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THANK YOU

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

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

Proverbs 8:34

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

Habakkuk 2:1

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

Jeremiah 30:2

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DISCIPLES

This song was in my mind early this morning:

(A song) εεε

There were twelve disciples Jesus called to help him
Simon Peter, Andrew, James, his brother John
Phillip, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alpheous
Thadeous, Simon, Judah, and Bartholomew.
He has called us too, He has called us too
We are His disciples; I am one, are you?
He has called us too, He has called us too
We are His disciples; we His work must do.

Then the Lord said to do a study on disciples.

Study what the disciples did and do.

Jesus told this to His disciples:

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

The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. - Matthew 13:11-12

These twelve [disciples] Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give." - Matthew 10:5-8

Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven - Luke 10:20

Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple - Luke 14:27

After Jesus' resurrection:

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

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. - Matthew 28:19-20

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high. - Luke 24:49

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

He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." - Acts 1:9-11

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. - Acts 2:1-4

Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it. - Mark 16:20

TESTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Obedience

If you love me, you will obey what I command. - John 14:15

Faithfulness

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

Perseverance

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. - John 8:31

Love

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. - John 13:35

Humility

A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. - Matthew 10:24-25

Surrender of all

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...In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. - Luke 14:26, 33

Bearing the cross

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. - Matthew 16:24, 25

REWARDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Acknowledged by Christ

Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." - Matthew 12:49, 50

Enlightened by Christ

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

Guided by the Spirit

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

Honored by the Father

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. - John 12:26

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HE LIVES!

(A song) εεε

He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives! He lives!
Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives
He lives within my heart.

As I sang that song I was prompted to do a study on Jesus lives

Yes, I live, My daughter, and I speak to you and teach you and guide you every day of your life. I live and I intercede for you even now while you live upon the earth. I live to finish and carry out the work My Father has given Me to save those who will believe in Me and in Him. I live!

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. - Job 19:25

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." - Matthew 28:5-6

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. - Matthew 28:-10

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" - John 20:18

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. - John 20:19-20

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" - John 20:24

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" - John 20:26-28

After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. - Acts 1:3

It is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection... then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. Acts 1:21-22, 26

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. - Acts 2:24

Seeing what was ahead, he [David] spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. - Acts 2:31-32

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. - Acts 3:15

It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. - Acts 4:10

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

The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead - whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. - Acts 5:30

God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen - by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. - Acts 10:40-41

But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. - Acts 13:30-31

For us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. - Romans 4:24-25

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

I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! - Revelation 1:18

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. - Revelation 2:8

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RESTORE

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

Restoration is My specialty. I will restore all things that belong to Me. I will restore them to their original glory and proper place.

Restoration involves two things:

- 1. To their original glory means to the glory they had before they were corrupted.*

2. *To their proper place involves bringing things back into the original position they held.*

He restores my soul - Psalm 23:3

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. - Psalm 51:12

Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. - Psalm 80:19

Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us. - Psalm 85:4

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

Restore me, and I will return, because you are the Lord my God. - Jeremiah 31:18

"I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were before," say the Lord. - Jeremiah 33:11

I will restore their fortunes and have compassion on them. - Jeremiah 33:26

Restore us to yourself, Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old. - Lamentations 5:21

After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. - Hosea 6:2

I will restore to you the years the locusts have eaten - the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm - my great army that I sent among you. - Joel 2:25 RSV

The Lord will restore the splendor of Jacob like the splendor of Israel. - Nahum 2:2

Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things." - Matthew 17:11

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority." - Acts 1:6

Heaven must receive him [Jesus] until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. - Acts 3:21

And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins." - Romans 11:26-27

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 11:15

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RISING SUN

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace. - Luke 1:76-79

I was caught up in the phrase in this scripture referring to Jesus' coming as the "rising sun" coming. It made me think of Malachi 4:2 and the term used there "sun of righteousness." So I began a study referring to the Lord as "Sun" and "Light".

