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THANK YOU

*Thank you, Beth, my daughter,
For encouraging me along the way,
For sharing your home with me,
For giving me a computer to use to write this book,
For helping me with computer difficulties,
For knowing how to put this book on the web,
And for taking all the time to do that.
I love you and bless you in Jesus' name.*

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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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THE END OF THE END-TIMES IS HERE

This morning the Lord told me to get up and prepare to write because He wanted to talk to me about the future. So I got up and went to my computer to listen and write. Here is what He told me:

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear 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 one's whole body. (Proverbs 4:20-22)

This is very important so you won't do what "they" did. (Adam and Eve-who chose to disobey the Lord).

So ask Me daily to change you so that you think like I think, and act like I act. Then you will be like I am.

*And THAT is **our goal now**, Joan - to think like I think, act like I act, and be LIKE I AM. More and more we want you to become like I am.*

I got you up early this morning to talk to you - about the future. I want you to see things and know things as I do. Therefore "pay attention to My words, My daughter" as I want you to know things that I know and think as I think.

Yes, Lord.

Now listen while I instruct you:

All that you have done up to this point is to prepare you for today and beyond. You thought your life was nearly over (and there is truth in that) but the focal point of your life is yet to come. And you don't yet know WHAT that focal point is, but I do.

I am going to begin a process of revelation with you now that will bring that about, in My time and in My way, and at the speed I choose.

(Yes, you are getting all this right. Do not fear that you won't. I will lead you and show you the way. Your part is to listen and write what I tell you to write, and then to follow My directions.)

You are following Me well, Joan. Therefore we can go farther together.

Thank You for sharing Your life with me, Lord.

You're welcome, My daughter. It is My pleasure too.

I have all the wisdom and knowledge in the whole world - in fact, in the whole universe - in fact, all the wisdom and knowledge that exists. I AM all the wisdom and knowledge that exists. I created wisdom and knowledge. Do you understand that?

Do I, Lord?

Yes, you do. You understand that because you believe My Word. So let us go on from here...

This was all preparation. Now for the real stuff of the future.

My goal is to prepare for Me and My Father a kingdom. You know about this kingdom and you already belong to this kingdom. It is a kingdom of light and love. It is a kingdom of joy and peace. It is a kingdom of freedom.

This kingdom is eternal. This kingdom will last forever. You will understand "forever" more later after you come back here, where you began your journey, to complete your journey.

You see, your journey began in My heart and thought and mind. I created you from the beginning. I thought of you and created you, and you became a living being. I loved you before you came to earth to be trained, and you knew and understood My love and My plan.

Now it is time to remind you of the plan which you knew in your heart when you came to earth, but temporarily forgot due to earth life.

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. (Matthew 13:11-12)

This plan is outlined in My Word, and that is why you are so attracted to My Word. You KNOW in your heart, your inner self, that My Word is truth and there is something in it that you desire to find and understand. This is it.

I planned My kingdom (of which you are a part) and I planned for all who were in My kingdom. I KNEW YOU. And you KNEW ME.

Therefore, at the right time in your earth life, I brought that "knowing" into prominence in your heart, and you began your search to find Me - the Truth. I brought that to the surface and made it prominent in your heart. I put the yearning in your soul to find Me. And you did, as I led you.

This was My plan. And my plan included all who belong to Me. They are the "wheat" which I planted in My field. (As in Matthew 13:24-30)

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field." (Matthew 13:24)

Now, I realize that puzzles you regarding how the enemy sowed his weeds among the wheat, etc. I will explain that to you eventually. Wait in faith for that explanation. It will come later, not now.

But this is about the wheat - those belonging to Me, which I PLANTED on the earth in MY FIELD. The enemy invaded that field and tried to take it from Me, but I came to earth and won it back to Myself and to My Father. You know that story.

It is time now to harvest that field of wheat. They have been faithfully growing and maturing and becoming "complete." Now they are ready for harvest time.

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Harvest time is the time period you are in right now. You have been seeing and realizing this for quite awhile, and now you know.

At the time of the harvest, notice what I do first:

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)

First, I collect the weeds, and I tie them in bundles to be burned.

That is what I am doing right now - collecting the weeds and tying them into bundles. What do bundles represent? Bringing them together and knitting them together closely. Do you see this happening right now on the news daily? Have I "tied" together a group of people?

Yes, Lord, I DO see that. I see a big division in the people in our country. Perhaps that is the way it is in the whole world. I see that division getting greater and greater with a larger and larger chasm in between - and there seems to be no place where they can come together and agree.

THAT is what you are seeing. THAT is the tying together in bundles. There IS no place of agreement between light and darkness, Joan, NO PLACE.

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:14)

And you can see this more and more. You are watching the end-time bundling. What do I do next?

They are being tied together until the harvest. And you say the harvest is now. You say to Your harvesters (angels) to tie them in bundles. Are Your angels doing this, Lord?

Yes. My angels are doing this. How? You don't need to know how they do this now, but just know they do. Later, up here, you will know all things about this and you will have greater understanding. For now, just know that My angels ARE doing this - daily.

Then You say to tie them into bundles "to be burned."

Yes, the burning part will come later, but it will be soon. The end of the end times is here, Joan. It is now. The END of the end times is now. The tribulation is about to start. But first I must take out My kingdom people.

Some (of My kingdom people) will come out by rapture.

Then some will come out by finding Me and accepting Me during the tribulation (and these will be martyred).

And, finally, the Jewish group that belongs to Me at the very end will come out - some by death, and some by salvation, until the end.

THAT is where we are right now, and what is coming next. That "next" is now upon you. It is right "at the door."

Notice what I do with My wheat? I bring it into the barn. That is the place where they are safe and provided for. That is where you are coming soon, and all who belong to Me.

So, stand strong, My daughter. Stand strong and know that this is upon you now.

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PAY ATTENTION AND KEEP MY WORDS

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear 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 one's whole body. (Proverbs 4:20-22)

My daughter, pay attention to My words. I alone have the words of life and health.

You want to know how to have life? Listen to My words for they give you the pathway to life. The way to life is narrow and steep at times, but it is worth it.

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:1)

Notice the steps I give you:

- *Accept My words*
- *Store up My commands within you*
- *Turn your ear to wisdom*
- *Apply your heart to understanding*
- *Look for it as for silver*
- *Search for it as for hidden treasure*

Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you

desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; and in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed. (Proverbs 3:13-18)

My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble; when you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. (Proverbs 3:21-24)

Lay hold on my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live. Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. (Proverbs 4:4-7)

Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life. (Proverbs 4:13)

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)

My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. (Proverbs 7:1-3)

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. (Proverbs 8:10-11)

[wisdom] My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. (Proverbs 8:19)

Listen to the words of the wise; apply your heart to my instruction. For it is good to keep these sayings in your heart and always ready on your lips. I am teaching you today - yes, you - so you will trust in the Lord. (Proverbs 22:17-19 NLT)

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**But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding come from? Man does not comprehend its worth; it cannot be found in the**

**land of the living...It cannot be bought with the finest gold, nor can its price be weighed in silver... God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells...The fear of the Lord - that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding. (Job 28:12-13, 15, 23, 28)**

**The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44)**

**The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:45-46)**

**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)**

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## HEALTH

**My son, pay attention to what I say, turn your ear 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 one's whole body. (Proverbs 4:20-22)**

*You ARE paying attention to My words, My daughter. You are. You are keeping them in your heart daily. Now meditate on them. Speak them out loud to Me daily, and I will respond to My words and come and heal you.*

*The way to health? Listen to Me and I will show you the way. I AM THE WAY, as well as the truth and the life.*

*My words are health to one's whole body. Learn about what this is and what it means today, Joan. My words are health to one's whole body.*

*Learn everything I have said about health. Look up My Words on health and repeat them back to Me, and I will fulfill them as it says in Isaiah 55.*

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As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth... (Isaiah 55:10)

Think of it (My Word) as watering the earth slowly and gently - and that that is the way My Word is watering your health and life and body daily.

And making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth... (Isaiah 55:10-11)

As you speak forth My Words with your mouth, it is like that word is going forth from My mouth because I live in you and you belong to Me.

It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11 NIV)

The same thing is true of the words I speak. They will not return to me empty. They make the things happen that I want to happen, and they succeed in doing what I send them to do. (Isaiah 55:11 NCV)

And I'm sending it for your good health, Joan. Know this and believe this

You WILL go out in joy and be led forth in peace. (Isaiah 55:12)

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**The Lord said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you." (Exodus 15:26)**

**Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases. (Psalm 103:2-3)**

*And you have several of them in your body, and I am healing them even as you speak forth these words. They (the words) are alive and active and sharper than a two-edged sword. (See Hebrews 4:12)*

**Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. (Proverbs 3:8)**

**A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones. (Proverbs 15:30)**

**The tongue of the wise brings healing. (Proverbs 12:18)**

*And you are speaking healing to your body by speaking forth these words of Mine.*

**Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows... but he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5)**

**Then your light will break forth like the dawn and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. (Isaiah 58:8)**

**"I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 30:17)**

**I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. (Jeremiah 33:6)**

**Jesus said, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment. (Matthew 9:22)**

*Trusting and believing are the same. And faith is trusting and believing. All of this is a gift from Me to you, My daughter. So accept from Me this precious and free gift of trusting in Me, believing in Me, and having faith in Me.*

**Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. (3 John 2)**

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## LORD, TEACH ME YOUR WAYS

**If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. (Exodus 33:13)**

The Lord placed the idea in my mind this morning, as I was quoting this scripture verse, to begin a computer folder called *Lord, Teach Me Your Ways*. Then, when He shows me how He works and His ways of doing things (Kingdom ways) I am to collect those in that folder

*I give you messages so that you come back to them and read them again on just the right day, at just the right time. That's the way I work in you, as you are My scribe, and we are writing your books together.*

**Psalm 25:4-5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 20**

**Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long... According to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord... He guides the humble in what is right... Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him... The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them... Guard my life and rescue me.**

**Psalm 19:7-11, 14**

**The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure, and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward... May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

*There's only one way to do this - My way. It's with love, mercy, and kindness.*

**You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (Psalm 16:11)**

**God looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. (Psalm 53:2)**

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## KEEP MY WORDS WITHIN YOUR HEART

**My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear 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 one's whole body. (Proverbs 4:20-22)**

*Keep My words within your heart.*

**I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:11)**

*Notice that, Joan. If you hide My words in your heart then you won't sin against Me. Why? Because what is really in your heart is what guides you day by day. That's why I want My words IN YOUR HEART.*

**Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart. (Psalm 119:2)**

*If you want to be blessed, this is one way to be blessed: keep My statutes and seek Me with all your heart.*

**I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. (Psalm 119:10)**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:5)**

**And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? (Deuteronomy 10:12)**

*Make a list from that scripture of what I ask of you:*

- *Fear the Lord your God*
- *Walk in all His ways*
- *Love Him*
- *Serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul*
- *Observe the Lord's commands and decrees*
- *This is for your OWN good.*

**So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today - to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul - then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. (Deuteronomy 11:13-15)**

**The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip. (Psalm 37:30-31)**

**The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks. (Luke 6:45)**



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## RETURN TO ME

*This is your verse for today, Joan. Ponder it and meditate on it and I will reveal new things to you regarding it...Isaiah 30:15. And you may also study the other verses in Isaiah 30 that draw your attention. This is from Me. I am in this.*

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

**In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15 RSV)**

**Only in returning to me and waiting for me will you be saved; in quietness and confidence is your strength. (Isaiah 30:15 TLB)**

**In returning to Me and resting in Me you shall be saved; in quietness and in trusting confidence shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15 AMP)**

**If you come back to Me and trust Me, you will be saved. If you will be calm and trust Me, you will be strong. (Psalm 30:15 NCV)**

*When you start to worry, that's when you leave Me. That's when you need to RETURN to Me and REST in Me.*

*You see, when you begin to worry and think about all the possible things that might happen, then you LEAVE Me. You wander off from Me, and I cannot go there with you. So, therefore, you need to RETURN to Me when that happens.*

*Now ask Me to show you what new things I was talking about.*

I ask You, Lord, to show me what new things You were talking about.

