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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 SHINING LIGHT OF THOSE IN HEAVEN
AND OF THOSE ON EARTH

Daniel 12:2-3

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.

And you will shine, My daughter, just like that when you come into heaven. But you are already a shining light for Me on the earth, right now. All who belong to Me have this shining light, but some much more than others. It will be that way in heaven also. Some will have a small light and some will have a great light.

I already see you that way - with the amount of light you will have when you come up to heaven to be with Me.

I am the light of the world and I am the light of life. All who belong to Me carry My light to some extent. That will be made plain in heaven.

2 Samuel 23:2-4

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

Job 22:28

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

Psalms 37:5

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

Proverbs 4:18

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

Proverbs 13:9, 21

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

Isaiah 60:1-3

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

Zechariah 9:16

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

Matthew 4:16

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

Matthew 5:14-16

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

Matthew 13:43

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

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Ephesians 5:8, 14

For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

Philippians 2:14-16

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

1 Thessalonians 5:5

You are sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

1 Peter 2:9

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

1 John 1:5-7

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

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HIDDEN IN THE HEART OF GOD

We speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2:7-10)

Recently I listened to a video message from Paul Keith Davis. He talked about what he foresees will be coming soon for God's people. He indicated that what's coming will *depend on perfect love*. He said it is like a mystery. It is hidden. We can not even think of it yet, but it is coming. He said it is *hidden in the heart of God*.

That caught my attention about something being hidden in the heart of God that we need to seek and find. He said God *will share with us about this*, and that we need to be *occupied by God*. He said we go to the *Lord's heart* to get glimpses of what is to come.

So today I am seeking God about this. I am looking for scriptures about things which are hidden in the heart of God and how we are to seek Him about them.

That is what I am seeking, Lord. What is to come? What is next for your people on earth?

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

Spirit of God, You know what is hidden in the heart of God. Is there something which You want to disclose to us at this time? Is it the right time to reveal it?

For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. (Habakkuk 2:3)

Yes, My daughter, it is the right time. Listen to the next scripture and it will give you a clue...

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 see, it is a walk that you take with Me. It is taken one step at a time. It will happen as you seek Me, listen to Me, and follow My instructions on a daily basis. "This is the way; walk in it."

As you walk daily with Me, you will walk out what is right for you at this time. As you do this, then you will see and know what I am doing at this time in earth history and in the history of My people, for you will live it, you will walk it out. Then you will know - after you have lived it.

So it is a matter of seeking My heart. Yes, as Paul Keith said, it is hidden in My heart. But I will reveal My heart to those who fully love Me, who listen to My voice, and who walk in My ways.

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings. (Proverbs 25:2)

For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. (Luke 8:17)

Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. (Daniel 12:9)

It IS the time of the end. And it IS the time to break the seal and disclose what I showed to Daniel. You will see it and live it.

Paul Keith said it would depend on perfect love. That is true, and perfect love is My love. I am the only One who has and gives perfect love. I give My perfect love to all those who truly belong to Me and are fully committed to Me. That perfect love will lead you, without fear, to carry out My instructions that you are to follow.

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THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE KEY TO THIS TREASURE

He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure. (Isaiah 33:6)

This scripture came up on my conversation with someone today. I heard the Lord tell me it was an important scripture for me and to ask Him about it. He also said He wanted to talk with me about His life.

Lord, I come before You and ask You about this scripture. You said it was important for me. What do You want me to know about it? How is it important to me? And what about the words "My life"?

I impart My life into you when you come under "the fear of the Lord." It then becomes your life. Our lives are then intertwined forever...My life and your life.

You will need a sure foundation for the times you live in right now. I WILL BE THAT SURE FOUNDATION for your times. I WILL BE a rich store of salvation. I WILL BE a rich store of wisdom. I WILL BE a rich store of knowledge.

And the key that you use to unlock this rich store is THE FEAR OF THE LORD.

Can you define it (the fear of the Lord)?

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. (1 Chronicles 16:24-25)

The fear of the Lord - that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding. (Job 28:28)

Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. (Psalm 2:11)

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. (Psalm 19:9)

The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. (Psalm 25:14)

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)

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 33:18-19)

But for those who fear you, you have raised a banner to be unfurled against the bow. (Psalm 60:4)

For you have heard my vows, O God; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. (Psalm 61:5)

You alone are to be feared. Who can stand before you when you are angry? (Psalm 76:7)

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. (Psalm 85:9)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. (Psalm 103:11-14)

But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children - with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. (Psalm 103:17-18)

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. (Psalm 111:5)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. (Psalm 111:10)

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. (Psalm 112:1)

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. (Psalm 128:1)

But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. (Psalm 130:4)

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. (Psalm 145:19)

The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. (Psalm 147:11)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. (Proverbs 1:7)

To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. (Proverbs 8:13)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Proverbs 9:10)

The fear of the Lord adds length to life. (Proverbs 10:27)

A wise man fears the Lord and shuns evil. (Proverbs 14:16)

He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge. (Proverbs 14:26)

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death. (Proverbs 14:27)

The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor. (Proverbs 15:33)

Through the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil. (Proverbs 16:6)

The fear of the Lord leads to life. Then one rests content, untouched by trouble. (Proverbs 19:23)

Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life. (Proverbs 22:4)

"Should you not fear me?" declares the Lord. "Should you not tremble in my presence?" (Jeremiah 5:22)

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. (Malachi 3:16)

But for you who revere his name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. (Malachi 4:2)

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28)

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. (Luke 1:50)

But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. (Luke 12:5)

Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. (2 Corinthians 7:1)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:28)

The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great - and for destroying those who destroy the earth. (Revelation 11:18)

Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water. (Revelation 14:7)

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed. (Revelation 15:4)

Those who have the fear of the Lord belong to Me. Those who belong to Me have the fear of the Lord. They have a deposit of My Spirit in them and that deposit grows and grows - until it becomes the fullness of My Spirit (like Jesus had) when they come up here to live eternally with Me. And therefore we are eternally connected together by My Spirit.

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GOD FULFILLS HIS PROMISES

1 Kings 8:56

Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. *Not one word has failed* of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.

As I read this scripture from 1 Kings 8:56, my attention was caught by the words "Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave."

I then desired to find more scriptures that talked about the faithfulness of God and how He keeps and fulfills His promises. Here are some scriptures that tell of this.

These are so encouraging to me and they fill me with knowing more about God and what He is like.

Genesis 18:14

Is anything too hard for the Lord?

No, My daughter, nothing is too hard for Me.

Numbers 11:23

The Lord answered Moses, "Is the Lord's arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you."

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, the he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

I DO fulfill My promises.

Joshua 21:45

Not one of all the Lord's good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

Every one was fulfilled.

Joshua 23:14

You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.

1 Samuel 15:29

He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind.

I am not a man, and I do not act like men. I am God.

1 Kings 8:20

The Lord has kept the promise he made.

Isaiah 50:2

Was my arm too short to ransom you? Do I lack the strength to rescue you?

Isaiah 59:1

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.

I hear everything that I choose to hear.

Romans 4:20

Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

And this is what I desire for you, My daughter, to be FULLY PERSUADED that I have the power to do what I promise you I will do.

1 Corinthians 1:9

God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

I am faithful.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

Yes, I am faithful.

2 Corinthians 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

My many promises are "yes" in My Son. He is the One through whom you get to receive all the answers to My promises.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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.

Again - I am faithful.

Titus 1:2

Eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time.

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Once more I am faithful. Your confidence in My answered promises is based on My faithfulness.

2 Peter 1:4

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Notice you get to participate in My divine nature through My promises.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Everyone.

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IT AWAITS AN APPOINTED TIME

Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits *an appointed time*; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. (Habakkuk 1:2-5)

This is about an appointed time, Joan. That's what I want you to write about today - an appointed time.

It is time for you to act, Lord. (Psalm 119:126)

Today is an appointed time for Me to act, Joan. It is an appointed time and I will act. You will see, eventually, what My act will cause to happen. Then you will know what this day is an appointed time for.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter. (Ecclesiastes 8:6)

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

This is right. When it is My time to do something, when it is the appointed time, then I will do it swiftly. There will be no holding back or reticence. I will do it swiftly.

My time is not yet here; for you any time will do...I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come. (John 7:6, 8)

When I was on this earth, I knew My appointed times. My Father and I discussed them. In the same way, you are to know appointed times as you and I discuss them.

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

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

For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God. (1 Peter 4:17)

I want to talk about this topic of judgment more. Do a study on judgment.

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WHAT IS JUDGMENT?

1 Peter 4:17

For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God.

What is judgment, Joan, that is to begin with the family of God?

Judgment means to put things right, to place things in the right order, to make things right... to be righteous. And that begins (first happens) with My own people - the family of God.

I want you to know - THIS is the appointed time for judgment in My house, My family, My body. Judgment comes to set things straight.

You will now see this happening. Watch the news. Read the reports you get by email. Listen to things people say. You will watch and see this judgment (not a bad thing, but a good thing) happening.

As usual when things change it takes some adjusting by those being changed. So watch for signs of people adjusting.

That is what you and Beth and your friend have been doing, under My loving and careful instruction, for many years. You have done it the easy way - the right way - a little at a time each day as I lead you.

But those who have resisted My changes in their lives will now experience those changes in a more abrupt way, quickly, and with more difficulty.

I use many natural events to cause great changes in people's lives... especially those who resist My gentle inward promptings to change.

And you are seeing that now when you watch the news - great changes. Yes, I use hurricanes and fires and snowstorms and earthquakes to make quick and drastic changes in people's lives...as well as personal events.

But if they walk through those with Me they will be safe and will benefit as I work righteousness in them and in their lives.

Remember how I have taught you to ask Me - "What are You trying to teach me through this, Lord?"

NOW is the appointed time for judgment to begin in the family of God. Watch and see.

It is the appointed time.

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MORNING

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice. (Psalm 5:3)

Morning - this is the best time of the day - enjoy it. This was always My favorite time of the day. New day, new life, new adventures, new ideas, new things to learn and see and experience.

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)**

Yes, I used to get up like you do and spend time with My Father - like you do now. You are acting like Me.

"This is Your body, broken for me." (I said this when I took communion today) "By Your stripes I am healed." (see Luke 22:19 and 1 Peter 2:24).

The healing is more than physical healing, Joan. It is body, soul and spirit.

Find the scripture on those three.

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 5:23-14)

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THERE IS A SIN THAT LEADS TO DEATH

If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death. (1 John 5:16-17)

And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. (Matthew 12:31-32)

I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin. (Mark 3:28-29)

And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. (Luke 12:10)

You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: you always resist the Holy Spirit! (Acts 7:51)

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)

If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God... How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? (Hebrews 10:26-29)

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DO NOT BE AFRAID

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

This is My Word to you every day of your life, Joan. Do not be afraid.

I know things come along that frighten you. But when that happens, remember My words to My people who belong to Me (and you belong to Me) - "Do not be afraid for I am with you."

That is all you need - Me. For I am strong and mighty and nothing can defeat Me.

So when you are afraid - read these words of Mine - for they are true.

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

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

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

But now, this is what the Lord says - he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have summoned you by name; you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. (Exodus 14:11-14)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

This is what the Lord says to you: “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s... You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you...do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.” (2 Chronicles 20:15, 17)

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YOU WILL CALL and HE WILL HEAR YOU

You will pray to him, and he will hear you. (Job 22:27)

I have ears to hear you and a heart to care about you. I know when you need Me even before you call Me, but I still want you to call upon Me. You know why? Because then, when I answer your call, you will know it is I who has done it, not you.

Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. (Isaiah 65:24)

How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. (Isaiah 30:19)

Come near to Me, Joan, and I will come near to you (see James 4:8). When you call upon Me, you come near to Me.

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

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. (Psalm 50:15)

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LIGHTNING

I saw a picture of lightning and then He brought to my mind the scripture from Matthew 24:27 about His return being like the lightning. He said to look up scriptures about lightning.

For as the lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (Matthew 24:27)

For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. (Luke 17:24)

And that is how quickly you will be raptured, Joan...as quick as the lightning coming from the east is visible in the west. And it will be soon. Watch for it, for it will happen soon.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Watch for it, and watch for Me to return. You will participate in My return with Me since all who belong to Me will return with Me to rule and reign with Me. You can look forward to that.