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

He wraps himself in light as with a garment. - Psalm 104:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. - Isaiah 9:2

The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. - Isaiah 60:19

He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. - Daniel 2:22

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

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. - Matthew 17:1-2

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it... The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. - John 1:4-5, 9

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God. - John 3:19-21

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he 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

As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. - John 9:4-5

Jesus replied, "My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light." - John 12:35-36 NLT

I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me. -Acts 26:18

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 has seen or can see. - 1 Timothy 6:15-16

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. - 2 Peter 1:19

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. - 1 John 1:5-7

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. - Revelation 21:23

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PROMISES OF GOD

(A song) εεε

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing
Safe and secure from all alarms
Standing, standing
I'm standing on the promises of God.

As I sang this song I felt the Lord prompting me to write down some of His promises that are special to me. Here are some of my favorites:

- I will never leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)
- If you seek Me you will find Me. (1 Chronicles 28:9)
- Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105)
- If you remain in Me and My word remains in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you. (John 15:7)
- If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. (1 John 5:14)
- And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me. (John 14:3)

- I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:8)
- All the promises of God are "yes" and "amen" in Christ Jesus. (2 Corinthians 1:20)
- He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1)

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BOW DOWN BEFORE HIM

(A song) εεε

His name is wonderful
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Jesus, my Lord
Bow down before Him
Love and adore Him
His name is wonderful
Jesus, my Lord.

He's my salvation
The Rock of all ages
Almighty God is he
Bow down before Him
Love and adore Him
His name is wonderful
Jesus, my Lord.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. - Psalm 95:6-7

By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. They will say of me, "In the Lord alone are righteousness and strength." - Isaiah 45:23-24

It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee shall bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" Romans 14:11

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. - Philippians 2:10

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped. - Revelation 5:13-14

It is the truth. Before Me every knee shall bow and every tongue WILL confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. That is coming soon, My daughter. Everyone will do this, no matter where they are - in heaven, on earth, or under the earth.

This has been decreed and it WILL happen.

Those who love Me will do it with great joy.

Those who have rejected Me will do it with great reluctance, but they will do it nevertheless.

Then ALL will know that I am Lord.

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CFO CAMP

(A song) εεε

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return
And come with singing unto Zion
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

They shall receive gladness and joy
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away

This is a song we used to sing at CFO (Camp Farthest Out) camp which I attended each summer for fifteen summers. I was so blessed at those camps! I met others there who also were seeking to follow Jesus. I heard marvelous speakers who impacted my life. I grew

in my prayer life. I had fellowship with other believers which I didn't have elsewhere during that time period.

It was at that camp where I completed the commitment of my life to Christ, and it was at that camp where I learned that the Lord would speak to me and I could hear His voice.

I am forever grateful to the Lord for leading me to go there. And he definitely led me there. One day in my Quiet Time He told me to go, call my sister, and learn about the camp she had attended the previous summer and had told me about. So I called her and learned how to sign up for that camp.

I went there, not knowing anyone at the time, and with great trepidation. But the Lord met me there and filled my heart with His presence in many ways. I have never been the same since then. I praise Him for leading me there and thank Him eternally for His powerful ministry to me.

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... Only the redeemed will walk there, and 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 35:8-10

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THE REDEEMED

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I have such a desire to study about the redeemed: who they are, what they do, what God is doing in them, etc. So I spent many hours looking up scriptures about "the redeemed" which I will share with you here.

Look at all the marvelous things the Lord does for those He redeems! (Singing, everlasting joy, gladness, guidance, and much more)

In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling. - Exodus 15:13

The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.'" They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord. - Isaiah 62:11-12

The Lord redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him. - Psalm 34:22

Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love. - Psalm 44:26

God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself. - Psalm 49:15

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit. - Psalm 103:2-4

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this - those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. - Psalm 107:1-3

Defend my cause and redeem me; preserve my life according to your promise. - Psalm 119:154

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. - Hosea 13:14

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. 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. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in his blood. - Romans 3:24-25

Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age. - Galatians 1:4

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come

to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. - Galatians 3:13-15

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. - Galatians 4:5

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. - Ephesians 1:7-8

Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession. - Ephesians 1:13-14

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. - Ephesians 4:30

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. - Colossians 1:13-14

It teaches us... to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. - Titus 2:12-14

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance - now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. - Hebrews 9:15

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. - 1 Peter 1:18-19

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

SAFE

KEEP ME SAFE, HIDE ME, SET ME HIGH UPON A ROCK

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

HIDE ME, KEEP ME SAFE

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

HIDING PLACE, PROTECT ME, SURROUND ME

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

WITH ME, HOLDING MY HAND

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. - Psalm 73:23

REST IN HIS SHADOW, REFUGE, FORTRESS

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

COVER ME, REFUGE, SHIELD, RAMPART

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. - Psalm 91:4

NO HARM, NO DISASTER, ANGELS GUARDING ME

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

RESCUE ME, PROTECT ME

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. - Psalm 91:14

HIDE ME IN THE SHADOW OF HIS WINGS

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. - Psalm 40:2

STRENGTHEN ME, HELP ME, UPHOLD ME

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

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HE KEEPS ME SINGING AS I GO

(A song) εεε
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Sweetest name I know
Fills my every longing
Keeps me singing as I go

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. (Psalm 9:2)

Lord Jesus, You keep me singing. You are the One I sing to, and the One I sing about. You are my life and my joy. You fill me with the desire to sing to you when I want to draw close to you. Fill my mouth and my heart with songs of praise to You, Lord, for You are my hope and my joy.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
(Psalm 118:14)

Yes, My daughter, I fill you with the desire to draw close to Me and sing to Me. I love to hear you sing to Me. It gives Me joy too. So come and sing to Me whenever I put that desire in you.

Remember that I and My Word are one. My Word expresses your desire to sing to Me and My desire to have you do that.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. Sing, all you who are upright in heart! Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous... Sing to

him a new song. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. (Ephesians 5:19 - Psalm 32:11 - Psalm 33:1-3 - Psalm 98:1)

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HIS NAME

(A song) εεε
Blessed be the name
Blessed be the name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Jesus is the name
Jesus is the name
Jesus is the name of the Lord.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. - Acts 4:12

Lord Jesus: Thank You for your blessed name. I love You and I love Your name.

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name. - Philippians 2:9

(A song) εεε
His name is wonderful
His name is wonderful
His name is wonderful
Jesus, my Lord
Bow down before Him
Love and adore Him
His name is wonderful
Jesus, my Lord.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. - Colossians 3:17

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GOD IS FAITHFUL TO KEEP HIS PROMISES

Today I am being prompted to study the faithfulness of God to keep His promises. I have found many, many scriptures on that faithfulness and recorded them here.

Thank You, God, for Your faithfulness to keep Your promises. Your Word is true and you are true to fulfill Your Word. Your Word gives me hope as I read it day after day.

I AM a faithful God. You can trust in Me, for I do not lie. What I say I will do, I will do. What I say will be, will be.

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? - Numbers 23:19

For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your forefathers, which he confirmed to them by oath. - Deuteronomy 4:31

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. - Deuteronomy 7:9

Not one of all the Lord's good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled. - Joshua 21:45

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. - Joshua 23:14

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 kept the promise he made. - 1 Kings 8:20

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. - 1 Kings 8:56

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. - Psalm 9:10

I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered. - Psalm 89:34

He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations. - Psalm 105:8

Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you. - Psalm 119:89-91

All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal. - Psalm 119:160

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

What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do. - Isaiah 46:11

Was my arm too short to ransom you? Do I lack the strength to rescue you? - Isaiah 50:2

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you. - Isaiah 54:10

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. - Isaiah 59:1

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. - Romans 4:20-21

God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. - 1 Corinthians 1:9

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. - 1 Corinthians 10:13

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. - 2 Corinthians 1:20

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

If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself. - 2 Timothy 2:13

Eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time. - Titus 1:2

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. - Hebrews 6:17-18

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

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. - 2 Peter 1:4

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 3:9

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GOD HAS BOUND ALL MEN OVER TO DISOBEDIENCE

For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all. - Romans 11:32 NIV

I came upon this scripture today and it intrigues me. I would like to have teaching and understanding on this. It makes me think that God "bound all men over to disobedience" by having them born into human bodies which were under the curse through Adam's fall. By being born into human bodies we automatically were "bound over to disobedience". If so, then it seems to say God sent us into the world so that He could have mercy on us.