*I was talking about a level of quietness that can only come when you are "in My shelter," when you are "in My secret place," and when you are "in My presence."(See Psalm 91:1)*

*I am talking about a confidence that is TOTALLY IN ME, and not in any one else or any thing else.*

*I am talking about a strength that comes from Me and Me only.*

*So - "trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your OWN understanding. In all your ways acknowledge ME, and I will direct your paths. (See Proverbs 3:5-6)*

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MORE SCRIPTURES FROM ISAIAH 30 THAT DREW MY ATTENTION

Go now, write it on a tablet for them; inscribe it on a scroll, that for the days to come it may be an everlasting witness. (Isaiah 30:8)

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! (Isaiah 30:18 NIV)

So the Lord must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help. (Isaiah 30:18 NLT)

Your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:20-21 NIV)

You will see your teacher with your own eyes. Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, "This is the way you should go," whether to the right or to the left. (Isaiah 30:20-21 NLT)

The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the Lord binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted. (Isaiah 30:26)

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QUIETNESS

In quietness and trust is your strength. (Isaiah 30:15 NIV)

The effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. (Isaiah 32:17)

Psalm 23:2

He leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

Zephaniah 3:17

He will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

1 Peter 3:3-4

Your beauty ... should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

What is quietness?

It is the absence of fear. It is the opposite of being stirred up. It comes through trusting in Me and believing in Me.

Look it up in the dictionary.

Quietness:

1. Making little or no sound; silent
2. Free of noise; hushed
3. Calm and unmoving, still
4. Free of agitation and turmoil, untroubled
5. Restful, soothing
6. Marked by tranquility, peaceful
7. Not showy or obtrusive, restrained

The condition or quality of being quiet, tranquility.

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MY SON, PAY ATTENTION TO MY WORDS TODAY

I began to read this scripture out loud to the Lord this morning, and only got the first two words spoken when He began to speak to me:

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear 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 one's whole body. (Proverbs 4:20-22)

My son,

Yes, Father in heaven,

I am speaking to you, My son/My daughter. I am speaking to you to pay attention to My words to you today as they are very significant. They will give joy to you and hope. They will guide you along your pathway for today. I know

the way I have planned for you. And I know that you want to walk in My way. So we will do this together.

Follow Me.

Yes, Lord. I choose to follow You. I choose to listen to You. I choose Your pathway for me today. I come under Your authority and under Your power. I choose You. I love you, My Father.

Yes you do, Joan, and I love you too. We are a team and we work together. And today we will work together all day, as you listen to Me and follow Me.

Write this down for your readers to read so I can give them this message also.

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AMONG ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Psalm 96:1-3)

This scripture brings back many memories because it was one of the early scriptures He brought to me when He guided me to listen to Him and write what He led me to write. He had me write down "marvelous deeds" about what He did in people's lives, and proclaim those marvelous deeds through my writing. I have a whole book (called *His Marvelous Deeds*) of those deeds on my website. So this has been the story of my life for many years - to proclaim His marvelous deeds to others through writing and sharing my daily journals.

This sentence stands out for me today in the scripture verse...Declare his glory *among the nations*, his marvelous deeds *among all peoples*.

When I began listening to the Lord and writing in my journal what I heard Him saying to me, it was about 1976 - many, many years ago. It is now 2018 and I am still doing that. But I didn't know in 1976 about the internet and how God would use that to take articles on the internet all around the world - "among the nations, among all peoples."

Yes, you didn't know. But I knew! And I prophesied that, knowing how it would be accomplished! Amazing, right? I AM amazing. And I have many more amazing things to show you and reveal to you.

They were completely amazed and said again and again, "Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak." (Mark 7:37)

Keep looking to Me, and keep listening to Me. I have great and unsearchable things to show you yet to come.

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

~ 10 ~

SEARCH FOR IT AS FOR HIDDEN TREASURE

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and *search for it as for hidden treasure*, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:1)

Search for it as for hidden treasure, My daughter. That is what you do day after day as you wait before Me and seek My face and look for hidden treasure that I have for you that day. It is a good thing to do each day.

Come away, My beloved. Come away with Me and I will show you hidden treasure. I have MUCH hidden treasure to reveal to you. Ask Me for revelation of the hidden treasure I have to show you today.

Lord, what is the hidden treasure that You have for me today?

The hidden treasure that I have for you today is the knowledge that there IS hidden treasure, and that that hidden treasure is available to you.

Thank You, Lord, for this knowledge. I will search for it with You.

My hidden treasure for today is found in this scripture: John 7:12. Go to it and ask Me for its hidden treasure.

Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others replied, "No, he deceives the people." (John 7:12)

You see how this fits now? There has been that big division from the very beginning between those who are open to My teaching and those who are not. It's not something new now. It has always been since Adam and Eve made the wrong choice in the Garden of Eden. There have been those who believe Me and those who do not.

Now go to Ezekiel 10:12

Their entire bodies, including their backs, their hands and their wings, were completely full of eyes, as were their four wheels. (Ezekiel 10:12)

Do you see that, Joan? Those are some of My angels (cherubim). Those are the all-seeing angels. That is why they are described as having eyes over their entire bodies. They see everywhere. They see in every direction. Would you like to have one of THOSE angels watching over you? One who could see in every direction including above and below? The ones in this scripture are Mine and are with Me all the time. But I have one for you too. Ask Me for it and I will give it to you for your own protective angel.

Lord, I ask You for this protective angel, this all-seeing angel, to be with me for the rest of my life on earth.

And I say yes to your request, My daughter. Now ask for one for Beth too, and for your prayer partner, because I desire to give one to each of them too.

Lord, I ask You for an all-seeing angel for Beth and for my prayer partner, to be with them for the rest of their lives.

I grant that request.

Thank You, Lord!!!

It's time for that, Joan. You need it and so do they. This will help immensely in the days to come. This angel will protect and guide you in ways you will not even know about. It is My gift to you today.

Thank You, Lord!

~ 11 ~

THE HARVEST OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge *the harvest of your righteousness*. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:10-11 NIV)

God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and bread for food. He will give all the seed you need and make it grow so there will be a *great harvest from your goodness*. (2 Corinthians 9:10 NCV)

Filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:11)

Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) (Revelation 19:8)

Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love. (Hosea 10:12)

- Made rich in every way
- Be generous on every occasion
- Thanksgiving to God
- Filled with fruit of righteousness
- Fine linen given to wear - righteous acts
- Unfailing love

The harvest of righteousness is from Me and it brings Me glory. It spreads My Word and My gospel around the world. You sow your righteousness into the world and you reap a harvest of souls for My kingdom. This is what I want you to know and see today, Joan. It brings a harvest of richness, thanksgiving, fruit, righteous acts, and unfailing love.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SOW

The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward. (Proverbs 11:18)

A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:8-9)

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he

is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. (James 5:7-8)

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FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:2) Those who look to him are radiant. (Psalm 34:5) So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18) You will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deuteronomy 4:29)

And that is true, My daughter. You WILL find Me if you look for Me with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul. I will be found by you (Jeremiah 29:14).

If your eyes are upon Me, then you will see and know and understand what is going on in many circumstances, because I will reveal such information to you as you focus on Me. This will help you to keep a steady walk and not deter from the narrow path of My kingdom. And My kingdom IS a narrow pathway. It is for the strong in heart and for the courageous. So be strong, My daughter, and be courageous, for I am with you every moment of every day of your life.

~ 13 ~

DO NOT GROW WEARY AND LOSE HEART

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:3) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9) Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58) And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right. (2 Thessalonians 3:13) You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. (James 5:7)

So stand firm, My daughter. Stand. Having done everything, stand (Ephesians 6:13). Do not give up your hope. Your hope is totally in Me, and it is sure, because I am sure. Keep your faith strong by heeding and meditating on My

Word daily, day by day, with Me. I will speak to you as you meditate on My Word. I and My word are one (John1:1).

~ 14 ~

FOR WHOM AND THROUGH WHOM EVERYTHING EXISTS

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. (Hebrews 2:10) **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.** (Colossians 1:15-16) **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.** (John 1:1-3) **In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.** (Hebrews 1:3)

And that is the One you worship, Joan. Think about it. The One who created the universe is the One you worship and converse with daily. That is amazing, isn't it?

Notice, that I was made perfect through suffering. Should it be any different for you? Of course not.

You, too, are made perfect through suffering. So don't be surprised that life is difficult while you are on this earth. You suffer, but it is for your eternal good.

~ 15 ~

THE SON IS...

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being. (Hebrews 1:3) **He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.** (Colossians 1:18)

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In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. (Hebrews 2:10) **[God] put everything under his feet. In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him.** (Hebrews 2:7-8)

In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. (Hebrews 1:3) **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.** (Hebrews 12:2)

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End... I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star. (Revelation 22:13, 16)

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- Perfecter of our faith
- The Alpha and Omega
- The First and the Last

- The Beginning and the End
- The Root and Offspring of David
- The bright Morning Star

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THOSE WHO ARE MADE HOLY ARE OF THE SAME FAMILY

Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. (Hebrews 2:11)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. (1 John 3:1-2) **Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children.** (Ephesians 5:1)

God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:22) **He is the head of the body, the church.** (Colossians 1:18)

To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1:12) **Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.** (Romans 8:14)

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God... Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. (1 Peter 2:9-10)

You are My sons, My people, those who belong to Me. I am your Father, and you are My sons. ALL who belong to Me are of the same family - My family.

I love My family, and I work all things together for good to them (Romans 8:28).

My sons belong to Me and I belong to them. They are male and female, young and old, rich and poor - all are the same in My family.

On earth you make great divisions between these people, but up here they are all equal members of My family.

They have different levels of rewards, of authority, and of positions, but they are still all equally loved by Me.