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse whose rider is called Faithful and True... His name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. - Revelation 19:11, 13, 14

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SEARCH ME, O GOD

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

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Test me, O Lord, and know my anxious thoughts. Lord, see if there is any offensive way in me. Change me and lead me in Your way everlasting.

Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth. - Psalm 26:2

Yes, you do, Joan. You walk continually in My truth because you esteem My Word and hold to it consciously day by day. You value what happens in you when you walk continually in My truth, for I use My Word to teach you and change you daily.

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. - Psalm 25:4

That's true, Lord. My hope is in YOU all day long. So, I ask You to teach me Your paths and guide me in Your truth.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. - Psalm 86:11

An undivided heart is so important, Lord. Give me an undivided heart. I want to fear your name properly, Lord, so give me an undivided heart so that I do that.

Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. - Psalm 119:33

Yes, Lord, teach me to follow Your decrees, Your Word, because I truly want to keep them to the very end of my life on earth and always be true to You.

You are, Joan, keeping My Word and you are being true to Me - every day of your life. I will lead you to keep doing this to the very end of your life on earth as a human.

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. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. - Psalm 139:1

Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul... Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. - Psalm 143:8, 10

I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve. - Jeremiah 17:10

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. - 1 Corinthians 2:10

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LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

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

Sometimes, Joan, there is no way you can know what I am doing and why I am doing it.

You know from your own life how you prayed and prayed for one thing, and I did just the opposite of what you prayed for.

And yet you now understand that what I did was the very best thing for you that I could have done.

If I had done things the way you prayed, you could not have been doing what you are doing now. Your whole life since then would have been different.

You see, I know what is best for you even when you think you know.

What the devil meant for harm, I meant for good for you. Therefore, you can praise Me in all things because you know that I know what is best.

Rejoice in the Lord always. - Philippians 4:4

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Then Job replied to the Lord: "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted... Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know." - Job 42:1-3

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. - Isaiah 40:28

As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things. - Ecclesiastes 11:5

Oh the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? - Romans 11:33-34

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EVERY THOUGHT

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. - 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Every thought, Joan. Every thought is to be taken captive unto Me. That means you give all your thoughts to Me and ask Me to convict you when you have any thought that is NOT of Me.

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.

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GODLY SORROW

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

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. - Psalm 51:3-4

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow. - Psalm 51:7

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise. - Psalm 51:17**

**For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against
us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities. -
Isaiah 59:12**

*What is Godly sorrow, Joan? It is seeing things My way, from My perspective.
When you see things you have done from My perspective, then you are hit with
Godly sorrow.*

*And that is a good thing. Why? Because when you see things from My
perspective and have Godly sorrow, it brings about TRUE repentance in your
life, and through that repentance you become clean and pure before Me.*

*If you are not sure what you need to repent of, just ask Me to give you Godly
sorrow and ask Me to show you things you have done and thought from My
perspective, and I will honor that request.*

*Godly sorrow is very important because it is totally different than earthly
sorrow. You cannot believe a person is truly repentant unless you see Godly
sorrow. So, you must ask for discernment about sorrow - whether it is Godly or
earthly.*

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IT SPEAKS OF THE END

**Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a
herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it
speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for
it; it will certainly come and will not delay. -Habakkuk 1:2-5**

**"Son of man," he said to me, "understand that the vision concerns the
time of the end." - Daniel 8:17**

**He said, "I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of
wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end. -
Daniel 8:19**

**Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified
and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the
appointed time. - Daniel 11:35**

But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. - Daniel 12:4

He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. - Daniel 12:9

It speaks of the end. The end that it speaks of is now near, My daughter. It is near and you are living in that time of the end. The visions of Daniel and Habakkuk are coming true, are happening even now because you are at the door, the gateway, of the time of the end.

It will certainly come and will not delay. That is the truth. So, know that you are living in that "time of the end" that the prophets spoke about.

Remember when I said, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near"? Well, My word now is, "Repent for the time of the end is near."

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ASK FOR COMFORT

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. - John 14:6

For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on them. - Isaiah 49:13

I, even I, am he who comforts you. - Isaiah 51:12

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you. - Isaiah 66:13

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Yes, I want to speak of comfort. I am your Comforter. I am all the comfort you will ever need. I did not send My Comforter to you to do nothing. He is My gift to you to bring you comfort when you need it.

I know that while you live life on this earth you will need lots of comfort. I know that because I know you will have many trials and tribulations while on earth (see John 16:33).

But you can ask Me for comfort as well as guidance when those trials come.

I give you comfort because I love you.

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THE WEEDS ARE BEING COLLECTED

Last night I was thinking about the wheat and tares (weeds) parable (Matthew 13:24) that Jesus told. Then I heard this:

The tares are being gathered into bundles right now. The angels will gather them and take them to be burned. Then the wheat will be harvested. Study this and listen to what I will teach you about it.

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared... [He said], "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 13:26, 30

The wheat forms heads when it matures and is almost ready to be harvested. It shows the difference between the wheat and the weeds at that time because the weeds do not form heads like wheat does.

As I read this today I realized that the harvesters "**collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to BE BURNED.**" That is the destiny of the weeds - to be burned. This parable does not say they ARE burned at that time, but only tied into bundles to BE burned.

The Lord said the angels gather them and take them to be burned. The weeds need to be tied together first before the wheat is harvested. That means to me that it is very clear the difference between the wheat and the weeds at that time.

We are in that time period right now. The distinction between the wheat and weeds is becoming clearer every day. And the weeds are being tied together. I see this on the news as groups gather together and protest more and more against law and order and against the elected authorities. And I see this as groups try to tear down things that are Christian.

I even read about a school where they didn't allow candy canes because they looked like a "J" for Jesus. Amazing!

In this parable, how is the wheat harvested? By bringing it into His barn, which I assume is a reference to heaven. That sounds like the rapture of those who belong to the Lord.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

And this is the truth, Joan. You have discerned the parable rightly. I want you to know that the "gathering" of the weeds is happening each and every day as people decide and takes sides - either FOR or AGAINST Me. For that really is the decision that is being made - for or against ME. I am being accepted or rejected, just as the Jews did when I was on earth - they made decisions to accept or reject Me.

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LORD, SHOW US THINGS THE WAY YOU SEE THEM

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:8-9

The Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. 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

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. - Psalm 139:17-18

... you alone know the hearts of all men. - 1 Kings 8:39

...for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. - 1 Chronicles 28:9

Oh the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? - Romans 11:33-34

I see things as accomplished, as they will be in the end when things are completed. I see things the way they REALLY are, not the way they seem to be to you on earth.

I see them the way they will be in the Millennium when they all get completed and the world is turned over to Me by My Son.

I see the heart of man and I see it as it truly is, not as man perceives it.

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... When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. - 1 Corinthians 15:24-25, 28

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I AM THE GATE

I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice... I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep... I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. - John 10:1-3, 7, 9

I am the gate, Joan, and no one can enter into heaven except by Me. There is NO other way to the Father except through Me. I am the Way, the only Way. I am the Truth, the only Truth. And I am the Life, the only Life. My Father and I are One. The ONLY way to My Father is through Me.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - John 14:6

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THE SHEEP KNOW HIS VOICE

The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of

them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. - John 10:3-4

Notice this, Joan - My sheep follow Me because they know My voice. Others who are not My sheep may THINK they hear My voice and they follow that voice, but that voice is not Mine. It is a fake, a deception, a false Messiah. Remember I said there would be many who would come and claim to be the Messiah? Write that scripture here:

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ.' And will deceive many. - Matthew 24:4-5

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HOW TO TEST THE SPIRITS

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ.' And will deceive many. - Matthew 24:4-5

How can we tell the difference, Lord?

That is why you must test the spirits that come to you - to see if they are false or true. Find the scripture where John tells you how to test the spirits.

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God. Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. - 1 John 4:1-3

Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. - 1 Corinthians 12:3

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WHERE DO YOU DWELL?

Where do you dwell, Joan? You dwell in My secret place, My sanctuary, where My glory dwells, in My house, in My tabernacle, in My shelter. That's where you dwell when you keep your eyes and heart and thoughts on Me.

Remember that I said I will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is stayed on Me because he trusts in Me (see Isaiah 26:3)? Keep your mind 'stayed' of Me and I will keep you in peace.

Stay in My dwelling and I will keep you safe there. Listen to My Word to tell you about My dwelling...

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

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

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

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 31:20

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

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

Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. - Psalm 71:3

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." - Psalm 91:1-2

If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the Lord, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. - Psalm 91:9-12

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COUNT IT ALL JOY

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. - James 1:2-4

The Lord gave me John 15:11 to read this morning. It says:

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. - John 15:11

Thank You, Lord, for this word from You. Thank You for Your joy in me, and that my joy may be complete.

You will not know complete joy until you enter heaven and be with Me, for I am the fullness of your joy.

But while you are on earth I am still your joy too. And you are My joy. I find My joy in you and you find your joy in Me.

So let us be joyful together, My daughter. Let us delight in the company of each other as we share together during your quiet times with Me each morning.

When I was on earth I took myself away from others and entered the joy of being with My Father during the early morning hours. You are following that pathway and are finding your joy in being with Me each morning. Follow Me.

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THE LORD WILL INSTRUCT YOU

Who then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. - Psalm 25:12

**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.
- Psalm 25:8**

Yes, Joan, I will instruct you. That is My Rhema Word for you today - I will instruct you. I will teach you. I will guide you. I will give you My thoughts. You know why? Because you have asked Me and asked Me to do that. And I am honoring that prayer.

Notice the two qualifications mentioned in the scriptures above: (1) fears the Lord and (2) humble.

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

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THE LORD IS ON HIS HEAVENLY THRONE!

Do not call conspiracy everything these people call conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread, and he will be a sanctuary. - Isaiah 8:12-14

This scripture really caught my attention, especially because the daily news broadcasts seem to try to inject fear into people concerning things going on in the world. The many, many "talkers" who are interviewed, and who give their various opinions, can cause much fear if you listen to them and take on their thoughts on world events.

I am so glad I can ask the Lord for HIS thoughts on things and ask Him how HE sees things. He assures me that He is in control of the world. This is a scripture He led me to notice many years ago which still comforts me:

When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? ...The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. - Psalm 11:3-4

What can the righteous do when the foundations are being destroyed? They can look to the Lord, and they can know this: The Lord is on His heavenly throne. He is in charge of everything!

In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears... He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me. - Psalm 18:6, 19

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

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. - Psalm 45:6

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. - Psalm 47:8

Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity. - Psalm 93:2

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! - Isaiah 30:18

For he [God] views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. - Job 28:24

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. - Psalm 103:19

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. - Habakkuk 2:20

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. - Hebrews 1:8

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JUST AS THE FATHER KNOWS ME

I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. - John 10:14

I know My sheep and My sheep know Me - just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. "Just as" means the knowing is in the same way. It is BY MY

SPIRIT, Joan. By My Spirit. My Spirit accomplishes it. And My Spirit lives IN YOU.

Come, Holy Spirit, and speak to me. Tell me what You and Jesus and Father want to share with me this day - Christmas day - the day we celebrate your birth into the world, Jesus.

Lord, Jesus, You know me and I know you. You know the struggles in my heart and mind.

Yes, My daughter, and I will ALWAYS know you, no matter how you feel or think or act because you belong to Me and you know Me too. I know your future and I know that you will always be faithful to Me. Why? Because I know your heart and your thoughts - every day, in every way.

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WALKING IN THE LIGHT

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. - 1 John 1:5

I read this quote from Rick Joyner's book *Army Of The Dawn*, pg 56 and thought about these scriptures from John 8:12 and 1 John 1:5. Rick said: "Walking in the light is staying close to the Lord."

That makes sense that we have the light when we stay close to the Lord since He is light. I don't know about you, but I do not like the darkness. I love the light that comes in the morning to start a new day. I am glad I live in an era when we have electric lights during the dark times.

But even more, I don't like the darkness that can come spiritually if I am not walking close to the Lord. In that darkness there is confusion and uncertainty.