For God has locked all people in the prison of their own disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all. - Romans 11:32 International Standard Version

Just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings

life for all men. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. - Romans 5:18-19

The Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. - Galatians 3:22

There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. - Romans 3:10

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. - Romans 3:23

Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned - for before the law was given, sin was in the world. - Romans 5:12

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ETERNAL - EVERLASTING - WITHOUT END

Today I felt drawn to study things that are eternal. So I have put scriptures here that apply to things that are eternal - about the Trinity, about God's attributes, for the believer, and for the unbeliever. Eternal means they are everlasting and without end. They are forever.

Yes, and I am forever, My daughter. I AM. That means I am eternal. I never end. And I have called My beloved ones to be with Me forever. And you are one of My beloved ones. And there are many others. You will meet them all eventually, when you come up here to live with Me. I am forever and they are forever.

APPLIED TO THE TRINITY

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. - Psalm 90:2

The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began. - Proverbs 8:22-23

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our

consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! - Hebrews 9:14

APPLIED TO GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

What may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. - Romans 1:19-20

Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. - Isaiah 55:3

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Ephesians 3:10-11

Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true... Your statues are forever right. - Psalm 119:142, 144

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. - Psalm 145:13

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. - Psalm 100:5

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love." - Jeremiah 31:3

I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself. - Psalm 89:2

APPLIED TO THE BELIEVER

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. - John 3:14-15

He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. - Hebrews 9:12

Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered, and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. - Hebrews 5:8-9

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. - Hebrews 9:15

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

Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. - John 4:36

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

I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off. - Isaiah 56:5

The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. - Isaiah 60:19

The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. - Isaiah 51:11

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. - Luke 16:9

APPLIED TO THE WICKED

But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin. - Mark 3:29

Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of ... the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. - Hebrews 6:2

Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life. - Matthew 25:46

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

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. - Daniel 12:2

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home - these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for the judgment on the great Day. - Jude 6

They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. - Jude 7

Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. - Matthew 25:41

OTHER SCRIPTURES ON ETERNAL THINGS

Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you. - Psalm 119:89-91

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

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

Three things will last forever - faith, hope and love - and the greatest of these is love. - 1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT

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GIVING

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me... In tithes and offerings... Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." - Malachi 3:8-10

(A song) εεε
Freely, freely you have received
Freely, freely give
Go in My name and because you believe
Others will know that I live.

Yesterday I heard Robert Morris talk about giving so you don't rob God of the opportunity of blessing you.

As I thought about that today I heard the Lord say:

Giving is what I want to talk about today.

There are all kinds of giving.

- *Giving to Me the joy of hearing you sing to Me.*
- *Giving to Me your voice to speak - for the prayers I want to pray through you.*
- *Giving to Me your thoughts and letting Me change you to think My thoughts.*
- *Giving Me your heart and placing Me first there.*
- *Giving to others in all kinds of non-monetary ways.*
- *Giving your tithes and offerings.*
- *Giving praise and thanksgiving to Me every day/every hour.*
- *Giving encouragement and understanding and love.*
- *Giving love forth into the atmosphere of your home.*
- *Giving time and effort to read and study My word.*
- *Giving, giving, giving.*

"Give, and it shall be given unto you."

That is My law and it works every day in your life. Give - and you will receive that back. That's what it means.