~ 17 ~

THE GLORY OF THE LORD WILL BE YOUR REAR GUARD

Then your light will break forth like the dawn and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. (Isaiah 58:8)

You will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the Lord will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard. (Isaiah 52:12)

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. (Exodus 14:19)

This is about protection, Joan. I was protection for the Israelites. I went before them, and I went behind them, and I covered them with My protection.

Love always protects. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

You are my hiding place. You will protect me from trouble. (Psalm 32:7)

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name. (John 17:11)

I am your protection too. I am your rear guard so no one catches you by surprise from behind. I go before you and lead you and prepare the way for you to go.

LOVE ALWAYS PROTECTS.

Do you believe I love you? Of course you do. You know I love you because I gave My life for you. So I will also protect you because I love you. Just as you want to protect those you love, so I also want to protect you. Count on this and believe this.

~ 18 ~

BLESSED

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

- Listens
- Watches
- Waits
- Finds
- Receives

And this is the way for life truly in Me. The person who truly wants a meaningful and favorable life in Me does these things: listens, watches, waits, finds, and receives.

THAT is the one who is truly blessed.

~ 19 ~

AS A MAN THINKS IN HIS HEART

As a man thinks in his heart, so does he become. (Proverbs 23:7)

Joyce Meyer gave that quote of Proverbs 23:7 in *The Battlefield of the Mind* and wrote this:

Thoughts are powerful, and according to the writer of the book of Proverbs, they have creative ability. If our thoughts are going to affect what we become, then it should certainly be a priority that we think right thoughts. (p. 27)

For as he thinks within himself, so he is. (Proverbs 23:7 NASB)

A new way of thinking is My way of thinking. I want you to think like I think. I want you to act like I act. And you can't do that unless you think like I do. So ask Me daily to change you so that you think like I think, and act like I act. Then you will be like I am.

We need to deal daily with how you think. Thinking is the area where the battle is daily for your heart and for your life. According to the way a man thinks is the

way he walks and talks and believes. This area of the mind and the way you think is what I want to change in you, and we need to work on that daily.

Remember what Paul told the Christians in Romans 12:2

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 12:2)

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MY WORDS WILL NEVER PASS AWAY

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
(Matthew 24:35)

My words will NEVER pass away, Joan. They are ETERNAL. They are powerful. They are the truth. They are a blessing to all who will receive them. Never, Joan. They will never pass away. They are forever.

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you. (1 Peter 1:23-25)

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth. It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

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THE LORD'S UNFAILING LOVE

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

My love SURROUNDS the man who trusts in Me. Do you see that, My daughter? I surround you. I cover you. I protect you. You abide under My shadow (Psalm 91:1). You dwell in My shelter.

The earth is full of his unfailing love. (Psalm 33:5)

What does that mean, Lord, that the earth is FULL of Your unfailing love?

It means I am in the whole earth. The earth is full of Me, of My glory, of My presence. I have not left the earth alone and bare. I fill the earth with Myself and therefore it is full of My unfailing love.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. (Psalm 90:14)

May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant. (Psalm 119:76)

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. (Psalm 143:8)

You do receive word of My unfailing love when you come to My Word each morning and seek Me there. I WILL show you the way to go as you look to Me and lift up your soul to Me - as you are doing right now.

What a man desires is unfailing love. (Proverbs 19:22)

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men. (Lamentations 3:32)

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WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Today I want you to study My favored ones - and see what you learn about them.

Hannah was one of them. Start with her.

Then go to Jezebel and see how different she is.

Then go to Mary, mother of Jesus.

Then Mary of Bethany.

See what qualities they had listed in the Word. Call it WOMEN OF THE BIBLE.

HANNAH

Mother of a prophet, Samuel

She made a vow, saying, "O Lord Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." (1 Samuel 1:11)

In the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him." (1 Samuel 1:20)

Qualities: She called upon the Lord in her need and the Lord remembered her and answered her prayer.

Notice this, Joan. Hannah had a heart to seek Me when she came up against a problem that grieved her. She sought Me with all her heart. I liked that. She got My favor and I remembered her prayer and answered it.

I am hearing your prayer for your ears to be healed so you can hear well. I will give you favor and answer your prayer. I will remember you. You are in My Book of Remembrance.

JEZEBEL

Fanatical worshiper of Baal; not a favored one by the Lord Jesus

He [Ahab] also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal King of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him (1 Kings 16:31).

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets [of Baal] with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." (1 Kings 19:1-2)

Qualities: Worshiped Baal and threatened the life of God's prophet Elijah for killing the prophets of Baal.

Notice that? She threatened to kill My prophet, Elijah, the one I sent to serve Me by exposing the fake prophets of Baal. She was against Me and for the enemy.

MARY
Mother of Jesus

God sent an angel Gabriel to Nazareth to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." (Luke 1:26-27, 30-31, 38)

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

Qualities: Believing the Lord's message to her and agreeing to God's plan.

Mary believed the words I gave her through My angel. She kept in her heart and pondered what she saw Me doing. I liked that.

MARY OF BETHANY
Listened to Jesus' teaching

She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said... Jesus said, "Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:39, 42)

Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair... Jesus said, "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial." (John 12:3, 7)

Qualities: choosing to listen at Jesus' feet as most important, and pouring perfume on His feet to prepare Him for His burial.

Mary had a very close and understanding relationship with Me. She discerned My burial was close and responded to Me in the best way she could in her day and culture. She loved Me dearly and closely. She was given a special blessing through all this.

MARY MAGDALENE
Beheld the risen Christ

The twelve were with him [Jesus], and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out... and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means. (Luke 8:1-3)

Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels, in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot... She turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus... She said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him"... Jesus said to her, "Mary"... She went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:11-12, 14-16, 18)

Qualities: Was cured of evil spirits, helped support Jesus and His disciples financially, sought Jesus' body at the tomb after he was resurrected and met Jesus there.

Notice she was mentioned as having supported Me and My disciples. That is a noteworthy quality I want you to notice, Joan. Because that is what you do too. Also, she believed in Me and came to Me for healing.

MARTHA
Distracted with household cares

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him... She was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better." (Luke 10:38-41)

Qualities: She opened her home to Jesus and his disciples and made preparations for them. However, she was worried and distracted by those preparations and complained to the Lord about Mary not helping her. He told her Mary has chosen what is better - to sit at His feet and listen to Him.

I loved Martha too, Joan. She opened up her home to Me and My disciples and helped us along the way. She loved Me and believed in Me. Even so, she had

something which I needed to change in her - her distraction with the things of this earth above the things of the spiritual world.

ELIZABETH

Mother of John the Baptist

Zechariah's wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. Luke 1:5-7)

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy... When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son... "He is to be called John." (Luke 1:39-44 and 57, 60)

Qualities: A descendant of Aaron the priest, upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. Filled with the Holy Spirit when Mary greeted her. Said she was favored that the mother of her Lord should come to her.

Elizabeth was very special to Me, Joan. She carried John and nurtured him in just the way I wanted her to. She recognized and honored Mary at a time when Mary needed encouragement.

And it wasn't by chance that you chose to name your baby girl Elizabeth. I gave that name to you for her, even though you didn't realize it at the time. She is chosen by Me for great things I have planned for her, just like the biblical Elizabeth.

WOMAN OF SAMARIA

Met Jesus at the well

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ...

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet... I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he"...

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" (John 4:7, 19, 25-26, 28-29)

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." (John 4:34)

Qualities: She believed the Messiah was coming, and when Jesus said He was the Messiah, she believed Him, and testified about Him to the people in her town.

This woman was special to Me, Joan. I knew I would meet her that day and that gave Me great joy. It is the food I lived on - what the Father gave Me to do each day.

~ 23 ~

THE GOD OF ALL GRACE WILL RESTORE YOU AND MAKE YOU STRONG

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. (1 Peter 5:10 NIV)

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace [Who imparts all blessing and favor], Who has called you to His [own] eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will Himself complete and make you what you ought to be, establish and ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you. (1 Peter 5:10 AMP)

Father, You called me to Your eternal glory in Christ. That is absolutely amazing to me. Thank You, Father.

I wonder what you mean by "after you have suffered a little while".

I will talk to you about that...

You HAVE suffered a little while. In your life that refers to the times of struggle and suffering in your past, and in the years I had you live without a salary. You suffered then.

And now you are in the strong, firm and steadfast time of your life. I want you to receive that and enjoy that.

Don't worry about the issues of aging. I will help you through each thing you deal with as you age. And I will walk with you through it (aging) and lead you all the way to the very end, the very last second, of your earth life.

Then you will be welcomed up here with Me and you will receive your eternal rewards - and they are many, and they are all good.

Thank You that You will Yourself restore me and make me strong, firm, and steadfast.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me. (Psalm 138:8)

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139:16)

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THE THOUGHTS OF A MAN

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. (Psalm 139:1)

Yes, I perceive your thoughts, Joan. I know each thought you have before you even know it yourself. I know if your thoughts are pure or not. I know your heart, and out of the heart come your thoughts. Look that up today.

It is with your heart that you believe and are justified (Romans 10:10)

It is with your heart that you believe and are justified. I know everyone's heart, and I know who really believes and is justified, and therefore who really belongs to Me.

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart. (Luke 6:45)

You see, you are a "good man" Joan. And a good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart. So that means you have lots of "good" stored up in your heart, and you bring out those "good things" every day as you follow Me and follow My leading. I lead you to write those "good things" in your books which we write together.

Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)

The Lord knows the thoughts of a man. (Psalm 94:11)

I know every thought, whether it is pure or impure.

For the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. (1 Chronicles 28:9)

I not only know your thoughts, but I know every motive behind those thoughts, even if you don't know the motive. So you may pray for Me to purify your motives also, besides purifying your thoughts.

The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man. (Proverbs 27:19)

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GOD'S FAITHFULNESS, AND MY FAITHFULNESS

This is a word that the Lord spoke to me. I am to meditate on it and review scriptures about it.

During these days I learn of HIS faithfulness, and He learns of MY faithfulness.

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. (Psalm 33:4)

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. (Psalm 36:5)

The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. (Psalm 145:13)

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago. (Isaiah 25:1)

God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:23)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. (Revelation 3:14)

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. (Revelation 19:11)

OUR FAITHFULNESS

The Lord preserves the faithful. (Psalm 31:23)

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. (Proverbs 3:3)

Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. (Matthew 24:45-47)

His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things." (Matthew 25:21)

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

Men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

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

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

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THE FAST THE LORD HAS CHOSEN

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? (Isaiah 58:6-7)

Yes, Lord, have I not been doing that? Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, etc?

Not as much as I want you to. From now on watch for opportunities to do that, and I will tell you whether THAT is the charity/ministry I want you to share through.

Keep giving your tithe to the current ministry until I say to stop - I will tell you when. And give it after that to whomever I say to give it. But for now, give beyond the tithe as I lead you - to the poor and hungry...even if it is only a widow's mite (Luke 21:2)

The thought I am getting is the tithe is to go to ministry and beyond that an offering is to go to help the poor and needy.

Yes, I agree with that. Follow that plan for now.