When I walk in the light with the Lord day by day, He gives me guidance and clarity and understanding. He has the seven spirits of God on Him mentioned in Isaiah 11:2. Those are:

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. - Isaiah 11:2.

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WHEN I SHINE ON YOU

I saw rainbow-like prisms shining on the wall. They were shining because of the sun shining through round crystals which we had hung in the window to catch the sunshine. As I watched these rainbow-colored prisms on the wall He said:

You are like that prism. You will only be seen when I shine upon you.

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl, instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:14-16

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FIRE COMING ON THE EARTH

I had a dream where I saw that there was fire coming to the earth. We Christians were the only ones who knew that. We were walking around asking people if they were Christians or not. I was standing beside a tree and saw that some of the leaves were on fire.

This dream represents where I stand right now in relation to what's coming in the future.

It shows that those who belong to Christ are speaking to other people as they encounter them. They are checking to see whether that person belongs to Jesus and knows about the fire that is coming to the earth.

The fire is the Lord's fire. It is burning in various places and in various people throughout the earth.

The tree stands for leaders. Some of the leaves burning means some of the leaders are "on fire" for the Lord, and leading revival.

The tree looked like an oak tree to me and that means great strength to weather storms.

You see the fire coming to test all the people on the earth. You try to share that with others. You see that My body, My true church, will have great strength to stand during the coming fire.

Does that fire represent the great revival we have been expecting for many years, Lord?

Yes.

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This dream of fire reminded me of a vision I saw many years ago about the fire of God's revival coming on earth. I will share that vision here and scriptures regarding the fire of God.

A Vision

In this vision I saw people kneeling in prayer at the front of the sanctuary in my church. I only saw their silhouettes and they were aqua blue. They were surrounded by a rose-colored light. I then saw a ball of fire in the air over the people sitting in the sanctuary. This ball of fire started moving around inside the sanctuary in the shape of an arc. It would come down and touch someone; then would go up in another arc to some other part of the sanctuary to come down and touch someone else. It kept doing this over and over, faster and faster, touching more and more people. Each time it went in the arc through the air it left a trail of silver dust, like a jet trail in the sky, so these trails increased and increased within the inside of the sanctuary. It kept going faster and faster until it exploded so that light and silver dust filled the whole sanctuary.

*That last scene is starting to happen now - now meaning since about 2000. It is increasing and going faster every day, and touching millions of people. It will accelerate much faster. You will see it. Much will be happening that I have been getting you and Beth in place for. You will be part of it.*

*You see in your mind that "ball of fire" moving up and around, touching people here and there. If you think of that sanctuary in which you saw it moving as 'the world' then you can see that ball of fire going around 'the world' and touching people and groups all over the world. That's what the sanctuary represents - it represents where I am working around the world, in My sanctuary, the place where I am dwelling and working.*

*My Holy Spirit ball of fire is using and taking My people all around the world to people groups and setting them on fire for Me.*

*My fire is burning!*

*Look up all the Scriptures that fit this scenario and write them here:*

SCRIPTURES ON FIRE OF GOD



**Luke 12:49**

**I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!**

**Jeremiah 23:29**

**“Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord...?**

**Acts 2:3**

**They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.**

**Hebrews 12:29**

**For our God is a consuming fire.**

**Exodus 24:17**

**To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.**

**Daniel 7:9-10**

**As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.**

*This is now, Joan. I am on My throne with the books open and judging the ten thousand times ten thousand (meaning all peoples) who are ‘before Me’ - as My eyes run to and fro throughout the earth. The court with Me is also seated meaning they are also ready and waiting to judge with Me and watch Me judge the earth. The books are now open for the judgment. That judgment is like a fire coming out from before Me to the earth.*

*There is very little ‘time’ left for people to change positions from where they are right now.*

**Isaiah 4:4**

**In that day -- The Lord will.... cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire.**

**Malachi 3:2**

**But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.**

**Matthew 3:11**

**His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear this threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

**Hebrews 1:7**

**He makes.... his servants flames of fire.**

*My fire is burning. It is making judgment throughout the earth. You (people) will either be consumed by fiery passion for Me or fiery passion for the enemy. Soon there will be no "in between." People must choose. They choose Me or they reject Me (which means they choose to live on earth without Me). If they choose to live without Me, then they will be deceived by the enemy and will think they are right, but they will be dead wrong!*

**Joel 3:14**

**Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.**

**1 Corinthians 3:12-15**

**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.**

*Come, My children, come to Me and be saved! I want you for Mine, but I allow you freedom to choose to live without Me. It is a sad choice to do so, a sad choice. It means you will die. There will be no 'life' in you for I am Life. If you have no Life, then you die.*

*I want My own to come to Me, Joan, and I want you to pray for that as often as I bring it to your mind. They have mostly come already, but there are a few more.*

I didn't know it was that close, Lord.

*It is. There is not much time left.*

*Come to Me, My children. I love you and I want you to be Mine. When I close the opportunity to choose Me, I want you to be with Me. And the opportunity will close soon. Then I will take My own to heaven to be with Me, and you (if you don't choose Me) will be left on earth to face the judgment. Some of you will choose Me then, and I will love you for that, but you will have to 'go through' the judgment just the same.*

*It is so much better if you choose Me now, before the Rapture...so much better!  
Come, My children, and choose Me while there is still time.*

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## BLAMELESS

**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 5:23-24**

*I am the faithful One, Joan, who will keep you blameless as you walk with Me day by day. It is a daily walk. Each day listen to Me, follow Me, repent when I say to repent, confess what I say to confess, and I will keep you blameless and pure all the days of your life.*

**He [our Lord Jesus] will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. - 1 Corinthians 1:8-9**

**When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless." - Genesis 17:1**

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. - Psalm 84:11**

**Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are they who keep his statutes, and seek him with all their heart. - Psalm 119:1-2**

**Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse. - Proverbs 19:1**

**...Just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. - Ephesians 5:25-27**

**Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life. - Philippians 2:14-16**

**May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. - 1 Thessalonians 3:13**

**But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation - if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. - Colossians 1:22-23**

**So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. - 2 Peter 3:14**

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## APPLYING HIS WORD TO MY HEART

Today I am reviewing scriptures that the Lord had me apply to myself. As I reread them, I felt He wanted me to share them in this book, so you can apply them to your heart also. I am reminded by Him of His Word in Psalm 119:11 where it says: **I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.**

*Yes, My daughter, hiding My Word in your heart is precious to Me and precious to you. When you hide My Word in your heart you hide ME in your heart, for I and My Word are one (see John 1:1).*

*What you have hidden in your heart will lead you, because you follow what is in your heart and you speak what is in your heart.*

*So, keep hiding My Word in your heart DAILY.*

**These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. (Revelation 3:7-8)**

(Jesus opens a door before me that no one can shut even though I have little strength.)

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

(I have goodness and mercy following me all my life)

**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)**

(I dwell in the house of the Lord and look upon Him)

**You knit me together in my mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13)**

(He made me.)

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

(I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus)

**In quietness and confidence is your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)**

(My strength is in quietness and confidence in Him)

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

(I am being instructed and taught, counseled and watched over)

**And Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matthew 28:20)**

(Jesus is always with me)

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

(I keep things and ponder them)

**The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart. I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."**

**"Ah, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."**

**But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.**

**Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth." (Jeremiah 1:5)**

(I was known before I was born and was set apart for the Lord's calling. I am to do what He leads me to do and not be afraid. He will be with me.)

**“Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.” (Habakkuk 2:2)**

(I am to write down what He instructs me and it will come at the appointed time)

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

(I am to trust in Him and He will direct my path)

**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)**

(I dwell with the Lord and look upon Him, see Him)

**He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1)**

(I dwell in the secret place and abide under His shadow)

**They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. (Revelation 14:4)**

(I follow Jesus wherever He goes)

**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)**

(The Lord gives me words that help others and enables me to listen as He teaches me.)

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## YOUR THOUGHTS RUN YOUR LIFE

"Your thoughts run your life." I read that this morning in Proverbs 4:23 NCV. So I am looking up more scriptures today about my thoughts and what the Word of God says about thoughts.

**Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life. - Proverbs 4:23 NCV**

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

**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...Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. - Psalm 139:1-2, 4**

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

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

**Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? - Matthew 9:4**

It is clear from scriptures that You know our thoughts, Lord. I ask You to change me so that I think like You think and act like You act. Change me, Lord, so that I become like You.

**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**

**For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and**

**marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. - Hebrews 4:12**

**"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:8-9**

**How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. - Psalm 139:17-18**

*My daughter, it is I who is causing you to even THINK about your thoughts. I want you to think about them because it is very important WHAT you think about. That scripture in Proverbs 4:23 is correct. You do go in the direction you think. Your thoughts DO run your life. So, you can see that it is extremely important WHAT your thoughts are.*

*Do you want to follow Me? Then you must carry My thoughts and My way of thinking in your heart - and not be swayed from that.*

*Remember that Joyce Meyer wrote a whole book on THE BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND. It is true that the mind of a man is the battlefield where Satan tries to pull mankind away from God's thinking into his way of thinking.*

*So, cover your mind with My thoughts which are expressed in My word. Read and renew your mind every day on My word. Memorize My word. Think about it. Meditate on it every day.*

*Remember what I told Joshua:*

**Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. - Joshua 1:8**

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WHO HAS CALLED YOU TO  
HIS OWN ETERNAL GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS

**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**

*It's that glory I want to talk with you about today. Eternal glory. Do you have any idea what that means, Joan?*

I guess I don't, Lord. I haven't thought much about glory and what it means. Do You want to tell Me?

*Yes. I want us to ponder and consider that today.*

**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 12:3**

**Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. - Matthew 13:43**

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

**And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. - Romans 8:30**

**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. - 1 Corinthians 15:42-44**

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

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

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

**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. - Colossians 1:27**

**When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. - Colossians 3:4**

**From the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)**

**Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. - 2 Timothy 2:10**

*You do not get glory because you deserve it, because you did something right, because of your own goodness or righteousness, etc. That all comes as a gift from Me when you have faith in Me and believe in Me. You didn't earn it.*

*But the glory I am talking about today is different. The scripture says "salvation with eternal glory." So, this glory is part of eternal salvation. You receive it after you leave this earth. It is part of "sharing in Me". It is eternal.*

*During the Millennium this glory will set you apart from those humans who live on the earth. It will be visible to all. All who have this eternal glory will serve Me and be part of My kingdom, ruling and reigning with Me on the earth during that 1000 years.*

*I just wanted you to think about this today and realize it. It is a precious gift you can look forward to - later on.*

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## IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PURPOSE OF HIS WILL

These scriptures caught my attention today. They were on the pages where my bible lay open from yesterday. What strikes me is how these scriptures say over and over that the Lord created us for His glory, and that He formed us and made us and chose us - so that we could proclaim His praise and for His glory.

**...everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made. - Isaiah 43:7**

**"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand**

**that I am he...You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God." - Isaiah 43:10, 12**

**I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. - Isaiah 43:20-21**

**This is what the Lord says - he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you... - Isaiah 44:2**

It reminds me of Ephesians where it states a similar idea:

**For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will - to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves... In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will... - Ephesians 1:4-5, 11**

*And I am still working things out "in conformity to the purpose of My will", My daughter. I am doing this every day, and I will continue to do this for all of the days of the earth.*

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## THE TONGUE

**My tongue is the pen of a skillful writer. Psalm 45:1**

I wrote down this scripture because I feel like it fits me. The Lord gives me thoughts as I talk with Him daily, and I can speak them and I can write them as He leads me.

As I contemplated this scripture, I wanted to learn more of what the Lord says about the tongue, so I began searching for more scriptures on that topic...

