebrews 10:26-27**

**If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful**

**expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.**

*Expectation is what you experience every morning when you look to Me for leading on what I want you to write about that day. And your expectation is effective, because I give you the thoughts and ideas for writing. Expectation is a vital part of your life with Me. Expectation and hope are closely aligned as in Psalm 62:5.*

**Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. (Psalm 62:5)**

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## THE NEW CREATION

The Lord led me to go to John 16:10, so I read it and pondered it and meditated on what it meant. It was a scripture I had puzzled over many times because I didn't understand what it meant when I read it in NIV. Today He had me read it in NCV and that helped me begin to have some understanding. Then NLT gave me even more understanding.

**John 16:10 NCV**

**He will prove to them that being right with God comes from my going to the Father and not being seen anymore.**

**John 16:10 NIV**

**In regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer.**

**John 16:10 NLT**

**Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more.**

I began to realize that, because Jesus went to the Father, righteousness is available because Jesus took His own blood with Him to the Father as a payment for our sins. So I looked up more scriptures about that.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-18**

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.**

**Colossians 1:19-20**

**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.**

The reconciliation accomplished at Calvary: by the death of Christ the relationship between God and the world was changed: the barrier because of sin was taken away judicially, enabling God to show mercy where judgment was deserved. (From NIV Scofield Study Bible note on Colossians 1:19-20)

**Hebrews 9:11-12**

**When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.**

**Revelation 1:5**

**To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.**

**Revelation 5:9**

**You are worthy...because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God.**

*Therefore, you are a new creation through My blood. The old creation is under the power of Satan because of the fall of Adam, but the new creation is under My power because of My blood shed on the cross for its sins. If you believe in what I did, and if you give your life to Me, then you become My **NEW CREATION** in Christ Jesus.*

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DELIGHT

**Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)**

Today the Lord is bringing this scripture to my mind and has given me the leading to look up scriptures about delight.

**Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. The blessed man's delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.**

**Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup, you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm. I delight to do thy will, O my God**

(From Psalm 37:4 Psalm 1:2 Psalm 16:3 Psalm 16:5-6 Psalm 37:23 Psalm 40:8)

**Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.**

**The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful. Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.**

**I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

(From Psalm 43:3-4 Psalm 119:77 Proverbs 12:22 Isaiah 55:2 Isaiah 61:10)

**Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. 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 the earth, for in these I delight.**

**When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty. Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.**

**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.**



(From Jeremiah 9:24 Jeremiah 15:16 Micah 7:18 Zephaniah 3:17 Matthew 12:18)

*My delight is in you, My daughter, and My delight is in all those who belong to Me. I rejoice over them and watch over them all day, every day, and look to see that they are continually in My favor. My favor rests upon them in whom I delight. You are My joy, and My joy is your strength. I desire that you delight in Me just as I delight in you. Then we will have the closest of friendship and fellowship.*

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## DREAMS

Again in my dream I was at a church camp setting. That has happened many times lately in my dreams. Church camp refers to a kingdom gathering He says. The purpose of it was to bring people to a point of encountering the Lord and having a personal time of His touching them. I believe the Lord will do that through the books He is leading me to write. He had me pray for the people who will read them - for them to be anointed and for the books to be anointed.

*I gave you that song about singing "Dream, dream, dream" because I am now going to bring you teaching and messages through dreams. These dreams may come during your Quiet Time listening time in the morning, during your nap time, or during the nighttime. I want you to write them down and seek Me for the meaning. I also want you to do a study today on significant dreams in the Bible.*

### SIGNIFICANT DREAMS IN THE BIBLE

Nebuchadnezzar

#### **Daniel 2:1-3**

**In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me, and I want to know what it means [or what it was]."**

Jacob

**Genesis 28:10-15**

**Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.**

**There above it stood the Lord, and he said, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."**

Joseph

**Genesis 37:5-11**

**Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."**

**His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.**

**Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers, "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."**

**When he told his father, as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.**

Pharaoh

**Genesis 41:1-4**

**Pharaoh had a dream: he was standing by the Nile when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up.**

Daniel

**Daniel 7:1-3**

**In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying on his bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.**

**Daniel said, "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea."**

Solomon

**1 Kings 3:5**

**At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."**

The Magi

**Matthew 2:12**

**And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.**

Joseph, husband of Mary

**Matthew 1:19-21**

**Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.**

**But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."**

**Matthew 2:13**

**When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."**

**Matthew 2:19-20**

**After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."**

Pilate's wife

**Matthew 27:19**

**While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."**

## PURPOSES OF DREAMS

Restrain from evil

**Genesis 20:3**

**But God came to Abimelech in a dream one night and said to him, "You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a married woman."**

Reveal God's will

**Genesis 28:11-22**

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**When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of god; this is the gate of heaven."**

**Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head, and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. he called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.**

**Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's house, then the Lord will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."**

Encourage

**Judges 7:13-15**

**Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. "I had a dream," he was saying. "A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed."**

**His friend responded, "this can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon sin of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands."**

Reveal future

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Instruct

**Matthew 1:20**

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## THE INTERPRETATION OF DREAMS

Revealed by God

**Genesis 40:8**

**Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God?"**

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## NAMES WRITTEN IN HEAVEN

**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. (Hebrews 12:22-24)**

As I read this scripture today I felt led to look up and read scriptures on those whose "Names are written in heaven."

**THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE IN  
THE BOOK OF LIFE**

**Daniel 12:1**

**At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered.**

**Luke 10:20**

**Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**

**Philippians 4:3**

**Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.**

**Revelation 3:5**

**He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.**

**THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE NOT IN  
THE BOOK OF LIFE**

**Revelation 13:8**

**All the inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast - all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.**

**Revelation 17:8**

**The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.**

**Revelation 20:12, 15**

**And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

**Revelation 21:27**

**Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

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## TREASURE WHAT HE GIVES US

*If you treasure what I give you, then I will give you more. That's the way I work. To him who has, more will be given. To him who has little, even that will be taken from him.*

**Matthew 25:15**

**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.**

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## DID YOU LEARN TO LOVE?

I have heard told many times the story about Bob Jones, the prophet, who died and went to heaven and stood before the Lord. The question he was asked was this: "Did you learn to love?" The Lord asked him to return to earth as there was work He had for Bob to do there to help bring about the great harvest of souls.

That story came to my mind today as I pondered the question he was asked (Did you learn to love?). Then I remembered this scripture from Matthew -

**Jesus replied, "If you want to enter life, obey the commandments...Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 19:17, 19)**

I have sometimes wondered - what does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?

I saw an example of that recently when my daughter did a loving thing for me which went way beyond the usual in helping me. I saw her loving me as she would love herself.

As I pondered this act of love, I realized this fulfilled the commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself." I saw that this kind of love shows a deep and sincere level of kindness and caring that would help the other person even through difficult situations. I realized it was part of honoring the other person and being willing to go beyond the usual to help that person.

When I appear before my Judge in heaven and He asks me if I have learned to love, I want to be able to answer yes and hear those words we look forward to hearing from Him - "Well done, good and faithful servant."

*Have YOU learned to love? You who are reading this book - have YOU learned to love?*