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. (Isaiah 58:8-9)

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CALLED TO A HOLY LIFE

God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Timothy 1:9)

I have saved you, Joan, and called you to a holy life. That means you are set apart and separated unto Me alone. You do not belong to any other person or god or pleasure or activity or interest more than you belong to Me. It means I am first in your life and always will be in all circumstances. You are saved and called to a holy life - holy and committed. It means we work together in all things and we make decisions together about all things. A holy life, Joan, is what I want from you - every day of your life on earth.

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. (Romans 12:1)

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HE WAKENS MY EAR TO LISTEN LIKE ONE BEING TAUGHT

The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. (Isaiah 50:4)

Lord, this is what You do for me each day - you waken me morning by morning. You waken my ear to listen like one being taught. Then You give me the scriptures you want me to focus on and study for that day. You instruct my tongue to know the word that sustains the weary when I am called upon to do that. You lead me in Your way everlasting. I know this and it increases my love for You, Lord, for You do such marvelous things in my life day by day. Thank You, Lord.

Yes, Joan, I have chosen you to be My ambassador through writing for Me what I want to communicate. I not only lead you in what to write, but I lead those to read what you write at the right time for them to receive it and get revelation through it. I do it all and I get all the glory. Thank you for being My writer and My ambassador.

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MY WORDS ARE LIFE AND HEALTH

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear 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 one's whole body. (Proverbs 4:20-22)

My son.

Yes you are My son, Joan, even though you are female. All My children are My sons. And you are one of them. Just like men can be called "My bride" so women can be called "My son."

Pay attention to what I say.

This is so important, Joan, to pay attention to what I say - because of what I say next in this verse.

Turn your ear to My words.

My words, Joan, are life and health. My words are truth. My words are active and alive. My words are sharper than a two-edged sword. My words judge the thoughts and attitudes of the heart (Hebrews 4:12).

Do not let them out of your sight. Keep them within your heart.

That means to LOOK at My words every day, several times a day, and meditate on them and memorize them. That's how you keep them within your heart.

They are life to those who find them.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. And My words give life as they pour forth from My mouth. When you speak them aloud, then they pour forth from My mouth and affect your life. They bring life to you. My words have life. My words are life. So speak forth My words so they can bring life to you.

They are health to one's whole body.

Speak forth My words and they will bring health to your WHOLE body, My daughter. Health to your whole body. Isn't that what you have been asking Me for? Health to your whole body? Then know this - My words bring health to your whole body.

And that's My word to you today

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4).

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BE READY

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.

Luke 12:35-40

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second [9 p.m. to midnight] or third [midnight to 3 a.m.] watch of the night. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Am I watching, Lord? Am I dressed and ready for service? Am I keeping my lamps burning?

Yes, you are, Joan. You ARE watching and ready. I want you to focus on this subject today of watching and being ready. Follow up on the references and see where they take you.

Matthew 24:36, 39-42

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father...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 24:45-46

Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

Matthew 25:1-13

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"

Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out."

"No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves."

But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

Later the others also came, "Sir! Sir!" they said. "Open the door for us!"

But he replied, "I tell you the truth, I don't know you."

Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2, 4, 6, 9-10

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night...But you brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief...So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled...For God did not appoint us to wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

Revelation 16:15

"Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

Revelation 22:12, 20

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done"...He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

11:11 p.m. I heard from the Lord: Matthew 11:11. I knew I was being instructed to look up that scripture.

I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. (Matthew 11:11)

I wondered how the person who is least in the kingdom of heaven was greater than John the Baptist.

The reason you don't understand how he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John the Baptist is because you don't understand how I see things and how I determine who is greater and why they are greater. Ask Me to show you and I will reveal hidden things to you about the "kingdom of heaven."

I asked Him to show me. This is what He revealed to me:

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. (Matthew 11:12)

As you can see from this scripture the kingdom of heaven began when John the Baptist announced My coming and revealed Me to those around him. I brought the kingdom of heaven with Me when I began to minister. What were some of My first words written in your Bible that I spoke and had recorded there?

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near." (Matthew 4:17)

Those in the kingdom of heaven are My bride. What does it mean to be My bride?

The Bride is My partner forever. The Bride works with Me in an extremely close relationship that you don't understand right now. My Bride is pure and clean like I am pure and clean.

My Bride has Me inside of them. That's the key! I LIVE INSIDE My Bride while they are on earth. I did not live INSIDE all of those up through John the Baptist. I visited them, I worked through them, I led them, I blessed them, I taught them what to say - but I didn't live inside them.

You have the opportunity to have something (Me living inside you) that they didn't have. It is truly a treasure, like a treasure hidden in a field, or a fine pearl.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44)

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:45-46)

Those who possess My kingdom inside of them have new treasures as well as old inside of them, and they can access those treasures as I reveal those treasures to them.

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)

You see, the Spirit and the Bride work together because the Spirit dwells inside the Bride. That's why they can speak together as in this following scripture:

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" (Revelation 11:17)

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#### MORE SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM

**Matthew 5:3**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Matthew 5:10**

**Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**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.**

**Matthew 6:33**

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

**Matthew 7:21**

**Not everyone who says to me "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.**

**Matthew 13:24-25**

**Jesus told them another parable. "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.**

**Matthew 13:31-32**

**He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.**

**Matthew 13:33**

**He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."**

**Matthew 13:47-50**

**The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

**Matthew 16:19**

**I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**

**Matthew 16:27-28**

**For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.**

**Matthew 18:23-24**

**Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.**

**Matthew 19:24**

**Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."**

**Matthew 21:43**

**Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.**

**Matthew 24:14**

**And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.**

**Matthew 26:29**

**I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.**

**Mark 10:14-15**

**He said to them, "Let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."**

**Luke 8:10**

**He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables."**

**Luke 9:62**

**Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow, and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."**

**Luke 10:9-12**

**When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, "The kingdom of God is near you." But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near." I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.**

**Luke 17:20-21**

**The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, "Here it is," or "There it is," because the kingdom of God is within you.**



**John 3:3**

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

**John 18:36**

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

**Acts 14:21-22**

They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

**Romans 14:17**

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**1 Corinthians 6:9**

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

**1 Corinthians 15:24**

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

**1 Corinthians 15:50**

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**2 Thessalonians 1:5**

All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

**2 Peter 1:10-11**

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 1:6**

**To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father - to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

**Revelation 11:15**

**The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."**

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GOD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN

**He [the wicked man] says to himself, "God has forgotten; he covers his face and never sees." (Psalm 10:11)**

*But, Joan, I DO see what is happening. I have books with records of ALL things. I know what people think and say. Someday I will display those records that cannot be denied by the people who did them and said them.*

**Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 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. (Revelation 20:11-12)**

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WHO I AM

*Ask Me what scripture I want to reveal to you and open up hidden meanings and treasures in darkness from today.*

I ask you, Lord. What scripture?

*Jeremiah 10:12*

**But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. (Jeremiah 10:12)**

*I know all things, Joan, and I can share with you whatever I desire to share with you. So ask Me what I desire to share with you.*

Lord, I ask You to share with me what You desire to share with me. What do you desire to share with Me, Lord?

*I will, Joan. I will. I know you are listening and you desire to commune with Me. That is why you have set yourself apart unto Me to listen. Listening is so very important, especially after you have asked Me to change you to think like I think, speak what I speak, and act like I act.*

*I desire to share with you who I am. Write an article for your book called WHO I AM.*

#### WHO I AM

*I AM the Maker of heaven and earth.*

**But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. (Jeremiah 10:12)**

*I AM the One who loves you.*

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)**

*I AM the Almighty One.*

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. (Isaiah 6:3)**

*I AM Justice*

**He will govern the peoples with justice. (Isaiah 9:8)**

*I AM Peace*

**And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)**

*I AM Fairness*

**He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. (Isaiah 9:7 NLT)**

*I AM Good*

**According to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord. (Psalm 25:7)**

*I AM Loving*

**All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant. (Psalm 25:10)**

*I AM Kind*

**Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. (Luke 6:35)**

*I AM Compassionate*

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. (James 5:11)**

*I AM full of wrath*

**The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness. (Romans 1:18)**

*I AM the Judge of the whole earth*

**He will judge the world in righteousness. (Psalm 9:8)**

*I AM King of kings and Lord of lords*

**I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse whose rider is called Faithful and True... Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:11, 15-16)**

*I AM the First and the Last*

**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:13)**

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IN HIS TIME

**There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven... He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end... I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11, 14)**

*I have things planned until the end of time. So you pray "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" declaring I am carrying out My plan.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, you will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10)**

*I am the Beginning and the End. My plans are made and they will happen just as I have them planned. And they will happen in MY timing, not yours.*

**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:13)**

**I am the Lord; in its time I will do this swiftly. (Isaiah 60:22)**

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## I AM NOT ALONE I STAND WITH THE FATHER WHO SENT ME

The Lord guided me to look up John 3:11, so I did that. It says:

**"I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony."  
(John 3:11)**

Lord, this talks about "We." Does that mean "we" - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards... But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me... You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world... I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone.  
(John 8:14-16, 23, 28-29)**

This scripture answers my question. "I am not alone... The one who sent me is with me."

*And now, you are included in the "we" since you and I are one.*

*"We" stand together, along with all those who belong to Me.*

*We are in unity through the Holy Spirit living inside all of you.*

*Those who carry My Spirit carry Me. And those who carry Me, and are in unity with Me, are One with Me - as I talked about in My prayer in John 17.*

**I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one. I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:20-23)**

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## THE EYES OF THE LORD

The Lord said to look up John 5:10.

**The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat. But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, "Pick up your mat and walk." (John 5:9-11)**

He has given me that scripture often - to pick up my mat and walk.

Lord, what do You want to tell me today about this scripture?

*I want to tell you this - your mat is what you sit on as you wait for someone to come along to give you money or help you in some way...if you are this invalid in the story.*

*What is comparable in your life? What do you "sit at" and use throughout your day to communicate with Me and with others? It is your computer.*

*So, Joan, pick up your computer and walk! What does that mean? It means to commit your computer use to Me and use it however I tell you to use it. Use your computer to go where I tell you to go. And today I tell you to go with Me on a journey into Ezekiel.*

*Try Ezekiel 10:12 first and see what it says.*

**Their [cherubim] entire bodies, including their backs, their hands and their wings, were completely full of eyes, as were their four wheels. (Ezekiel 10:12)**

*Why would I create them this way, Joan, with eyes all over them? Could it be so they could "see" everywhere at all times? Could that be like Me in that I am All-Seeing?*

*Look up scriptures about how I see all things.*

**2 Chronicles 16:9**

**For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.**

**Psalms 33:18-19**

**But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.**

**Psalm 34:15**

**The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry.**

**Psalm 139:16**

**Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

**Proverbs 15:3**

**The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.**

**1 Peter 3:12**

**For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer.**

**Hebrews 4:13**

**Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**

*I see ALL things at ALL times, Joan. I see you at all times. I see everything that is happening on the earth at all times too. I know what is hidden and I know what is not hidden. The darkness does not keep things hidden from Me either. So be aware of this and be glad that I do. For this is good.*

**Psalm 32:8**

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.**

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## ETERNAL LIFE

**I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13) Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:3)**



*We stand together, along with all those who belong to Me. We are in unity through the Holy Spirit living inside all of you. Those who carry My Spirit carry Me. And those who carry Me, and are in unity with Me, are One with Me - as I talked about in My prayer in John 17.*

**I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one. I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:20-23)**

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Eternal life summary (from Scofield NIV Study Bible, page 1611)

1. This life is called "eternal" (John 3:16) because it is from the eternity which is past to the eternity which is to come - it is the life of God revealed in Jesus Christ, who is God (John 1:4; 5:26; 1 John 1:1-2).
2. This life of God, which was revealed in Christ, is imparted in a new birth by the Holy Spirit, acting upon the Word of God, for every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:2-15).
3. The life thus imparted is not a new life except in the sense of human possession; it is still "that which was from the beginning" (1 John 1:1). But the recipient is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15).
4. The life of God which is in the believer is an unsevered part of the life which eternally was, and eternally is, in Christ Jesus - one life in Him and in the believer; Vine and branches, Head and members (John 15:1-5; 1 Corinthians 6:17; 12:12-14; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:27; 3:3-4; 1 John 5:11-12).