*The tongue is absolutely essential in our walk together, My daughter. It is useful to speak forth what I share with you. But it also can speak negative things so it needs to be carefully trained to follow Me.*

**I said, "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin." - Psalm 39:1**

*The tongue can be used for good and it can be used for evil. So, one of the things you must constantly work on is training your tongue to follow Me only.*

**He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.  
- Proverbs 21:23**

**He who guards his lips guards his life. - Proverbs 13:3**

**The tongue has the power of life and death. Proverbs 18:21**

*My son James spoke forcefully about the tongue - as I taught him.*

**The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. - James 3:5-6**

*The tongue can also be used for good and produce good fruit in your life.*

**From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things as surely as the work of his hands rewards him. - Proverbs 12:14**

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

**From the fruit of his lips a man enjoys good things. - Proverbs 13:2**

**Wise words satisfy like a good meal; the right words bring satisfaction. - Proverbs 18:20 NLT**

*But know that in the judgment what you speak can be used for you or against you.*

**I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned. - Matthew 12:36-37**

*I know your heart and so I know your every thought before you even speak it.*

**You perceive my thoughts from afar... Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. - Psalm 139:2, 4**

*These are some of the things I want you to use your tongue for, My daughter.*

**My tongue will speak of your righteousness and of your praises all day long. - Psalm 35:28**

**The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. - Psalm 37:30**

**The godly offer good counsel; they teach right from wrong. - Psalm 37:30 NLT**

**May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous. - Psalm 119:172**

**Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. - Psalm 126:2**

**She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. - Proverbs 31:26**

**When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. - Proverbs 31:26 NLT**

*The most powerful use of your tongue is to use it to praise Me and bring Me glory.*

**That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. - Philippians 2:10-11**

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## THE TRUTH

**Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart. - Psalm 15:1-2**

*Seek Me to speak the truth from your heart.*

**Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. - Psalm 51:6**

**"I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right." Isaiah 45:19**

**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:14**

**For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:17**

**If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and truth will set you free. - John 8:32**

*You want to be set free? The truth will set you free. Ask Me for the truth in all situations, and I will tell you as you listen to Me. Then you will know the truth and it will set you free...free from everything that is not of Me.*

**Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin." - John 8:34**

**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life." - John 14:6**

*The truth is who I am and what I am. Therefore, if you want to be like Me, you must walk in truth.*

*The truth is what REALLY is, not just what man THINKS is. And the only way to know what REALLY is, is to seek the truth in Me and from Me. I AM the truth. All that I am and all that I do and all that I say is truth.*

**When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. - John 16:13**

*My Spirit is with you and in you to guide you into all truth. So seek Me, Truth, through My Holy Spirit who resides in you. And seek Me, Truth, through My Word, as it is truth also.*

**Jesus answered, ..."In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." - John 18:37**

**Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. - 1 Corinthians 13:6**

*I am love and I rejoice with the truth...and so do you when you walk in My love.*

**Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. - Ephesians 4:21**

**This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. - 1 Timothy 2:3-4**

*A knowledge of the truth is what you are seeking when you seek Me. It is good to seek this knowledge each day.*

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## GRACE AND TRUTH CAME

**For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:17**

*Grace and truth came. I am grace and truth. I came. Where did I come?*

*I came to you, My daughter, and I came to all those who believed in Me and called to Me to save them from their sins. That's why I came into the world - to save people from their sins.*

*And this was all done by grace. My grace IS sufficient for you. It is sufficient for all your needs, because I am your Provider - the One who provides for all your needs.*

*That is My message to you today, Joan...I am the Provider for all your needs and it is provided by My grace. This is the truth.*

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## A HIGHWAY - THE WAY OF HOLINESS

**And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. - Isaiah 35:8**

*It will be a spiritual highway, Joan. You wonder what this refers to. It will be a spiritual highway. It will only be for the holy ones. Who are the holy ones? They are the ones who are made holy by Me. I cleansed them of their sins because*

*they believed in Me and asked Me to forgive them for their sins and come and live inside them. THEY are the holy ones who walk on this spiritual highway. They are set apart unto Me. They belong to Me and I belong to them. It is a real place but it is not an earth place. It is a spiritual place - where you walk with Me.*

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## I WILL NOT BE AFRAID

Recently I have been putting pictures on my computer wallpaper which have scriptures on them. Today, when I opened my computer, this is the scripture on it:

**God didn't give us a spirit that makes us weak and fearful. He gave us a spirit that gives us power and love. It helps us control ourselves. - 2 Timothy 1:7**

This is so appropriate as He has been teaching me in various ways recently not to be afraid.

I placed on my dining room table a scripture card with this on it:

**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 NIV**

Yesterday I was led to watch a TV video of Joyce Meyer, and it was about overcoming fear. She said we must tell ourselves - "I will not be afraid." She said David said that and we are to say that to ourselves. She was offering a book of hers called *Living Courageously*.

Here are a few of the places where it talks about not being afraid in the Psalms:

**The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid? ...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 27:1, 5**

**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 31:20**



**Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. - Psalm 55:22**

**When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. - Psalm 56:3-4**

**My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. - Psalm 62:1-2**

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." - Psalm 91:1-2**

**The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The Lord is with me; he is my helper. - Psalm 118:5-6**

From these scriptures we can say these affirmations:

- The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.
- The Lord is with me; He is my helper.
- The Lord is my refuge and my fortress.
- The Lord is my God in whom I trust.
- The Lord is my fortress, I will never be shaken.
- The Lord is my rock and my salvation.
- I trust in God; I will not be afraid.
- I cast my cares on the Lord and He will sustain me.
- The Lord keeps me safe from the intrigues of men.
- The Lord keeps me safe in the shelter of His presence.
- The Lord keeps me safe from accusing tongues.
- The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear.
- The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.

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## GOD MANIFESTS HIMSELF TO HIS CREATION

In my quiet time the Lord talked to me about Himself - God. He revealed this to me:

***GOD***

*In the beginning - God*

*I manifest Myself in any way I choose*

*I manifest Myself as Spirit and live in you and talk to you as Spirit  
I manifest Myself as human in Jesus Christ  
I manifest Myself as angel in the Angel of the Lord  
I manifest Myself in what I create - that is why man has no excuse for not  
worshipping Me  
I manifest Myself in the sun, moon, stars, earth, animals, trees, sea animals, and  
mankind  
I manifest Myself in words in what I speak.*

*I created hell for all of My creation that rejects Me.*

*I created through love and for love.  
Love is who I am and love is the ultimate force.*

*I fulfill Myself through loving and so does mankind.  
Loving is being like Me and relating to Me.*

*Ultimately everything will be covered with love and express itself through love -  
as that is who I am and what I am and do.*

Psalm 148 talks about the Lord creating all things.

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the skies. Praise him high above the earth. Praise him, all you angels. Praise him, all you armies of heaven. Praise him, sun and moon. Praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens and you waters above the sky. Let them praise the Lord, because they were created by his command. He put them in place forever and ever; he made a law that will never change. - Psalm 148:1-6 NCV**

Psalm 19 talks about how the creation of God speaks words to us about Him.

**The heavens tell the glory of God, and the skies announce what his hands have made. Day after day they tell the story; night after night they tell it again. They have no speech or words; they have no voice to be heard. But their message goes out through all the world; their words go everywhere on earth. - Psalm 19:1-4 NCV**

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MY WORDS AND MEDITATION

**May the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. - Psalm 19:14**

*I want you to work on this today. I will lead you.*

May the words of my mouth

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. - Psalm 51:15**

The meditation of my heart

**May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. - Psalm 104:34**

O Lord, my Rock

**The Lord is my rock, in whom I take refuge. - Psalm 18:2**

And my Redeemer

**Come near and rescue me; redeem me because of my foes. - Psalm 69:18**

**"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the Lord. - Isaiah 59:20**

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## THE FIRE OF GOD

**Then the Lord called to the man clothed in linen who had the writing kit at his side and said to him, "Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it."**

**As I listened, he said to the others, "Follow him through the city and kill, without showing pity or compassion...but do not touch anyone who has the mark." - Ezekiel 9:3-6**

*I have marked those who belong to Me. They will not be touched at the harvest time. They are marked with a seal by My Holy Spirit.*

**And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession - to the praise of his glory. - Ephesians 1:13-14**

*Right now both the believers and unbelievers are living together, but the separation is coming soon that I have told you about. I will soon call My church to "come up here" and be with Me.*

**After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. 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." - Revelation 4:1**

*Fire is coming. My next judgment upon the earth is by fire, Joan. My angels are preparing right now to execute that judgment. It will be coming soon.*

**The Lord said to the man clothed in linen, "Go in among the wheels beneath the cherubim. Fill your hands with burning coals from among the cherubim and scatter them over the city." As I watched he went in.**

**When the Lord commanded the man in linen, "Take fire from among the wheels, from among the cherubim," the man went in and stood beside a wheel. Then one of the cherubim reached out his hand to the fire that was among them. He took up some of it and put it into the hands of the man in linen, who took it and went out. Ezekiel 10:2, 6-7**

*Fire can come from many sources: volcanoes, earthquakes, storms, man's misuse of fire, and supernaturally.*

*I want you to note three things in these scriptures today:*

- 1. Fire is what I use to destroy the wicked*

**Matthew 3:11**

**His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear this threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

- 2. My angels carry out My orders to use fire as I direct them*

**Let both [wheat and weeds] 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.**

**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. - Matthew 13:30, 40-42**

*3. I give permission for My two witnesses to use fire to protect themselves.*

**And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth...If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. - Revelation 11:3-5**

*The harvest is coming soon.*

**"But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap." - Malachi 3:2**

**"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. - Malachi 4:1**

**"But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall." - Malachi 4:2**

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## THOSE WHO RECEIVE BLESSING FROM THE LORD

Today I was guided to study those who are blessed and why they are blessed. It was a blessing to me to do this study. It was encouraging, and a study to look at myself and see how I measured up to these standards.

### THOSE CHOSEN BY GOD

**Blessed are those you choose to bring near to live in your courts! - Psalm 65:4**

**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in**

**Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. - Ephesians 1:3, 4**

THOSE CALLED BY GOD

**Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was but one, and I blessed him and made him many. - Isaiah 51:2**

**Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!  
- Revelation 19:9**

THOSE CHASTENED BY GOD

**Blessed is the man you discipline, O Lord, the man you teach from your law. - Psalm 94:12**

THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN GOD

**Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. - Psalm 34:8**

THOSE WHO TRUST IN GOD

**O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you. - Psalm 84:12**

**But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. - Jeremiah 17:7**

THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD

**Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. - Psalm 128:1**

**Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. - Psalm 112:1**

THOSE WHO ARE BLAMELESS

**Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. - Psalm 119:1**

THOSE WHO HEAR AND OBEY

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

**Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. - Matthew 13:16**

**Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it. - Luke 11:28**

**But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it - he will be blessed in what he does. - James 1:25**

**Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. - Revelation 1:3**

**Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book. - Revelation 22:7, 14**

#### THOSE WHO KNOW

**Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven." - Matthew 16:16, 17**

#### THOSE WHO BELIEVE

**Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished! - Luke 1:45**

**So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. - Galatians 3:9**

#### THOSE WHO SUFFER FOR CHRIST

**Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. - Luke 6:22**

**Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me. - Matthew 11:6**

#### THOSE WHO PERSEVERE UNDER TRIAL

**Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. - James 1:12**

THOSE WHO WATCH AGAINST SIN

**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 16:15**

THOSE WHO REBUKE SINNERS

**But it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and rich blessing will come upon them. - Proverbs 24:25**

THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD

**Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. - Revelation 14:13**

THOSE UNDEFILED

**Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. - Psalm 119:1**

THOSE PURE

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. - Matthew 5:8**

THOSE JUST

**Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right. - Psalm 106:3**

THOSE RIGHTEOUS

**Blessings crown the head of the righteous. - Proverbs 10:6**

**For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. - Psalm 5:12**

CHILDREN OF THE JUST

**His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. - Psalm 112:2**

**The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him. - Proverbs 20:7**



THOSE FAITHFUL

**A faithful man will be richly blessed. - Proverbs 28:20**

THOSE POOR IN SPIRIT

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 5:3**

THOSE MEEK

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. - Matthew 5:5**

THOSE MERCIFUL

**Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. - Matthew 5:7**

THOSE WHO ARE PEACEMAKERS

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. - Matthew 5:9**

THOSE BOUNTIFUL

**Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. - Deuteronomy 15:10**

**Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble. - Psalm 41:1**

**A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor. - Proverbs 22:9**

**But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous. - Luke 14:13, 14**

THOSE WHOSE SINS ARE FORGIVEN

**Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him. - Romans 4:7**

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## OVERSHADOWED

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

**He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Matthew 17:5 RSV**

**The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." - Luke 1:35**

**How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. - Psalm 36:7**

**The Lord will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. - Psalm 121:5**

*I want to talk to you about overshadowing. I am overshadowing you like I overshadowed Mary and like I did to Peter, James and John with that cloud. The overshadowing I do for you is like an invisible cloud around you day and night - only it is the cloud of My presence. Like the cloud that went with the Israelites in the desert. I want you to know you are under the cloud of My presence day and night and for all time. Yes, this is for your children too.*

**By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. - Exodus 13:21**

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## IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE THE LORD

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

**Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. - Psalm 37:5-6**

**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**

*If you will listen to My voice, I will show you the way to walk.*

**And now I will show you the most excellent way - 1 Corinthians 12:31**

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

**And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. - 1 Chronicles 28:9**

*With wholehearted devotion and a willing mind. Did you notice that? Serve Me with wholehearted devotion and a willing mind. Acknowledge Me in all your ways.*

**Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven. - Matthew 10:32-33**

*This is serious business. If you acknowledge Me before men, then I will also acknowledge you before My Father in heaven. Those I acknowledge before My Father in heaven are those who truly belong to Me. And I will also acknowledge you before the angels of God.*

**I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. But he who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God. - Luke 12:8-9**

**This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. -1 John 4:2-3**

## RECONCILED

(A song)

Hark the herald sing  
Glory to the newborn king  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled.

As this song went through my mind, I realized that the Lord was giving me the thought to learn more about what is meant by "God and sinners reconciled." So, I am studying about reconciliation. It means making peace between enemies. So, the Lord brings peace between God and sinners by reconciling them through Jesus Christ.

### IT IS ACCOMPLISHED BY GOD IN CHRIST

**All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. - 2 Corinthians 5:18-19**

### IT IS ACCOMPLISHED BY CHRIST'S DEATH

**For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! - Romans 5:10**

### IT IS ACCOMPLISHED BY CHRIST'S BLOOD

**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. - Ephesians 2:13**

### IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED WHILE MEN WERE HELPLESS, SINNERS, AND ENEMIES OF GOD

**You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us... For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Romans 5:6, 8, 10**

**Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation - if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. - Colossians 1:21-23**

RECONCILIATION PRODUCED PEACE WITH GOD AND ACCESS TO GOD.

**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. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. - Romans 5:1-2**

**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. - Ephesians 2:13**

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## THE AGE OF GRACE

**And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age. - Matthew 28:20**

*To the very end of the age, Joan. And the end of this age, called the age of grace, is almost over. And I am with you to the very end of it. Then there will be a seven-year transition, called the tribulation, into the next age, the Millennium.*

*The age of grace is unique and special because that is the age when I come to earth in a new way - inside My believers. I function THROUGH them during this age.*

## GRACE OF GOD AND JESUS CHRIST

**For the Lord God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. - Psalm 84:11 NLT**

**This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord of hosts. What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain; and he**

**shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!' - Zechariah 4:6-7 RSV**

**And the child [Jesus] grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. - Luke 2:40**

**John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. - John 1:15-17**

**I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. - Acts 20:24**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life - not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time. - 2 Timothy 1:9**

**God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. - 1 Peter 5:5**

#### SALVATION THROUGH GRACE

**We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are. - Acts 15:11**

**There is no difference, for 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 3:24**

**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**

**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 2:8-9**

**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 2:16-17**

**He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7**

**Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. - 1 Peter 1:10-11**

#### EFFECTS OF GRACE

**We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace. For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand. - 2 Corinthians 1:12-13**

**For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. - Titus 2:11**

**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**

**For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. - Romans 6:14**

#### PRAYER FOR GRACE

**The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. - Romans 16:20**

**To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. - 1 Timothy 1:2**

**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**

#### DANGER OF ABUSING GRACE

**Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey - whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? - Romans 6:15-16**

**For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord. - Jude 4**

#### DANGER OF DEPARTING FROM GRACE

**You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. - Galatians 5:4**

#### EXHORTATIONS CONCERNING GRACE

**But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life - not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time. - 2 Timothy 1:9**

**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**

**But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. - 2 Peter 3:18**



## JOY

John 15:11 is the verse God gave me to look up this morning and meditate on. As I read it and pondered it, I also looked at John 15:12-14.

**I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. - John 15:11-14**

As I read this scripture the Lord talked to me about it.

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

*Your joy won't be complete on this earth, Joan, because there is sin on the earth. But the fullness of your joy, the completeness of your joy, will be fulfilled in heaven when you come up here to be with Me.*

**My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:11-14**

*That kind of love must be practiced and learned - each day. So each day commit yourself to listen to Me and follow My instructions as to WHOM you are to love that day, and HOW you are to love them.*

*Love comes in many forms. Look at My love - sometimes it comes in encouraging you, sometimes it comes in teaching you, sometimes it comes in just saying "I am here with you," and sometimes it comes in correcting you.*

*Remember what it (the Bible) says about what My word does?*

**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 3:16-17**

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## TIMING

**For the revelation awaits an appointed time. - Habakkuk 2:3**

*If you think like I think then you will know the perfect timing. I have perfect timing for everything. So you CAN know the perfect time for everything if you listen to Me and follow Me.*

**Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. - Luke 9:23**

*Timing is everything. Timing is important for each thing you do and say. Ask Me for My timing for everything you do, and it will be right. This isn't something YOU know but only something that I know, because I know everything and you don't.*

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

*Look up timing today and write what I tell you on that. That's what your dream was about - timing.*

**There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

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## MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU

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

*My peace I give unto you.*

*There is a peace that is MY peace. It is different than the world's peace.*

*How is it different? It is supernatural peace. It touches places inside you that respond to Me.*

*Did you know there were places inside you that respond to Me?*

*There are - if you belong to Me. I put those places inside you before you were born - before you came on earth as a person, before the foundation of the world.*

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

*It is what you sometimes call a "seed" inside you that I activate and grow in you.*

*My peace touches that supernatural place inside you and activates it. That produces My peace inside you.*

*It is My gift - one of the many gifts I give you.*

**Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:6-7 NCV**

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## I HATE CALLING GOOD EVIL AND EVIL GOOD

This is what the Lord gave me this morning to study:

*I hate calling evil good and good evil.*

- 1. What does hate mean?*
- 2. Where in bible does it mention calling evil good?*
- 3. What is truth?*

### 1. WHAT DOES HATE MEAN?

Hate means: to dislike something with strong feeling.

#### REACT AS GOD DOES

**But you have this in your favor: you hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. - Revelation 2:6**

#### TWIST MORAL JUDGMENTS

**All who hate me love death. - Proverbs 8:36**

ESTEEM OF LESS VALUE

**The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. - John 12:25**

MAKE A VITAL DISTINCTION

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

DESPISE

**Your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts my soul hates. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. - Isaiah 1:14**

HATING EVIL

THOSE WHO LOVE THE LORD HATE EVIL

**Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. - Psalm 97:10**

THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD HATE EVIL

**To fear the Lord is to hate evil - Proverbs 8:13**

WE ARE ADMONISHED TO HATE WHAT IS EVIL

**Hate what is evil, cling to what is good - Romans 12:9**

**I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil - Romans 16:19**

**In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults. - 1 Corinthians 14:20**

**Hold on to what is good. Avoid every kind of evil - 1 Thessalonians 5:22**

2. WHERE IN THE BIBLE DOES IT MENTION  
CALLING EVIL GOOD?

**Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. - Isaiah 5:20**

**They have no regard for the deeds of the Lord, no respect for the work of his hands...For they have rejected the law of the Lord Almighty and spurned the word of the Holy One of Israel. - Isaiah 5:12, 24**

This is what I see on the TV news each day enacted by many who are shown on the news for what they say. They call evil good and good evil. They do this because they have no regard for the Lord and have rejected His law and His word.

### 3. WHAT IS TRUTH?

This is what the Word says in the Bible about what truth is:

TRUTH IS WHAT THE LORD SPEAKS AND DECLARES IT IS  
**"I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right." Isaiah 45:19**

TRUTH IS IN THE WORD WHO BECAME FLESH - JESUS CHRIST  
**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:14**

TRUTH CAME THROUGH JESUS CHRIST  
**For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:17**

JESUS' TEACHING IS THE TRUTH  
**If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and truth will set you free. - John 8:32**

JESUS IS THE TRUTH  
**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life." - John 14:6**

This is what the Lord has taught me in the past about the truth

*The truth is who I am and what I am. Therefore, if you want to be like Me, you must walk in truth.*

*The truth is what REALLY is, not just what man THINKS is. And the only way to know what REALLY is, is to seek the truth in Me and from Me. I AM the truth.*

*All that I am and all that I do and all that I say is truth.*

*My Spirit is with you and in you to guide you into all truth. So seek Me, Truth, through My Holy Spirit who resides in you. And seek Me, Truth, through My Word, as it is truth also.*

*A knowledge of the truth is what you are seeking when you seek Me. It is good to seek this knowledge each day.*

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## HE WHO IS LEAST AMONG YOU ALL - HE IS THE GREATEST

**An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all - he is the greatest." - Luke 9:46-48**

*The least among you doesn't get to make all the decisions. He doesn't have power over others. He doesn't get to have things his way.*

*He lets Me make the decisions. He lets Me have the power over others. And He lets Me have My way. He doesn't even TRY to exert himself in situations - he just calls on Me and trusts Me to exert Myself on his behalf.*

**At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"**

**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." - Matthew 18:1-6**

*The least among you doesn't seek for personal glory. He points others to Me and then lets Me get the glory for what transpires. He gives Me glory in all circumstances and doesn't take any credit for himself.*

**Jesus called the children to him and 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, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." - Luke 18:16-17**

**Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. - Mark 10:43-44**

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## ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER

**He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. - Matthew 10:40**

**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." - John 12:44**

**I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me, and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me. - John 13:20**

**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...Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. - John 3:16, 18**

**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." - John 11:25-26**

**I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. - John 5:24**

**Jesus answered, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves." - John 14:9-11**

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## REWARDS

**Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. - Matthew 10:41**

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty...He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge. - Psalm 91:1, 4**

**Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings from the wicked who assail me, from my mortal enemies who surround me. - Psalm 17:8**

*Stay under My wings and you will be richly rewarded by Me. That is one reward I want you to continue to work toward.*

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Those who honor me, I will honor. - 1 Samuel 2:30

Honor Me all the days and hours and moments of your life, Joan. How do you do this? By just what you are doing right now – seeking Me until you find Me (connect with Me you call it), listening to Me, and then being obedient to all I say.

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

If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. - John 14:23

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**But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. - 2 Chronicles 15:7**

*Be strong and do not give up. That is VERY IMPORTANT. Do not give up. Your work WILL be rewarded.*

**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**

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Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. - Psalm 16:6

Yes, Joan, this is for you. How many times have you said that I am your portion and your cup.

I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” - Lamentations 3:24

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**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**

*The path of life is known to the righteous, Joan, and you are righteous in My sight. I knew you as righteous even before the foundation of the world. I KNEW YOU. I provided for you to find the path of life – and I AM THE PATH OF LIFE. I provided for you to know Me.*

*The joy that was set before Me was later when I got to heaven, Joan, and it is that way with you too. The joy will come when you come into My presence in heaven, and it will be never-ending/forever. It will be a joy like you have never known on earth as it is impossible to know the fullness of this joy while on earth, only in heaven. And Yes, there will be eternal pleasures at My right hand...and you will be there at My right hand.*

**The joy of the Lord is your strength. - Nehemiah 8:10**

**The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. - Isaiah 51:11**

**You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. - Isaiah 55:12**

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And I—in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness. - Psalm 17:15

Yes My daughter, you will SEE ME and you will BE SATISFIED. How many times have you wanted to actually see Me while on this earth? How many times

have you heard of others coming up into heaven, and you wanted that to happen to you?

Well, this will finally be satisfied when you “awake.” That will be one of your rewards – to see Me. That will be the greatest reward, Joan, because you want to see Me, to be close to Me, to be in My presence, and then you will get all of that as a reward.

I know how many times you have wanted Me to hug you and have thought what that might be like. Well, you will experience that as a reward when you come here.