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This life is called "eternal" because it is from the eternity which is past to the eternity which is to come - it is the life of God revealed in Jesus Christ, who is God. (From Scofield NIV Study Bible, page 1611)

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) In him was life, and that life was the light of men. (John 1:4) For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. (John 5:26)**

**That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life**

**appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. (1 John 1:1-2)**

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This life of God, which was revealed in Christ, is imparted in a new birth by the Holy Spirit, acting upon the Word of God, for every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. (From Scofield NIV Study Bible, page 1611)

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

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

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. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit"

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven - the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." (John 3:2-15)

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The life thus imparted is not a new life except in the sense of human possession; it is still "that which was from the beginning". But the recipient is a new creation. (From Scofield NIV Study Bible, page 1611)

**That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. (1 John 1:1)**

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

**Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation.** (Galatians 6:15)

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The life of God which is in the believer is an unsevered part of the life which eternally was, and eternally is, in Christ Jesus - one life in Him and in the believer; Vine and branches, Head and members. (From Scofield NIV Study Bible, page 1611)

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:1-5)

But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit... The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. (1 Corinthians 6:17; 12:12-14)

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

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... For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, they you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 1:27; 3:3-4)

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11-12)

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**Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible; the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:17)**

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## EMBLEMS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### WATER

**[Jesus said,] "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit. (John 7:38-39)**

*This is for those who BELIEVE in Me, Joan. Streams of LIVING water will flow from within them. Those living waters are within you too, My daughter, and they flow from you daily as you seek Me and find Me. I will be found by you. I will be found by those who believe in Me.*

### FIRE

**[John the Baptist said,] "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Matthew 3:11)**

*I have anointed you, My daughter, with My Holy Spirit and with fire, just like John the Baptist said I would. He knew and he spoke the truth.*

### WIND

**Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:2-4)**

*And that is what I have done to you, My child. I have come upon you with My wind and with My fire, and enabled you to speak in tongues and pray in tongues and sing in tongues to Me.*

### OIL

**But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. (1 John 2:20)**

*The oil of My Spirit is in you and upon you, Joan. It is pouring down over you every day as we meet and talk together and I pour out My Spirit upon you. You carry My oil with you in large quantities, just like those five wise virgins in Matthew 25.*

#### RAIN AND DEW

**He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. (Psalm 72:6)**

*I pour out My rain upon you, Joan, and refresh you each day and time you need refreshing. Count on Me to do that for you.*

#### A DOVE

**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. (Matthew 3:16)**

*I came to you as a dove that special day when you saw two doves sitting together on the roof of your house. From that day on I have appeared to you as a dove coming softly and gently upon you. You have named your website after Me as your Dove.*

#### A VOICE

**Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21)**

*I do have a voice, Joan, and you listen to My voice and hear Me day after day as I speak to you. My voice is inside you, just as I, Holy Spirit, am inside you. You hear Me as you get quiet and focus on Me and not on the world.*

#### A SEAL

**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. (Ephesians 1:13-14)**

*Notice that, Joan - a deposit GUARANTEEING your inheritance with Me and in Me. It will come at the right time, in My time, at the perfect place. The perfect place is with Me and in Me. Your inheritance is already there waiting for you to come and receive it when you come up here where I am sitting at the right hand of Our Father.*

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## HIS ELECT

**And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds from one end of the heavens to the other. (Matthew 24:31)**

*What does this mean, Joan? I know you have wondered exactly what it means. Does it mean this is the rapture as someone has taught and you questioned that? Does it mean I will call all those who belong to Me from everywhere in the heavens where they are? Look up the references first, and then we will talk about it - and so answer your question (which I know is in your heart and mind).*

**And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. (Mark 13:27)**

**If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them. (Mark 13:20)**

**For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and miracles to deceive the elect - if that were possible. (Mark 13:22)**

**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)**

**For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen. (Isaiah 45:4)**

**To God's elect...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit. (1 Peter 1-2)**

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

**When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles. (Luke 6:13)**

(From Scofield NIV Study Bible, page 1566):

1. Election is corporate, as of the nation of Israel, or of the Church (Isaiah 45:4; Ephesians 1:4) or...
2. Election is individual (1 Peter 1:2)

Election is (1) the sovereign act of God in grace whereby certain persons are chosen from among mankind for Himself (John 15:19); and (2) the sovereign act of God whereby certain elect persons are chosen for distinctive service for Him (Luke 6:13; Acts 9:15; 1 Corinthians 1:27-28)

*Could it be both, Joan? Could it refer to all those chosen (elected) by Me who are in the heavens and all those chosen by Me that are on earth? Think about that for awhile.*

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## AT THAT TIME

**At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. (Matthew 25:10-11)**

*Do you see this happening right now, Joan? Do you see many turning away from the faith and betraying and hating each other? Do you see many false prophets appearing and deceiving many people?*

Yes, Lord, I surely do see this happening right now!

*Then know that you are AT THAT TIME right now.*

**At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps... At midnight the cry rang out: "here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" ...The virgins who were ready [the five who had extra oil] went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut... (Matthew 25:1-5)**

*And do you see some of those who call themselves Christians and who carry only a little oil (Holy Spirit) who do not go on and gather lots of oil and be FILLED with My Spirit? (See Acts 2:4 and Acts 8:15-17))*

*Do you see them NOT spending time with Me to get to know Me and for Me to get to know them intimately?*

Yes, Lord, I do see that some people DO get to know you intimately, and some people DO NOT.

*Then know that you are "at that time" now.*

*And look at who gets to come apart with Me when I come at midnight (the final moment of the day of the church) to bring those home to be with Me who know Me and I know them. It is those who are ready with extra oil.*

*That is My promise and blessed hope for you (Titus 2:13). You are "at that time" and this event will happen soon - at the midnight hour.*

*I am the Bridegroom and you are the Bride. I know My Bride and she knows Me intimately. That's why I had you set yourself apart to get to know Me intimately many years ago.*

*Remember that many are invited, but few are chosen (Matthew 22:14). They must answer that invitation when it comes.*

**While we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. (Titus 2:13-14)**

**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)**

**When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:15-17)**



## FALSE WITNESS

### **Exodus 20.16**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

### **Proverbs 6:16-19**

**There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.**

### **Proverbs 14:5**

**A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.**

### **Proverbs 19.5**

**A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free.**

### **Proverbs 19:9 NIV**

**A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish.**

### **Proverbs 19:9 GNT**

**No one who tells lies in court can escape punishment; he is doomed.**

### **Proverbs 19:28**

**A corrupt witness mocks at justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.**

### **Proverbs 24:28**

**Do not testify against your neighbor without cause, or use your lips to deceive.**

### **Proverbs 25:18**

**Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbor.**

### **Matthew 15.19-20**

**For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make a man "unclean"; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him "unclean."**

### **Matthew 19:18-19**

**Jesus replied, "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."**

*I wanted you to put this in today's journal, Joan, because I want you to put this in your book today. I want everyone who reads your book to know how I feel about false witnessing. I detest it. I abhor it. It comes out of impure motives. It comes out of wrong thoughts. So consider the source of giving false testimony and see why I detest it.*

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## THIS GRACE

**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 to us before the beginning of time. (2 Timothy 1:9)**

*My grace was given to you before the beginning of time.*

**From the fullness of HIS GRACE we have all received one blessing after another. (John 1:16)**

*You receive blessings through the fullness of My grace.*

**We believe it is through THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus that we are saved. (Acts 15:11)**

*You are saved through My grace.*

**All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by HIS GRACE through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24)**

*You are justified freely by My grace.*

**Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into THIS GRACE in which we now stand. (Romans 5:1-2)**

*You stand in grace which you access by faith in Me.*

**If the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did GOD'S GRACE and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! (Romans 5:15)**

*My grace overflowed to the many.*

**Where sin increased, GRACE increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 5:20-21)**

*Grace reigns through righteousness to bring eternal life.*

**So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen BY GRACE. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace. (Romans 11:5-6)**

*My remnant is chosen by My grace, not by their works.*

**But by THE GRACE of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. (1 Corinthians 15:10)**

*My grace made you what you are.*

**Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to GOD'S GRACE. (2 Corinthians 1:12)**

*Your conduct in the world comes according to My grace.*

**For you know THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians. 8:9)**

*You know the grace that came through the Lord Jesus Christ to you.*

**But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is BY GRACE you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:5)**

*You have been saved by grace.*

**May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by HIS GRACE gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts, and strengthen you in every good deed and word. (2 Thessalonians 2:16)**

*My grace gives eternal encouragement and good hope.*

**For THE GRACE of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. (Titus 2:11)**

*My grace that brings salvation has appeared to all men.*

**Having been justified by HIS GRACE, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:7)**

*You are justified by My grace.*

**Let us then approach the THRONE OF GRACE with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)**

*You approach the throne of grace and find grace to help you in your time of need.*

**See to it that no one misses THE GRACE OF GOD and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. (Hebrews 12:15)**

*Be sure no one misses My grace...including you.*

**And the God of ALL GRACE, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you**

**and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 1:10)**

*I am God of ALL grace.*

**Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering GOD'S GRACE in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)**

*You administer God's grace in its various forms.*

**God opposes the proud but GIVES GRACE to the humble. (1 Peter 5:5)**

*I give grace to the humble.*

**But GROW IN THE GRACE and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forevermore! Amen. (2 Peter 3:18)**

*You grow in grace.*

**He said to me, "MY GRACE is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)**

*My grace is sufficient for you.*

**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 2:6-7)**

*Did you see that, Joan?*

*I will show THE INCOMPARABLE RICHES OF MY GRACE in the coming ages!*

*This will be shown by what I did for you when I raised you up and seated you with Christ and showed My kindness to you.*

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## WE ASK GOD FOR

**We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better (Colossians 1:9-10 NLT)**

We ask God for:

Complete knowledge of his will  
Spiritual wisdom  
Understanding  
Grow  
Know God better and better

**We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you have all the endurance and patience you need. (Colossians 1:11)**

We ask God for:

Strength  
Endurance  
Patience

**And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:9-11)**

We ask God for:

Love may abound  
Discern what is best  
Be pure and blameless  
Filled with fruit of righteousness

**I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to**

**grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16-19)**

We ask God for:

Strengthened with power  
Christ may dwell in our hearts  
Rooted and established in love  
Grasp and know the love of Christ  
Filled with the fullness of God

**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. 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. (Ephesians 1:17-19)**

We ask God for:

Spirit of wisdom and revelation  
Know God better  
Heart be enlightened  
Know hope, inheritance and power

**Jesus said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." (Luke 22:40)**

We ask God for:

Not fall into temptation

**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)**

We ask God for:

Dwell in His house  
Gaze upon Your beauty  
Seek Him in his temple

**For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:5)**

We ask God for:

Keep us safe in Your dwelling  
Hide us in Your shelter  
Set us high upon a rock

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)**

We ask God for:

Peace of God guard your hearts and minds

**Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray... Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. (James 5:13-15)**

We ask God for:

Help in trouble  
Make sick person well

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

We ask God for:

Answers when we call  
Show us great and unsearchable things

**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)**

We ask God for:

Pure heart  
Steadfast spirit

**"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. he will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and**



**honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." (Psalm 91:14-16)**

We ask God for:

Rescue us  
Protect us  
Answer us  
Be with us in trouble  
Deliver us  
Honor us  
Long life  
Salvation

**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)**

We ask God for:

His kingdom come  
His will be done  
Give us our daily bread  
Forgive us our debts  
Lead us not into temptation  
Deliver us from the evil one

**Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8)**

We ask God for:

What we ask for be given us  
What we seek we find  
What we knock on will open to us

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. (Psalm 2:8)**

We ask God for:

Nations our inheritance  
Ends of the earth our possession

**Ask rain of the Lord in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone. (Zechariah 10:1)**

We ask God for:

Rain when it is needed

**And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (John 14:13-14)**

We ask God for:

Whatever we ask in His name

**If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. (John 15:7)**

We ask God for:

We remain in You  
Your words remain in us  
Whatever we wish

**If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks he must not doubt. (James 1:5-6)**

We ask God for:

Wisdom  
Not doubt

**You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. (James 4:2-3)**

We ask God for:

We ask when we have needs  
We receive what we ask for  
We ask with right motives

**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)**

We ask God for:

Show us the ancient paths  
Show us the good way  
Rest for our souls

**Come Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20)**

We ask God for:

Come, Lord Jesus!

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## DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

This scripture caught my attention today and I felt the Lord wanted me to look up scriptures about drawing near to Him and how my heart longs for that each day.

**But as for me, it is good to be near God. (Psalm 73:28)**

*This is the desire of your heart, Joan. Each day you seek Me and draw near to Me when you wake up, and you draw near to Me many times a day as you seek My face.*

*I want to be found by you. I want you to seek Me. That is the longing I have put in your heart, and I will fulfill that longing.*

**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)**

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

**I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me and what answer I am to give. (Habakkuk 2:1)**

**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)**

**Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (Jeremiah 29:12)**

**You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you. (Jeremiah 29:13)**

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

**I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven. (Psalm 123:1)**

**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:2)**

**Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. (Isaiah 55:6)**

**The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)**

**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)**

**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)**

**As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. (Psalm 42:1-2)**

**O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. (Psalm 63:1)**

**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 84:1-2)**

**Better 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. (Psalm 84:10)**

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

**The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. (Isaiah 50:4)**

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

**The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you. (2 Chronicles 15:2)**

**"Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. (Malachi 3:7)**

**Therefore brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:19-22)**

**Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling...We... would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:2, 8)**

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## IN THE AGE TO COME

**Ephesians 1:19-22**

**That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only *in the present age but also in the one to come.***

Lord, You have drawn my attention today to these words - "in the age to come." You seem to want me to focus on those words and seek You about what they mean. What do You want to teach me, Lord?

*I want to draw your attention to the fact that there IS an age to come, that this current age is not the only "age" there is.*

*I want you to know that in the current age whatever you do affects the "age to come." I want you to look forward to that age as you see this current age drawing to a close.*

*The tribulation is a time of transition from this age to the next age - which is My thousand-year reign on the earth. What you do now determines what you do during that age.*

**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.**

*Notice that My Word says "in the coming ages" - plural. So there are "ages" to come.*

**Isaiah 45:17**

**But Israel will be saved by the Lord with an everlasting salvation; you will never be put to shame or disgraced, to *ages everlasting*.**

*"Ages everlasting" means eternally.*

**Luke 18:29-30**

**"I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents of children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, *in the age to come*, eternal life."**

*There will be great rewards for those who have done great things for Me, and those rewards will be yours now and in the age to come. Eternal life is one of those great rewards. Eternal life means life with Me forever.*

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*Christ will reign forever - now and in the age to come. You will be with Him. Those who belong to Me will rule and reign with Him.*

**Ephesians 3:21**

**Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus *throughout all ages*, world without end. Amen.**

*Christ will receive glory throughout all ages to come. His glory will never end.*

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## DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS

*I made a promise to distinguish the righteous from the unrighteous at the time of Malachi.*

**Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.**

**"They will be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not." (Malachi 3:16-18)**

*I saved the righteous and distinguished them from the unrighteous at the time of Noah by putting him and his family in an Ark.*

**Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark. (Genesis 6:9-14)**

*I saved the righteous (Lot and his wife and daughters) who lived in Sodom.*

**Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing - to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"**

**The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." (Genesis 18:25)**

**...With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished." When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the Lord was merciful to them. (Genesis 19:15-16)**

*I distinguish between those who love Me and those who hate Me.*

**Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him. (Deuteronomy 7:9-10)**

*I hide My people until the punishing is finished.*

**Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. See, the Lord is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. (Isaiah 26:20-21)**

*I watch over the way of the righteous during the judgment*

**Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or set in the seat of mockers.**

**But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

**Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. (Psalm 1:1-6)**



*I give refuge to those who are near Me, but I destroy all who are unfaithful.*

**Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge. (Psalm 73:27-28)**

*The righteous are of great value to Me, but not the wicked.*

**The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value. (Proverbs 10:20)**

*I free the righteous and punish the wicked.*

**Be sure of this: The wicked will not go unpunished, but those who are righteous will go free. (Proverbs 11:21)**

*I spare the righteous from evil and give them peace. The wicked do not have peace.*

**The righteous perish and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death.**

**But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked." (Isaiah 57:1-2, 20)**

*I distinguish between the sons of the kingdom and the sons of the evil one at the end of the age.*

**His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."**

**He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age and the harvesters are angels.**

**"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear." (Matthew 13:36-43)**

*I distinguish between those who are blessed and those who are cursed.*

**When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.**

**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."**

**Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."**

**Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life. (Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46)**

*I distinguish between those who believe in Me and those who do not accept my words.*

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

**As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me, and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day." (John 12:44-48)**

*I distinguish between believers and unbelievers. They do not have anything in common, or fellowship, or harmony.*

**Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? (2 Corinthians 6:14-16)**

*My people are to be separate from those who are not Mine.*

**"Therefore come out from them and be separate," says the Lord. "Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." (2 Corinthians 6:17)**

*I distinguish between those who produce good crops from My blessing and those who produce worthless crops.*

**Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of**

**God. But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned. (Hebrews 6:7--8)**

*I distinguish between those who are Mine and those who are not Mine by what is written in My books.*

**Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 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 20:11-13, 15)**

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## TASTE THE POWERS OF THE COMING AGE

**It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who *have tasted* the goodness of the word of God and *the powers of the coming age*, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. (Hebrews 6:4-6)**

What are those powers? What do they look like?

If we have already "tasted" those powers, then they are mentioned in the Scriptures and we can learn what they are - at least of SOME of the powers of the coming age.

*This is good, Joan. Now you know what SOME of the powers of the coming age are.*

*But know this also - there are MANY more powers that you will experience during the coming age which you do not have the power for now because you are in an imperfect body here.*

*But in the age to come, you will be like Me and will be in a perfect body like Mine, so you will be invested with many more powers. Then you will be ready and enabled to rule and reign with Me.*

The power to be His witness

**He said to them: ...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:7-8)**

The power to testify to the Lord's resurrection

**With great power the apostles continue to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. (Acts 4:33)**

The power to do great wonders and miraculous signs among the people  
**Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. (Acts 6:8)**

The power of signs and miracles through the Spirit

**I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done - by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. (Romans 15:18)**

The power of God to save us through the message of the cross

**For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18)**

The power of our Lord Jesus to be present with us

**When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present... (1 Corinthians 5:4)**

The power of the manifestation of the Spirit in wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, speaking in different kinds of tongues, and interpretation of tongues

**Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another**

**prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:7-10)**

The Lord's power resting on us in our weakness

**But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)**

The Lord's incomparably great power for us who believe

**I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know... his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:19)**

The Lord's power working within us does immeasurably more  
than all we ask or imagine

**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. (Ephesians 3:20-21)**

Knowing Christ, the power of His resurrection, and becoming like Him  
**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. (Philippians 3:10)**

Power to strengthen us to have great endurance and patience

**Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience... (Colossians 1:11)**

Being given the spirit of power, love and self-discipline

**For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7)**

The power of having powerful and effective prayers

**The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (James 5:16)**

The second death will not have any power over us

**Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:6)**

- The power to be His witness
- The power to testify to the Lord's resurrection
- The power to do great wonders and miraculous signs among the people
- The power of signs and miracles through the Spirit
- The power of God to save us through the message of the cross
- The power of our Lord Jesus to be present with us
- The power of the manifestation of the Spirit in wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, speaking in different kinds of tongues, and interpretation of tongues
- The Lord's power resting on us in our weakness
- The Lord's incomparably great power for us who believe
- The Lord's power working within us does immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine
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## THE SIX ELEMENTARY TEACHINGS ABOUT CHRIST

**Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about**

**baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. (Hebrews 6:1-2)**

- Repentance from acts that lead to death
- Faith in God
- Instruction about baptisms
- The laying on of hands
- The resurrection of the dead
- Eternal judgment.

Many years ago I listened to excellent teachings on these six topics by Derek Prince. His material is available by going to his website at: [DerekPrince.com](http://DerekPrince.com)

(See below # 49 for Repentance, # 50 for Faith, # 51 for Baptisms, # 52 for Laying on of hands, # 53 for Resurrection of the Dead, and # 54 for Eternal Judgment.)