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

He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come Lord Jesus. - Revelation 22:20

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**By them [ordinances of the Lord] is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. - Psalm 19:11**

*You are studying, and you are keeping, My ordinances, Joan. This saves you from much harm and gives you much wisdom from Me. You are rewarded in that way here on earth, but you also receive GREAT REWARD in heaven. This is for you.*

**Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. - 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV**

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

This is for you, Joan. I want you to aim to delight Me by delighting yourself in Me every day of your life. I will give you the desires of your heart, not only on this earth, but especially in heaven.

Is the desire of your heart for heavenly rewards? Yes. And I have put that desire in your heart for heavenly rewards. And so, you will receive those heavenly rewards as desires of your heart. Your delight and My delight are aligned together – they are the same.

Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness! - Matthew 25:21

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**Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. - Psalm 37:5**

*How many times have you yearned for justice to be seen and known, Joan? This is a promise I make to you: the justice of your cause (namely knowing Me) will shine like the noonday sun. AND I will make your righteousness shine. These are rewards for you – your righteousness shining and the justice of your cause shining. You may not see that fulfilled here on earth, but it WILL BE fulfilled in heaven as your heavenly reward.*

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.... the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. - Isaiah 60:1**

**Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy. - Isaiah 60:5**

**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 12:3**

**Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. - Matthew 13:43**

**For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. - Ephesians 5:8**

**I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. - Revelation 3:9**

**The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. - Proverbs 4:18**

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The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure forever. - Psalm 37:18

I know all your days, Joan, not only the total number of days you will live, but what each and every day will bring to you and hold for you. You are blameless in My sight, not by your own goodness, but because you are cleansed completely by My blood. Therefore, you belong to Me, and I know the days for you and what they will bring. That is why I can make promises to you about your protection, safety, food, enlightenment, revelation, peace, etc. I already know about these and am speaking to you on the basis of what I know will take place.

And your inheritance will endure forever: you have an inheritance in Me for all the things you have done, are doing, and will do for My kingdom. And I also know ALL about these. They will endure forever and bring great rewards to you forever. You never lose those rewards/inheritances once you get them at the judgment seat. They are yours forever.

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**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**

Is this a scripture on rewards, Lord?

*Yes it is. I choose those I bring near Me, both on this earth and in heaven. Those who are near Me “live in My holy courts” and have great joy. I choose them based on what they DO and what they SAY. This determines WHO THEY BECOME. My choosing them is My reward for them.*

*You are one I have chosen to live in My holy courts even now while you are on the earth, and you will do that also when the judgment time comes in heaven – you will live in My holy courts. Notice it is plural – courts.*

**You did not choose me, I chose you. - John 15:16**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. - Psalm 100:4**

**My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. - Psalm 84:2**

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

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## HE HEALED ALL WHO WERE SICK

This scripture reference (Matthew 12:15) came to me during the night so I wrote it on my cell phone:

**Jesus knew what the Pharisees were doing, so he left that place. Many people followed him, and he healed all who were sick. - Matthew 12:15**

Lord, did You want me to look at this scripture today?

*Yes, My child, I wanted you to ponder it.*

What do You want to teach me through this scripture, Lord?

*I want you to know three things:*

- 1. That I know what certain people are doing, and I leave them if I need to do that.*
- 2. There are many people following Me, even now, even though you don't know who they are*
- 3. I healed all who were sick then. And I am the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. - Hebrews 13:8 NIV**

I don't understand, Lord. I know You healed all who were sick then, and You are the same yesterday, today and forever. To me that means you heal all who are sick now. But I pray and pray for You to heal me, and to heal Beth, and I don't always see the healing. What am I missing, Lord?

*Yes, you do see the healing. But you don't see it immediately now like they did when I was on the earth.*

*You keep praying, and I will keep healing, but don't expect to see the healing manifest immediately. I heal, but the healing sometimes comes about in a way you don't expect. Keep expecting, and I will keep healing.*

*Sometimes it will manifest in time and patience, sometimes through surgery or through medication, or through a doctor. I use different methods. But don't give up on My word. My word is true, so keep believing in it.*

I got the thought about the lady I heard give testimony many years ago about how she was healed of breast cancer, but how she prayed and prayed and believed through several stages of that cancer deteriorating her, and how the healing came later.

*I have many things I want to give My people besides healing. Sometimes I use the healing process to teach other things besides just healing. I can choose the time the healing is manifested. It is Mine to determine and choose that time.*

*So keep believing and keep seeking Me and keep praying for the healing you want. I hear you, and I DO heal now the same as I did then. But I choose the time. Sometimes it is instant, and sometimes it is not. But I still heal.*

So You wanted me to go through the process of getting hearing aids instead of healing my hearing to teach me something else besides Your healing?

*Yes. And that is something so good that I used the hearing situation to teach you that. Trust in that and trust in Me that I know what I am doing, and I am doing what is best for you. Will you do that?*

Yes, Lord.

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## MY WARNING BY GOD

Last night while watching the TBN program regarding angels helping people, I watched the story of a girl who felt compelled to get off the train she and her mom were on. She got off, saw a man (an angel who disappeared after talking to her) at a station (that was closed) who told her the hospital was two blocks in that direction and she needed to go there. She did and got very sick when she arrived there. They discovered her appendix were about to burst, and she had surgery.

When she got the overwhelming compulsion so strongly to leave the train and run in a certain direction toward the hospital, the Lord said to me:

*That's what I did for you.*

I knew immediately He was referring to the episode I had in my junior year of college when I got such an overwhelming compulsion to leave chapel during the service that I walked out in front of the whole congregation. I ran across campus to the dorm, ran to the bathroom, then immediately began vomiting and could not stand up after that. I crawled on my hands and knees to the office phone and called the nurse. I eventually ended up being driven in an ambulance 40 miles to the hospital near my home and had surgery that day. It was on my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

When I think back to what it might have been like had I not left the chapel at that very moment, I cringe at the prospect. My illness would have made an awful scene and disrupted the whole service.

Lord, thank You!!! You did that! I see it now as Your work. Just like you did for the girl in that story I watched on TV. You are AMAZING!

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## BEARING FRUIT

**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. - John 15:2**

How can we be fruitful? This verse tells us that some "branches" don't bear fruit, while some branches do bear fruit.

### SOME BEAR NO FRUIT

**He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit. - John 15:2**

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

**Everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. - Matthew 25:29-30**

### HE PRUNES THOSE WHO DO BEAR FRUIT

The Greek for prunes also means "cleans." Three conditions of a fruitful life are shown here. (From Scofield NIV Study Bible, pg. 1362)

#### I. Cleansing

**Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." - John 13:8**

**Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. - John 13:10-11**

**You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. - John 15:3**

**You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. - 1 Corinthians 6:11**

## 2. Remaining

**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. - John 15:4**

## 3. Obedience

**If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love...My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. - John 15:10, 12**

**Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. - Galatians 6:2**

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## THE MYSTERY OF GOD - NAMELY CHRIST

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

The "mystery of God" is Christ, as incarnating the fullness of the Godhead, and all the divine wisdom and knowledge for the redemption and reconciliation of man. (Scofield NIV Study Bible, pg 1513 note on Colossians 2:2)

**He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given**



**more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him." - Matthew 13:11-12**

The mystery of God, namely, Christ - i.e. Christ as the incarnate fullness of the Godhead embodied, in whom all the divine wisdom for man subsists. (From NIV Scofield Study Bible, page 1222, note on Matthew 13:11)

**We speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. -1 Corinthians 2:7**

**My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge... for in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ. - Colossians 2:2, 9**

**Ephesians 1:9**

**And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment - to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.**

**Ephesians 3:3-5**

**That is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.**

**Ephesians 3:6**

**This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together in one body, and sharers together in the promise of Christ Jesus.**

**Ephesians 5:32**

**This is a profound mystery - but I am talking about Christ and the church.**

**Ephesians 6:19**

**Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.**

**Colossians 1:26-27**

**I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness - the mystery that has been kept**

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

**Colossians 2:2**

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

**1 Timothy 3:16**

**Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.**

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## WORDS THAT DESCRIBE HELL

The Lord gave me the thought while I was resting in bed last night that I should do a study on what the Bible says about hell, so I would know how to describe it to others biblically.

### FIRE

**But anyone who says, "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell.  
- Matthew 5:22**

### DARKNESS

#### WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH

**But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. -  
Matthew 8:12**

### DESTROYS BODY AND SOUL

**Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. - Matthew 10:28**

### SOME PUNISHED MORE SEVERELY

**And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth... - Matthew 23:35**

PUNISHED FOR REJECTING THE GOSPEL

**If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words... it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. - Matthew 10:14-15**

SENT AS CONDEMNATION

**You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell? - Matthew 23:33**

**FIRE NEVER GOES OUT, WORM DOES NOT DIE, FIRE NOT QUENCHED  
Where the fire never goes out, their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched - Mark 9:42-48**

GOD HAS THE POWER TO PUT YOU IN HELL

**Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. - Luke 12:5**

TORMENT, AGONY, FIRE  
GREAT CHASM BETWEEN HELL AND PARADISE  
CANNOT CROSS OVER BETWEEN THEM

**In hell, where he was in torment... Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire... Between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us. - Luke 16:19-26**

FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW GOD  
FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL

**He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. - 2 Thessalonians 1:8**

**PUNISHED WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION  
SHUT OUT FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD AND HIS POWER  
They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power. - 2 Thessalonians 1:9**

FIERY LAKE OF BURNING SULFUR

**The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. - Revelation 19:20**

TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT FOREVER

**They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. - Revelation 20:10**

SECOND DEATH WAS FOR ANYONE WHOSE NAME NOT

WRITTEN IN BOOK OF LIFE

**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 20:15**

FOR COWARDLY, UNBELIEVING, VILE, MURDERERS, SEXUALLY IMMORAL  
FOR THOSE WHO PRACTICE MAGIC ARTS, IDOLATERS, LIARS  
FIERY LAKE OF BURNING SULFUR  
SECOND DEATH

**But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters, and all liars - their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death. - Revelation 21:8**

LOOKED UPON AS THOSE WHO REBELLED AGAINST GOD  
WORM WILL NOT DIE  
FIRE NOT QUENCHED  
LOATHSOME TO ALL MANKIND

**And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind. - Isaiah 66:24**

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## HELL - THE PLACE OF ETERNAL TORMENT

(From Biblical Cyclopedic Index in PTL Counselors Edition of KJV bible)

### Described as

Everlasting fire - Matthew 25:41  
Eternal punishment - Matthew 25:46  
Outer darkness - Matthew 8:12  
Everlasting destruction - 2 Thessalonians 1:9

### Prepared for

Devil and his angels - Matthew 25:41  
Wicked - Revelation 21:8  
Disobedient - Romans 2:8-9  
Fallen angels - 2 Peter 2:4  
Beast and false prophet - Revelation 19:20  
Worshippers of the beast - Revelation 14:11  
Rejecters of the Gospel - Matthew 10:15

### Punishment of, described as:

Bodily - Matthew 5:29-30  
In the soul - Matthew 10:28  
With degrees - Matthew 23:14  
Unchangeable - Luke 16:22-31

Inhabitants of:

Possess memory - Luke 16:23, 25  
Cry for release from - Luke 16:24  
Cannot escape from God - Psalm 139:8

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## THE LORD TEACHES ME MORE ABOUT HIMSELF

This is the scripture that was in my mind this morning:

**Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. - James 1:17 NIV**

Another translation from the New Century Version:

**Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars, who does not change like their shifting shadows. James 1:17 NCV**

Lord, is the from You?