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## REPENTANCE

*Repentance is the basic foundation of your life with Me. This is because you live in the world and have a sin nature born into you. Therefore you MUST repent in order to share your life with Me and live according to My Word.*

*Repentance means you give up your old mind, your old way of thinking and speaking, and you let Me change you into a new creation with a new mind and new way of thinking and speaking.*

*You cannot get the "new" until you give up the "old." Therefore, you must repent and give up your worldly ways in order to be ready to receive My new Godly way into your heart.*

**In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near... I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Matthew 3:2, 11)**

**Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. (Acts 13:24)**

**From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." (Matthew 4:17)**

**Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. (Matthew 11:20)**

**The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here. (Matthew 12:41)**

**They [disciples] went out and preached that people should repent. (Mark 6:12)**

**Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. (Luke 3:8)**

**Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:32)**

**"Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you." (Luke 10:13)**

**Unless you repent, you too will all perish. (Luke 13:3)**

**I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. (Luke 15:7)**

**"No, Father Abraham," he said, "but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent."**

**He said to them, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead," (Luke 16:30-31)**

**If your brother sins, rebuke him and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, "I repent," forgive him. (Luke 17:3-4)**

**He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations." (Luke 24:46-47)**

**Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." (Acts 2:38)**



**Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you - even Jesus. (Acts 3:19-20)**

**God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. (Acts 5:31)**

**Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin. (Acts 8:22-23)**

**When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life." (Acts 11:18)**

**In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. (Acts 17:30)**

**First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. (Acts 26:20)**

**Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. (2 Corinthians 7:10)**

**Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. (Revelation 3:19)**

"Repent" is the translation of a Greek verb *mentanoeo*, meaning *to have another mind, to change the mind*, and is used in the New Testament to indicate a change of mind in respect to sin, God, and self. (From Scofield NIV Bible, pg 1408)

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## FAITH

*Your faith is the touch point on which you touch Me, and live in Me, and walk with Me.*

*Faith is the essential ingredient for salvation. You MUST BELIEVE in Me and what I did for you to be saved. Believing in Me takes faith, and that is God-given.*

*What is God-given is not of you, but is solely of Me. Therefore those who believe in Me owe their salvation by faith entirely to Me. And therefore I get all the glory and none goes to you.*

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8 )**

*Tell Me, Joan, the scriptures on faith. List them here. Ponder them closely, and let Me show you new things from them that you have not yet known or perceived. Ask for My revelation from these Words.*

#### SCRIPTURES ON FAITH

##### **2 Chronicles 20:20**

**As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.”**

##### **Habakkuk 2:4**

**The righteous will live by his faith.**

##### **Matthew 9:29**

**Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith will it be done to you,” and their sight was restored.**

##### **Matthew 17:20**

**He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”**

##### **Mark 11:22-24**

**“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”**

##### **Luke 17:5-6**

**The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.”**

**John 1:12-13**

**Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children not born of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.**

**John 6:29**

**Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."**

**John 14:1**

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

**John 20:31**

**But 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 15:8-9**

**God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.**

**Acts 20:21**

**I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.**

**Acts 26:15, 18**

**I am Jesus...I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.**

**Romans 1:17**

**For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."**

**Romans 3:21-22**

**But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.**

**Romans 3:28**

**We maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.**

**Romans 4:5**

**To a man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.**

**Romans 5:1**

**Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.**

**Romans 10:17**

**Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.**

**1 Corinthians 2:4-5**

**My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.**

**1 Corinthians 12:7-9**

**Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit...**

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

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

**1 Corinthians 16:13**

**Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.**

**2 Corinthians 5:7**

**We live by faith and not by sight.**

**Galatians 2:15-16**

**We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.**

**Galatians 2:20**

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

**Galatians 3:11**

Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, “The righteous will live by faith.”

**Ephesians 2:8**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

**Ephesians 4:4-5**

There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to one hope when you were called - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**Ephesians 6:16**

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

**Colossians 1:23**

...if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.

**1 Thessalonians 5:8**

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

**1 Timothy 6:12**

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**Hebrews 11:1 NIV**

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

**Hebrews 11:1 NLT**

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

**Hebrews 11:6**

Without faith it is impossible to please God; because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

**Hebrews 12:2**

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

**James 2:17**

**Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.**

**James 2:26**

**As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.**

**1 John 5:4-5**

**For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.**

Faith - The essence of faith consists in believing and receiving what God has revealed, and may be defined as that trust in the God of the Scriptures and in Jesus Christ whom He has sent, which receives Him as Lord and Savior and impels to loving obedience and good works. (From Scofield NIV Study Bible, page 1552)

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## BAPTISMS

### BAPTISM OF CHRIST

**At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. (Mark 1:9-11)**

### BAPTISM BY JOHN WITH WATER FOR REPENTANCE

**Matthew 3:6**

**Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him [John the Baptist] in the Jordan River.**

**Matthew 3:11**

**I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**

**Luke 3:16**

**John answered them all, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

**Luke 7:29**

All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John. But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.

**John 1:32**

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.'"

BAPTISM TO WASH AWAY SINS

**Acts 22:14-16**

Then he said: "The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name."

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Acts 1:4-5**

Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:14-17)

**Acts 11:15-16**

As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

**Acts 19:1-6**

**Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.**

**Mark 1:8**

**And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."**

**Acts 8:5, 12, 14-17**

**Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there...But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women....When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.**

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**Ephesians 5:18**

**Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.**

**BAPTISM INTO JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION**



**Romans 6:3**

**Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.**

BAPTIZED INTO MOSES

**1 Corinthians 10:1-2**

**For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.**

BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY

**1 Corinthians 12:13**

**For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.**

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

**Galatians 3:26-27**

**You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.**

BAPTIZISM JESUS COMMANDED

**Matthew 28:19**

**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.**

**Mark 16:16**

**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.**

*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) are the ones who will come with Me when I return for My bride.*

Because those who are FILLED with Your Spirit deny themselves, take up their crosses and follow You. (Luke 9:23). Those who have just enough of Your Spirit to ask You to be their Savior, but are not FILLED with Your Spirit, they do not deny themselves, pick up their crosses, and follow You. Is that it, Lord? Is that the difference between the five wise and five foolish virgins? (See Matthew 25:1)

*Yes, that is it. Remember IF ANYONE WOULD COME AFTER ME, he must deny himself, pick up his cross daily, and follow Me. Remember that some would come to Me, would believe Me, but would not follow Me. They believed in whom I was, and what I said, but did not FOLLOW Me.*

**If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)**

*Those who don't follow after Me, will not be raptured. And it takes the filling of My Holy Spirit to follow after Me.*

I see that according to these scriptures there were believers who believed in Jesus who were not filled with the Holy Spirit. They had not even been taught about the Holy Spirit. When they were taught and believed, and prayed to receive the Holy Spirit, then they were filled with Him.

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## LAYING ON OF HANDS

### ACCOMPANIED PRAYER

**Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them... When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. (Matthew 19:13, 15)**

### A SIGN OF HEALING

**Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jarus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. (Mark 5:22-24)**

**He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. (Mark 6:5)**

A SYMBOL FOR THE IMPARTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:15-17)**

**Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord - Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here - has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 9:17)**

**When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:6)**

A TOKEN OF ORDINATION FOR SPECIAL SERVICE

**They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. (Acts 6:6)**

**While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them," So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:2-3)**

**Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. (1Timothy 4:14)**

*My Holy Spirit is upon you, Joan.*

*You were ordained for special service when the elders laid hands on you and prayed for you at the Christian convention before you went to Japan for missionary work. They prayed for mighty work to be done in the name of Jesus. I have not forgotten that ordination.*

*And you were prayed for at CFO camp to receive the Holy Spirit and you received Him, and you came back home a different person.*

*You were prayed for by your church elders who laid hands on you to receive healing from cancer, and you were healed.*

*And you have been prayed for by your prophet friend to receive blessing from Me, and you are receiving it daily.*

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## RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

### RESURRECTION OF THE BODY FORETOLD

**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. I myself will see him with my own eyes - I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! (Job 19:25-27)**

**And I - in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness. (Psalm 17:15)**

**But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead. (Isaiah 26:19)**

**Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake; some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. (Daniel 12:2-3)**

### RESURRECTION PROCLAIMED BY CHRIST

**At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. But about the resurrection of the dead - have you not read what God said to you, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is not the God of the dead but of the living. (Matthew 22:30-32)**

**And you will be blessed... Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous. (Luke 14:14)**

**Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. (John 5:28-29)**

**Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." (John 11:23)**

#### THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE RESURRECTIONS

**They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. (Revelation 20:4-5)**

#### JESUS' RESURRECTION MORNING

**After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb... the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said....He has risen from the dead. (Matthew 28:1, 5-7)**

#### THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE MORTAL BODY TO THE RESURRECTION BODY

**When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. (1 Corinthians 15:37-38)**

#### THE RESURRECTION BODY WILL BE INCORRUPTIBLE, GLORIOUS, POWERFUL, AND SPIRITUAL

**So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.... And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 49)**

#### RESURRECTION UNTO LIFE

#### CHRIST, THE FIRSTFRUITS

**For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the**

**Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)**

**But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)**

#### MANY HOLY PEOPLE WHO HAD DIED

**And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. (Matthew 27:52-53)**

#### THOSE WHO ARE STILL ALIVE WHO ARE LEFT TILL HIS COMING

**We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17)**

**I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 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 15:50-53)**

#### HIS TWO WITNESSES

**I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1260 days...Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city...For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial...But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on. (Revelation 11:3, 7-9, 11-12)**

#### THOSE BEHEADED WHO HAD NOT RECEIVED THE MARK

**I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended). This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4-6)**

#### RESURRECTION UNTO DEATH/CONDEMNATION

**Jesus: Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. (John 5:28-29)**

**They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended). This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have**

**part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them. (Revelation 20:4b-6)**

**Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 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. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:11-15)**

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## ETERNAL JUDGMENT

*Yes, judgment is eternal, Joan. That means when I judge it is forever. There are many ways I judge. Read My word and learn from Me who is judged and what they are judged for.*

### JUDGMENT BY HIS WORD

**Matthew 7:24-27**

**Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.**

**But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.**

**Luke 11:32**

**The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and now something greater than Jonah is here.**

**John 12:47-48**



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

**Romans 2:12-13, 16**

**All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ.**

**2 Peter 3:5-7**

**But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.**

#### JUDGMENT BY WHAT WE DO

**Matthew 7:21**

**Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.**

**Matthew 25:31-32, 34-36**

**When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.**

**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. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."**

**Romans 2:5-6**

**But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God will give to each person according to what he has done.**

**Romans 14:10**

**You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee shall bow before me; every tongue will confess to God." So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:10**

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.**

**1 Peter 1:17**

**Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.**

**Revelation 20:11-12, 15**

**Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it...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.**

JUDGMENT OF THOSE WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH

**Romans 1:18-21, 24**

**The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.**

**For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.**

**They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.**

JUDGMENT AFTER DEATH

**Hebrews 9:27-28**

**Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people, and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.**

#### JUDGMENT WITH JUSTICE

**John 9:23**

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

**Acts 17:31**

**For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed.**

#### JUDGMENT IS BY GOD

**Psalm 75:2**

**You say, "I choose the appointed time; it is I who judge with equity."**

**Psalm 75:7**

**It is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.**

**Romans 11:33**

**Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!**

**Romans 14:10**

**You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.**

#### JUDGMENT FOR WORDS WE SPEAK

**Jude 14-15**

**Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."**

#### JUDGMENT OF THE RIGHTEOUS

**2 Timothy 4:7-8**

**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.**

*Know that I judge the righteous also, and their judgment is to reward them for the good things they did for Me, and their faithfulness to Me, and their love for Me and for others. This part of the judgment is for those who are just. They will stand before the judgment seat of Christ and receive their rewards.*

JUDGMENT WITH FIRE

**1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

**For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

**If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.**

JUDGMENT ON THE DAY OF THE LORD

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-3**

**Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.**

**2 Thessalonians 1:6-10**

**God is just. He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.**

### JUDGMENT CONCERNING ISRAEL

**Joel 3:1-2, 12, 14**

**In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel.**

**Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side.**

**Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.**

### JUDGMENT OF THE DEVIL

**John 12:31**

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

**John 16:8**

**When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.**

### JUDGMENT BY THE SON OF GOD

**John 5:22**

**The Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son.**

### OTHER SCRIPTURES ON JUDGMENT

**Psalm 75:2**

**I choose the appointed time; it is I who judge with equity.**

**Psalm 75:7**

**It is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.**

**Jeremiah 25:31**

**The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the Lord will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgment on all mankind.**

**Matthew 5:21**

**You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment."**

**Luke 11:32**

**The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and now something greater than Jonah is here.**

**John 5:22**

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

**John 12:31**

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

**Romans 11:33**

**Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!**

**Romans 14:10**

**You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.**

**1 Corinthians 11:29**

**Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.**

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## SCRIPTURES REGARDING CHILDREN

A dream about fathers and mothers running a church camp for their children

In this dream I was a visitor and observer at a church camp setting. The fathers were busy setting up everything to make the camp function. The mothers were busy preparing food

for the people at the camp. I walked around and just observed them and heard them talking.