*Yes, Joan. I brought that verse to your mind. I want you to study it today and learn more about Me and who I am, and how I think and act. I know you want to become more like Me, and I too want you to do that. So read My Word and I will teach you more about Me.*

## EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE

**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. - Acts 1:4-5**

**Peter said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." - Acts 2:38**

**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 6:23**

**Each man has his own gift from God - 1 Corinthians 7:7**

**Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! - 2 Corinthians 9:15**

**It is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. - Ephesians 2:8**

#### THE FATHER OF THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS

**And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. - Genesis 1:3**

**To him who alone does great wonders, who by his understanding made the heavens, who spread out the earth upon the waters, who made the great lights - the sun to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night... - Psalm 136:4-9**

**Let the light of your face shine upon us. - Psalm 4:6**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation. - Psalm 27:1**

**You are resplendent with light. - Psalm 76:4**

**He wraps himself in light as with a garment. - Psalm 104:2**

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord - Isaiah 2:5**

**I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. - John 8:12**

**God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. - 1 Timothy 6:16**

**God is light; in him there is no darkness at all - 1 John 1:5**

#### THE FATHER DOES NOT CHANGE

**He who is the glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind. - 1 Samuel 15:29**

**The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind - Psalm 110:4**

**I the Lord do not change - Malachi 3:6**

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## TAKING OUR THOUGHTS CAPTIVE

Taking our thoughts captive - how do we do that? As I read scripture about that today, I felt the Lord guide me to write about that and share scriptures that talk about that.

**Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. - Philippians 4:8**

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

**For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. - Proverbs 23:7 KJV**

## **THOUGHTS OF THE WICKED, DESCRIBED AS:**

Evil

**The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every indication of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. - Genesis 6:5**

Abominable

**The Lord detests the thoughts of the wicked - Proverbs 15:26**

Sinful

**See what they spew from their mouths - they spew out swords from their lips, and they say, "Who can hear us?" - Isaiah 59:7**

Devoid of God

**In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God. - Psalm 10:4**

Known by God

**The Lord knows the thoughts of man; he knows that they are futile. - Psalm 94:11**

In need of repentance

**Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. - Acts 8:22**

## **THOUGHTS OF THE BELIEVER**

Comprehended by God

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

Perceived by God

**You perceive my thoughts from afar. - Psalm 139:2**

Captivated by Christ

**We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. - 2 Corinthians 10:5**

Judged by God's Word

**For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. - Hebrews 4:12**

In need of examination

**Search me, O God, and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts. - Psalm 139:23**

Are pleasing to him

**Those (the thoughts) of the pure are pleasing to him. - Proverbs 15:26**

## **THOUGHTS OF GOD**

Not like a man's

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth,**



**so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:8, 9**

Toward a believer, good

**How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! - Psalm 139:17**

Toward an unbeliever, evil

**But which of them has stood in the council of the Lord to see or to hear his word? Who has listened and heard his word? See, the storm of the Lord will burst out in wrath, a whirlwind swirling down on the heads of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. - Jeremiah 23:18-20**

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## IN THAT DAY THE LORD WILL BE ...

**In that day the Lord Almighty will be a glorious crown, a beautiful wreath for the remnant of his people. He will be a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, a source of strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate. - Isaiah 28:5-6**

### A GLORIOUS CROWN

**You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. - Isaiah 62:3**

*I will be like a crown on their heads and they will be My people. They will each receive crowns from Me to show they belong to Me and have My power and authority.*

### A BEAUTIFUL WREATH

**In that day the Lord Almighty will be... a beautiful wreath for the remnant of his people. - Isaiah 28:5**

*A wreath means they have won the race or contest. It is a sign of being a winner. It can be worn on the head like a crown or it can be worn around the neck like those who win first place at the Olympics. A wreath signifies victory, and they, My people, will be a victorious people.*

## A SPIRIT OF JUSTICE

**Justice will dwell in the desert and righteousness live in the fertile field. - Isaiah 32:16**

**I will shepherd the flock with justice. - Ezekiel 34:16**

*Justice will be in their hearts. Justice will be a spirit that lives inside of them, My people. Justice will rule and reign with Me.*

## A SOURCE OF STRENGTH

**It is God who arms me with strength. - 2 Samuel 22:33**

*All My people, in that day, will be strong in the strength I give them. They will rule and reign in strength. And I will be the Source of their strength. I and no other.*

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## GROWTH

**But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. - 2 Peter 3:18**

*And that's what you are doing, Joan. You are growing in the grace and knowledge of Me day by day, and you are growing as you study My Word and come to Me each day to be taught by Me.*

**I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. - 1 Corinthians 3:6-7**

*I am the One who makes things grow. I grow My kingdom person by person and day by day.*

**The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." - Psalm 92:12**

*This is My promise to you - that you will flourish like a palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon. You are planted in My house, and you are flourishing in my courts. You are still bearing fruit in your old age. You are fresh and green. You proclaim who I am and what I am like.*

**But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. - Malachi 4:2 KJV**

*You see, I am giving you a promise there. I am the Sun of Righteousness and I will arise with healing in My wings, and you shall go forth released from things that need healing in you. All things, Joan, all things that need healing in you.*

*You have spoken those things to Me many times, and I have heard you. I did not turn a deaf ear to you, but I waited until it was the right time to bring this healing. I'm going to shoot My healing power throughout your whole body to do this. It will not hurt; it will feel wonderful. You will be pleased and shout for joy.*

*Then you will rejoice and grow up, and rise up, and leap for joy when your healing comes. THAT is why I wanted you to look up this particular scripture today. This is My promise verse for you today.*

**Let them both grow together until the harvest. - Matthew 13:30**

**He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain - first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head." Mark 4:27**

*Notice how the growth takes place by stages or levels? That is how you grow too. First the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. You grow like that too, by degrees. Now you are in the "full kernel in the head" stage - the final stage before I harvest you to come home to be with Me forever. You have grown through all these stages and have overcome and come to FULLNESS.*

**So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. - Ephesians 2:19-22 RSV**

**In him [Christ Jesus] the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built**

**together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. -  
Ephesians 2:21-22 NIV**

*Notice how I build My holy temple for Me to dwell in. I join together the saints and members of the household of God; then I can dwell there in them. That is My holy temple. You are My holy temple.*

**Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. - Ephesians 4:15-16**

*All who truly belong to Me grow up together and are joined together in Me.*

**We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. - 2 Thessalonians 1:3**

*Growth involves your love for each other increasing.*

**Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. - 1 Peter 2:2**

*What is pure spiritual milk? It is My Word. And it is the Word that I give you personally, the Rhema Word. Crave this; seek this; look for this, and you will grow up in your salvation.*

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## FULLNESS

**He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain - first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head." Mark 4:27**

**My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge... for in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ. - Colossians 2:2, 9**

**For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. - Colossians 1:19-20**

**The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. - 2 Chronicles 16:9**

**Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. - James 1:4**

**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**

*Fullness is to have everything the Father has - like Jesus said He had. It is to become like Jesus. It is to become complete, finished, full to the top.*

*What will I do in the Millennium, Joan? I will restore the earth and everything IN it and everything ON it, until it is completed and back like it used to be in the beginning.*

*Then it will be ready to turn back over to the Father. Right at the end I will release Satan long enough for him to draw out all who secretly do not belong to Me (even though I know who they are) just like Satan is allowed to draw all those who don't belong to Me now on the earth. Then Satan will be destroyed into the lake of fire (see Revelation 20:7-10) and I will turn the cleansed earth over to My Father (see 1 Corinthians 15:24-28).*

*THAT will be complete fullness, Joan. And you will be a part of that, and I will have My people, My complete joy with Me forever, for eternity.*

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THE 144,000

Lord, will you teach me who these 144,000 were?

**Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. Revelation 14:1**

*Yes, I will. Listen and read what I lead you to read, and follow Me. I will show you the way to understanding them. They are a special select group of Mine.*

THEY WERE REDEEMED  
THEY WERE PURE  
THEY FOLLOW THE LAMB  
THEY WERE PURCHASED  
THEY WERE OFFERED AS FIRSTFRUITS  
THEY DID NO LIE

**And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths. - Revelation 14:3-5**

THEY WERE SERVANTS OF GOD FROM ISRAEL  
THEY WERE SEALED

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

**Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. - Revelation 7:2-4**

Am I one of them?

*You are. All My redeemed are. You are sealed. You are sealed with My promised Holy Spirit. That mark is "on your forehead" in that it can be seen by all who look at you. You are stamped with My look, with My identification, to those who can see it. And I can see it. And all those in the spiritual world can see it.*

*You are pure and clean and stand for the truth. You are purchased by Me and for Me. And you follow Me wherever I go. Yes, I know that was and is the desire of your heart - to follow Me wherever I go. And you do. And you will.*

*Israel represents "My people" - those who are chosen and set apart unto Me. Those who live separate lives from the rest of the world.*

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## SING AND MAKE MUSIC IN YOUR HEART TO THE LORD

**Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. - Ephesians 5:19**

*Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.*

*Sing until My presence comes.*

I'm singing to the Lord. I don't know what language it is, but the Lord knows.

His presence came.

*Now just rest and if I say something to you, you can write it down.*

*It's ok to be in My presence. You don't need to be afraid.*

*You don't have to strive for Me to say something; you just wait for it when you are in My presence.*

*Find scriptures where there was SINGING in worship to the Lord.*

*You sing to Me and you will get more revelation. Singing will open up the vast treasures of revelation to you. Sing to Me, My daughter.*

*Music is IN you, and I put it there. Why? So you could sing to Me in worship.*

*I led you to sing to Me in tongues just as I led you to pray in tongues.*

*Yes, singing to Me IS worshiping Me when you do it the right way*

*Look up scriptures on singing to the Lord.*

*I made you a worshiper. That's why you wrote down songs from CFO camp.*

*That's why you like birds singing. It's like worshiping Me.*

SCRIPTURES ON SINGING TO THE LORD

**I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. - 1 Corinthians 14:15**

**He has put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. - Psalm 40:3**

**I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. - Psalm 9:2**

**Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done. - Psalm 9:11**

**Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous. Sing, all you who are upright in heart! - Psalm 32:11**

**Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. - Psalm 33:1-3**

**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**

**Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. - Psalm 98:1**

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. - Psalm 100:2**

**Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy. - Psalm 107:22**

**I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. - Psalm 108:3-4**

**The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. - Psalm 118:14**

**Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth. - Isaiah 42:10**



**And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. - Revelation 14:3**

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## I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD AND HE WILL ANSWER ME

*Now I want to give you a favorite verse for today: I will call upon the Lord and He will answer me.*

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

**Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. - Psalm 50:15**

**He will call upon me, and I will answer him. - Psalm 91:15**

**The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. - Psalm 145:18-19**

**Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. - Isaiah 58:9**

**Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. - Isaiah 65:24**

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. - Jeremiah 29:11-14**

**You will pray to him, and he will hear you. - Job 22:27**

**Then I will purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve him shoulder to shoulder. - Zephaniah 3:9**

**I am the Lord their God and I will answer them. - Zechariah 10:6**

**They will call on my name and I will answer them. - Zechariah 13:9**

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## THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL ARISE

**But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. - Malachi 4:2 KJV**

**But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. - Malachi 4:2 NIV**

*You see, I am giving you a promise there. I am the Sun of Righteousness and I will arise with healing in My wings, and you shall go forth released from things that need healing in you.*

*Then you will rejoice and grow up, and rise up, and leap for joy when your healing comes. THAT is why I wanted you to look up this particular scripture today. This is My promise verse for you today.*

**The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." - Psalm 92:12**

*This is My promise to you - that you will flourish like a palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon. You are planted in My house, and you are flourishing in My courts. You are still bearing fruit in your old age. You are fresh and green. You proclaim who I am and what I am like.*

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## HE WILL SUSTAIN YOU - HE WILL NEVER LET THE RIGHTEOUS FALL

**Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. - Psalm 55:22**

The Lord WILL sustain us. This is what strikes me about this scripture. I want to learn more about His sustaining us. I want to find scriptures that also tell me about this. What a promise!

**Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. - Psalm 17:8**

**He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. - Psalm 18:33**

**You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me. - Psalm 18:35**

**The good man does not escape all troubles - he has them too. But the Lord helps him in each and every one. - Psalm 34:19 TLB**

**Though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. - Psalm 37:24**

**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**

**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 31:20**

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

**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 33:18-19**

**He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. - Psalm 40:2**

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

**Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. - Psalm 91:3**

**He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge. - Psalm 91:4**

**If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the Lord, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. - Psalm 91:9**

**"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name." - Psalm 91:14**

**He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. - Psalm 91:15**

**The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. - Psalm 145:14**

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. - Psalm 146:8**

**The Lord sustains the humble. - Psalm 147:6**

**For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again. - Proverbs 24:16**

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

**The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. - Hebrews 1:3**

**To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ... - Jude 1**

**To him who is able to keep you from falling [stumbling] and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. - Jude 24-25**

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## WHAT GOD CAN DO

The song playing over and over in my head this morning was this:

(A song)

It is no secret what God can do  
What He's done for others, He'll do for you  
With arms wide open, He'll welcome you  
It is no secret what God can do.