When I awoke the Lord began talking to me about this dream.

*Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.*

*It's the parents that make the world go right, Joan. Not the government, not the business people, not the children, although all of them are important.*

*It is the parents who love their children and do good things for them to make life good for their children.*

*You see - you did the best thing when you stayed home and raised your children.*

*Look up instructions in My Word regarding family life and how to treat one another.*

#### CHILDREN ARE THE GIFT OF GOD

**Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked. Jacob answered, "They are the children God has graciously given your servant." (Genesis 33:5)**

**Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. (Psalm 127:3-5)**

**Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways...Your sons will be like olive shoots around your table...may you live to see your children's children. (Psalm 128:1, 3, 6)**

#### CHILDREN ARE A BLESSING

**A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother. (Proverbs 10:1)**

**A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother. (Proverbs 15:20)**

**Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children. (Proverbs 17:6)**

**The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him. (Proverbs 23:24)**

**Be wise, my son, and bring joy to my heart. (Proverbs 27:11)**

**A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father. (Proverbs 29:3)**

#### THE DUTY OF CHILDREN

**Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12)**

**Each of you must respect his mother and father. (Leviticus 19:3, 32)**

**When you and your children return to the Lord your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. (Deuteronomy 30:2-3)**

**Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. (Proverbs 1:8-9)**

**My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life. (Proverbs 6:20-23)**

**A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke. (Proverbs 13:1)**

**A fool spurns his father's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence. (Proverbs 15:5)**

**Stop listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge. (Proverbs 19:27)**

**Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. (Proverbs 23:22)**



**The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him. May your father and mother be glad; may she who gave you birth rejoice! (Proverbs 23:24-25)**

**Fear the Lord and the king, my son, and do not join with the rebellious, for those two will send sudden destruction upon them, and who knows what calamities they can bring? (Proverbs 24:21-22)**

**He who keeps the law is a discerning son, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father. (Proverbs 28:7)**

**He who robs his father or mother and says, "It's not wrong" - he is a partner to him who destroys. (Proverbs 28:24)**

**A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies...Her children arise and call her blessed (Proverbs 31:10, 28)**

**Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you say, "I find no pleasure in them." (Ecclesiastes 12:1)**

**Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)**

**Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "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." (Ephesians 6:1-3)**

**Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. (Colossians 3:20)**

**If a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God. (1 Timothy 5:4)**

**We have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best, but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. (Hebrews 12:9-10)**

**Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. (1 Peter 5:5)**

**As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:14-16)**

**You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you. (Psalm 8:2 NLT)**

#### CHILDREN BLESSED BY CHRIST

**Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and prayed for them. (Matthew 19:13)**

**He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." (Mark 9:36-37)**

**People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, any one who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16)**

#### CHILDREN BLESSED OF GOD

**My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son. Endure hardship as discipline. God is treating you as sons. (Hebrews 12:5-7)**

**God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. (Hebrews 12:10-11)**

**Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:1-2)**

## CHILDREN OF LIGHT

**Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light. (John 12:36)**

**For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. (Ephesians 5:8-11)**

**You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. (1 Thessalonians 5:50)**

## TRAIN A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO

**Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. (Deuteronomy 4:9)**

**Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land. (Deuteronomy 11:18-20)**

**Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. (Proverbs 22:6)**

**Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him. (Proverbs 22:15)**

**Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death. (Proverbs 23:13-14)**

**The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother. (Proverbs 29:15)**

**Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right. (Proverbs 20:11)**

## DUTY OF PARENTS

**A greedy man brings trouble to his family. (Proverbs 15:27)**

**She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family. (Proverbs 31:15)**

**Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (Matthew 7:9-11)**

**When I was a child I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. (1 Corinthians 13:11)**

**Children should not have to save up for their parents, but parents for their children. (2 Corinthians 12:14)**

**Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)**

**Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. (Colossians 3:21)**

**He must manage his own family well, and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (1 Timothy 3:4)**

**If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church? (1 Timothy 3:5)**

**A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. (1 Timothy 3:12)**

**If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Timothy 5:8)**

## BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

**At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children." (Matthew 11:25)**

**He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

**And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. (Matthew 18:2-6)**

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## THY WORD

*THY WORD tests my heart to see if it is pure.*

**THY WORD have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Psalm 119:11 KJV)**

**THY WORD is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105 KJV)**

**In the beginning was THE WORD, and THE WORD was with God, and THE WORD was God... THE WORD became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:1, 14)**

**THE WORD of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 RSV)**

*I and My Word are One.*

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THE WORD OF GOD IS...

PURE

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. (Psalm 19:8 RSV)

RESTRAINING

**I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
(Psalm 119:11)**

PERFECT

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. (Psalm 19:7)

TRUSTWORTHY

The words of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness. (Psalm 111:7-8)

TRUE

Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true...Yet you are near, O Lord, and all your commands are true... All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal. (Psalm 119:142, 151, 160)

ENDURING

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

EFFECTUAL

So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

SANCTIFYING

...To make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word... (Ephesians 5:26)

HARMONIOUS

The words of the prophet are in agreement with this. (Acts 15:15)

INSPIRED

For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)

LIVING AND ACTIVE

THE WORD of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 RSV)

LAMP

THY WORD is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105 KJV)

FIRE

I will make my words in your mouth a fire, and these people the wood it consumes. (Jeremiah 5:14)

HAMMER

Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29)

SEED

Listen then to what the parable of the sower means. When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. (Matthew 13:18-23)

SWORD

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:17)

HEAL

He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. (Psalm 107:20)

MAKE FREE

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31-32)

ETERNAL

Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. (Psalm 119:89)

ILLUMINATE

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. (Psalm 119:130)

BEAR WITNESS

But 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. (John 20:31)

PRODUCE FAITH

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)

MAKE WISE

...The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

CONVICT

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (Titus 1:9)

REJOICE THE HEART

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. (Jeremiah 15:16)

CREATE THE WORLD

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. (Hebrews 11:3)

REGENERATE

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)

DESTROY THE WORLD

But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (2 Peter 3:5-7)

IN THE SHELTER OF YOUR PRESENCE

How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you. In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues. (Psalm 31:19-20)

And you are one who fears Me, Joan.

I take refuge in You, Lord.

I know, and I take that very seriously. I know you count on Me for your refuge, and for your protection, and for your safety, and for your provision. I take that very seriously each day of your life, because you depend solely on Me.

I perceive in this scripture that You keep us "in the shelter of your presence" and "in your dwelling." I have seen many scriptures that affirm this also.

Yes, and it is good to review them also. You may place some of your favorites here now.

Psalm 3:3

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

Psalm 91 (NLT)

- **Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**
- **This I declare about the Lord: he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.**
- **For He will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.**
- **He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.**
- **Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day.**
- **Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday.**
- **Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.**
- **If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home.**

- **For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.**
- **The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name.**
- **When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them.**

Proverbs 18:12

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Isaiah 26:3

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

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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ENTER INTO GOD'S REST

God's promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. For this good news - that God has prepared this rest - has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn't share the faith of those who listened to God. For only we who believe can enter his rest. (Hebrews 4:1-4 NLT)

So 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. (Hebrews 4:9-10 NLT)

"The Rest of the Lord" is what Kevin saw written on the sword Jesus carried. (*The Sword of the Lord* by Kevin Basconi)

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)

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. (Matthew 11:28-30)

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

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.

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.

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.

The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” (Exodus 33:14 NIV)

Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long. (Deuteronomy 33:12)

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. (Psalm 23:2-3)

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him. (Psalm 37:7 KJV)

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

*(Quote from the book *Experiencing Father's Embrace* by Jack Frost, p 207)*

How can you position yourself to enter into God's rest and your spiritual man to rise above the outward man? (Outward man is the soul: mind, will, emotions and the physical body)

First of all, *agree with what the Word of God says about you*. You were created in God's image, and God is love. Every fiber of your being has been created for intimacy with God. We have learned throughout this book that God's unconditional love for you is

never based upon your behavior but upon His character of perfect love and grace. Outer man should never be judge of whether you feel close to God or not. God's truth, love and grace are the only factors of proof of whether God is with you. You were born of the Spirit to be filled with the Spirit, to walk in the Spirit, to talk in the Spirit, to commune with the Spirit, to live as a spirit being and for your spirit to rule over strongholds. That is a greater reality than your outer man that is temporal and fading away.

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COME UNTO ME

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. (Matthew 11:28-30)

Come to Me, Joan, for I am the only One who can fill your needs. What are your needs? To be loved and cherished enough for someone to care for you and to die for your sins and to bring you salvation. That is your real and true need. And I am the only One who can do that.

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)

And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

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." (Matthew 25:34)

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

And another need you have is to have something meaningful to do with your life while you live in this world. And I can give you that. I can lead you in the way everlasting for you.

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

If anyone would be my disciple, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

**Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead."
(Matthew 8:22)**

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. (Matthew 9:9)

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." (Matthew 19:21)

Come, follow Me, and I will make you a fisher of men. I will enable you to share the gospel of the kingdom with others. I will enable you to become like Me.

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come." (Matthew 22:1-3)

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. (John 6:37)

Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. (John 6:45)

If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. (John 7:37)

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 10:3-4)

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. (John 10:9)

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice. John 10:16)

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness

overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." (John 12:35-36)

I am the Light of the world. I give you light as you walk with Me and follow Me. I make you light like Me. You go forth and help dispel the darkness - in My name.

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you." (Genesis 12:1-2)

"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they shall be like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without cost... Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare." (Isaiah 55:1-2)