Then, in my quiet time, He told me to study this today: What God Can do. He had me remember and write down a whole list of events from the Bible regarding things He did, and title it. WHAT GOD CAN DO. So, I wrote down what came to mind at that time.

### WHAT GOD CAN DO

God created the heavens and the earth - Genesis 1:1  
With God all things are possible - Matthew 19:26  
Nothing is impossible with God - Luke 1:37  
Part the Red Sea - Exodus 14:15-22  
Come down in a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire - Exodus 13:21-22  
Cause the mountain to tremble like an earthquake - Exodus 19:16-19  
Caused water to come from rock - Exodus 17:1-7  
Cause a barren woman to have a child in old age - Genesis 17:15-19; 18:10  
Cause the priests to fall down (Solomon dedicating the temple) 1 Kings 8:10-11  
Caused Jonah to be saved by a whale - Jonah 1:17  
Saved Lot from destruction - Genesis 19:1-29  
Saved Noah through the ark - Genesis 6-8  
Elijah - caused fire to burn up sacrifice and rain to stop and start - 1 Kings 18:16-46  
Joseph - told him how to keep Mary and baby safe - Matthew 2:13  
Mary - caused her to conceive by the Holy Spirit - Luke 1:26-35  
Ananias and Saphira - cause them to die - Acts 5:1-11  
120 in upper room - sent his Holy Spirit on them - Acts 2:1-4  
Enoch - caught up into heaven without dying - Genesis 5:24  
Elijah - the Lord came to him as a still small voice - 1 Kings 19:11-13  
David - caused his stone to kill Goliath - 1 Samuel 17  
Paul and Silas - set free from prison while singing and worshiping God - Acts 16:25-28  
Peter - set free from prison - Acts 12:1-18  
Passover night - saved the Jews - Exodus 12  
Samuel - God spoke to him and called him - 1 Samuel 3  
Gideon - spoke to him, led him in victory - Judges 6:11-7:22  
Flooded earth - Genesis 6-8  
Samson - gave him supernatural strength - Judges 13-16  
Wise men - sent a star to guide them to the newborn child - Matthew 2:1-12  
Jesus - gave us salvation through Him - Acts 4:10-12  
John given vision of Revelation - Revelation 1 through 22  
Saints - will rapture them - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
God will destroy the old earth - Matthew 24:35; 2 Peter 3:10-12

God will create a new heaven and a new earth - 2 Peter 3:13  
Methuselah died, then flood came. His name means that - Genesis 5:27  
Saves believers from wrath - Romans 5:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:9, Revelation 3:10  
Saved Hagar - Genesis 21:9-21  
Picked Esther to be queen and save her people - Esther 2-10  
Reveals His existence through His creation - Romans 1:18-20  
Caused the sun to stand still - Joshua 10:12-14  
Jesus came as a human to save us - John 12:44-50; Luke 19:5-10; John 3:16-18  
Many dead holy people were raised to life when Jesus died. - Matthew 27:51-53  
Jesus will reign from Jerusalem - Jeremiah 3:17; Luke 1:30-33; Matthew 5:35  
Satan - Jesus saw him fall after sinning - Luke 10:18  
God prepared hell for Satan and his angels - Matthew 25:41  
Wins victory over the devil - Romans 16:20; Hebrews 2:14; John 16:11; Matthew 4:1-11  
Will live with saints in New Jerusalem on new earth - Revelation 21  
Transported Philip from desert to city of Azotus - Acts 8:26-40  
Spoke to Cornelius, brought Peter to tell them about salvation, saved them - Acts 10:1-48  
Called Paul and Barnabas through prophetic word - Acts 13:1-3

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## EVERYONE WHO HAS WILL BE GIVEN MORE

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

*This is an interesting topic to study, Joan...that those who have will be given more - and those who don't have will have what they do have taken from them. I know it interests you. So, study and ponder what My Word tells you about it.*

**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. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." - Matthew 11:25-27**

**Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. - Matthew 25:28-29**

**Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear... The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that, 'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!'" - Mark 4:9-11**

*That is a great gift I have given to you, My daughter - ears to hear. You have ears to hear and it blesses you mightily. I bless you mightily as you read My Word and hear Me explain it to you through your "spiritual ears". You can ask Me for more.*

**"If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear. Consider carefully what you hear," he [Jesus] continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you - and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him." - Mark 4:23-25**

**Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken from him. - Luke 8:18**

**He replied, "I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away." - Luke 19:26**

**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. - John 15:2**

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## THOSE TAUGHT BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD

**The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. - 1 Corinthians 2:10-13**

*This is what you speak, not in words taught you by human wisdom but in words taught you by the Spirit. The Spirit lives inside you and He proclaims the truth to*

*you day after day as you quiet your own thoughts and listen to Him. He will guide you into all truth.*

**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. - John 14:16-17**

**The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. - 1 Corinthians 2:14-15**

**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**

**We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, but Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. - 1 Corinthians 1:23-24**

**For many are invited, but few are chosen. - Matthew 22:14**

**If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. - John 15:19**

**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. - 1 Peter 2:9**

*That's the way it is, Joan. Some are given My Spirit - those chosen by Me for that. Some are not given My Spirit. You will understand later more about how those who are chosen, are chosen. I know that is a mystery to you, but a wonderful mystery.*

*I have chosen you to seek out these mysteries and to reveal some answers about them to you. But not all of the mysteries. Some of them will be revealed to you when you get to heaven where all these things will be disclosed to you since you seek to know them.*



## WHAT DOES NEWNESS OF LIFE MEAN?

*What does newness of life mean? I want you to look up scriptures that tell you what newness of life means. You will be surprised.*

**We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. - Romans 6:4 RSV**

The Lord led me to look up and write out scriptures that tell me what "newness of life" means for the one who believes in Christ. I found this study quite fascinating to see how many "new" things are promised to those who belong to Christ.

### NEW COMPASSIONS

**Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." - Lamentations 3:22-24**

### NEW THINGS - HIDDEN THINGS

**From now on I will tell you of new things, of hidden things unknown to you. They are created now, and not long ago; you have not heard of them before today. - Isaiah 48:6-7**

### NEW SONG

**He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. - Psalm 40:3**

### NEW FRUIT

**The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." - Psalm 92:12-14**

### NEW HEART AND SPIRIT

**I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. - Ezekiel 36:26**

### NEW CROP

**Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. - Matthew 13:8**

### NEW FRUIT

**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. - John 15:2**

#### NEW LIFE

**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. - Romans 6:4**

#### NEW WAY OF SERVING

**But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. - Romans 7:6**

#### NEW MIND

**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**

#### NEW CREATION

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

#### NEW ATTITUDE, NEW SELF

**You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. - Ephesians 4:22-24**

#### NEWNESS OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL

**He saves us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. - Titus 3:4-5**

#### NEWNESS OF ALL THINGS

**Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." - Matthew 19:28**

#### NEW EVERYTHING

**He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" - Revelation 21:5**

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## GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven, - Matthew 5:16 RSV**

*I want you to give glory to Me, Joan, for your life brings Me glory and your words bring Me glory. Study My Word today about bringing Me glory. This is a good topic to know and understand. For as you give Me glory, I cover you with My protection and My presence.*

*And that is what you want, isn't it? You want My protection and My presence with you all the time. Well, bringing Me glory every day with your life and your words will assure you of that.*

**You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise [give glory to] your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:14-16 NIV**

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All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. - Psalm 86:9

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

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. - Psalm 96:7-8

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. - John 14:13

He [Holy Spirit] will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. - John 16:14

Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. - John 21:19

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. - Romans 15:5-7 RSV

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. - 1 Corinthians 10:31

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

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

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11

They held harps given them by God and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed." Revelation 15:2-4

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ASK

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. - Matthew 6:8

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

How much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! - Matthew 7:11

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. - Matthew 21:22

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

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

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. - John 16:24

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

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... receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. - 1 John 3:22

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him. - 1 John 5:14-15

SUMMARY

Your Father knows what you need before you ask
Ask and you will receive
If you believe you will receive what you ask for in prayer
Ask for anything in His name
Remain in Him and His words remain in us
Ask in Jesus' name
Must believe and not doubt
Ask with right motives
Obey his commands and do what pleases him
According to His will

Now look at all these conditions for answered prayer, for answers to what you ask for. How many of these conditions fit you? And how many do you not live up to? Consider that carefully and under My instruction. Then you will know how to receive what you ask for.

Believing requires time. Remaining in Me requires time. Keeping My words remaining in you requires time. Believing and not doubting requires time to check it out. Obeying My commands and doing what pleases Me requires time.

Asking with right motives and according to My will requires you to seek Me about these.

So you can see that it requires time and seeking Me to see your prayers and requests answered.

You expected your prayers to be immediately answered, and when they weren't, you gave up. Now you can see why they weren't answered quickly and immediately.

So change, and allow time and inquiring of Me to work out the answers to your requests from now on.

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SEEK

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

Seek Me, Joan, and I will let you be found by Me. I want you to seek Me, and I want to be found by you.

I cherish those who seek Me. I look after them. I show them the way to go in this life. I let them have a relationship with Me and special times with Me.

I let them "know Me." Remember when I said, "I don't know you" (See Matthew 25:12)? I know those who know Me. Those who seek Me, find Me. And I know them and they know Me.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. - 1 Chronicles 16:11

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. - 2 Chronicles 7:14

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. - Psalm 9:10

The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. - Psalm 14:2

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. - Psalm 24:3-6

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

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

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

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

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. - Jeremiah 29:13-14

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you. - Amos 5:14

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger. - Zephaniah 2:3

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

God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. - Acts 17:27

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KNOCK

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

Knocking is different than asking or seeking. Knocking on something assumes a door to knock on. I am the door. Come to Me and knock, and I will open the door for you to come in.

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep...I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved." - John 10:7, 9 RSV

Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'" - Luke 13:22-25

I, Jesus, also knock on the door of your heart seeking for you to let Me enter.

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

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ANYTHING YOU DID FOR EVEN THE LEAST OF

MY PEOPLE

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40 NIV

Then the King will answer, "I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me." - Matthew 25:40 NCV

As the Lord talked to me this morning He said that our friend, Darlene, is now slipping into the heavenly realm from this earth. He said that we would get the rewards she gets, and they are many, because of what we did for her when she was here.

He said it will be like He said about a prophet - that the one who accepts the prophet gets the prophet's reward too.

And he reminded me of the above scripture from Matthew 25. He said if we did it for his people here, we did it for Him. And if we did it for Him there is a reward for that.

Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. - Matthew 10:41

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward. - Matthew 10:42

He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. - Matthew 10:40

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GOD WORKS IN OUR LIVES TO SAVE US

GOD DETERMINES WHEN AND WHERE WE LIVE

From one man he [God] made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men

would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. - Acts 17:26-28

GOD'S QUALITIES ARE UNDERSTOOD FROM WHAT HE MADE

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. 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. - Romans 1:18-20

GOD WANTS ALL PEOPLE TO BE SAVED

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. - Romans 10:13

God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. - 1 Timothy 2:4

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. - 2 Peter 3:8-9

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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. - John 3:16-18

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. - Titus 2:11

He [Jesus Christ] is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. - 1 John 2:2

**GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO EVERY PERSON
WHO WANTS TO KNOW HIM**

The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. - Psalm 98:2

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

The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. - Luke 19:10

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 1:12-13

IF YOU SEEK THE LORD, HE WILL BE FOUND BY YOU

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. - Jeremiah 29:11-14

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. - Proverbs 8:17

But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul. - Deuteronomy 4:29

GOD INVITES YOU TO COME TO HIM

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. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. - Isaiah 55:1-3, 6

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." - John 7:37-38

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come, and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. - Revelation 22:17