Give, and it shall be given unto you. - Luke 6:38

The righteous give without sparing. - Proverbs 21:26

My son, give me your heart. - Proverbs 23:26

Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. - Matthew 5:42

Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given unto you as well. - Matthew 6:32-33

Freely you have received, freely give. - Matthew 10:8

A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. - John 3:27

Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. - Acts 2:45

It is more blessed to give than to receive. - Acts 20:35

If a man's gift is... contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously. - Romans 12:6, 8

Share with God's people who are in need. - Romans 12:13

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

...but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. - Ephesians 4:28

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? - 1 John 3:17

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THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. "They will be mine," says the Lord almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession." - Malachi 3:16-17

John Bevere has a wonderful book on the fear of the Lord. When I read it I was so inspired by it that I wrote down these quotes to keep and read again. I believe I am to share them with you today.

(From *The Fear of the Lord* by John Bevere, pg xvi)

The fear of the Lord is not grasped by the mind but etched in our hearts. It is revealed by the Holy Spirit as we read His Word. It is one of the manifestations of the Spirit of God (Isaiah 11:1-2) God will impart it to the hearts of those who earnestly seek Him. (Jeremiah 29:11-14; 32:40)

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord - and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. - Isaiah 11:1-3

"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 will make an everlasting covenant with them; I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. - Jeremiah 32:40

(From *The Fear of the Lord* by John Bevere, chapter beginnings)

1. Do you think the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is going to come into a place where He is not given due honor and reverence?
2. There are people who are quick to acknowledge Jesus as Savior, Healer, and Deliverer...yet they reduce His glory to the level of corruptible men by their actions and heart attitudes.
3. The more extensive our comprehension of God's greatness...the greater our capacity for fear or reverence of Him.
4. Before God's glory comes, there first must be divine order
5. We cannot expect to be admitted into His presence with an attitude of disrespect.
6. Jesus makes it clear that to follow Him, we must first count the cost...the price is nothing short of our lives.
7. If you desire the praise of man, you will fear man. If you fear man, you will serve him - for you will serve what you fear.
8. The greater God's revealed glory, the greater and swifter the judgment of irreverence!
9. Where we have been and where we are is not where we are headed! We must raise our eyes to the horizon and look for His coming glory!
10. Prepare the way of the Lord by making His people ready for His glory!
11. A person who fears God trembles at His Word and in His presence.

12. The fear of the Lord will keep us from compromising God's truth for the pursuit of personal gain.
13. To fear God is to believe God. To believe God is to obey Him.
14. Holy fear gives God the place of glory, honor, reverence, thanksgiving, praise, and preeminence He deserves.

What does it mean to tremble at His Word? It can be summed up in one statement: to willingly obey God even when it appears more advantageous to compromise or not obey His Word. (p141)

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BE STILL

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

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

My holy temple - where is that, Joan?

It's wherever I am. I am holy and wherever I am is holy. I do not live in a man-made building, but I do live in the hearts of My people, My holy ones. Therefore My holy ones are also My temple. You are My temple.

My holy ones are to be silent before Me, and listen to Me, and follow Me. How can one listen to Me unless one is silent so he can hear.

So, be silent and listen to Me today, My daughter. I have much to say to you. Some you are to share, and some you are to just "store up in your heart" for your own use. I will tell you what to share and what to store up.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. - Psalm 37:7

Be silent before the Sovereign Lord, for the day of the Lord is near. - Zephaniah 1:7

Be still before the Lord, all mankind, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling. - Zechariah 2:13

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HIS PURPOSE

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. - Hebrews 6:17

My purpose, Joan, will always prevail. Not matter what man plans, My purposes will outweigh them. I know what I have planned, and I will faithfully carry out those plans, no matter what mankind does.

The Lord Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand. - Isaiah 14:24

Does this give you confidence in Me? Yes, it does, because you know in your heart that My purposes are good and right and kind and loving, because that is who I am.

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28

Even though it is not understood by man, it will be understood someday by all mankind who come and live with Me in heaven. And they will applaud and praise Me for My wonderful, marvelous purposes that I planned and carried out.

Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God...He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End." - Revelation 21:3, 6

I want you to know My purpose and that it will be. It will happen. You can have confidence and faith in that.

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

This just helps you understand Me better. And I want you to know Me and understand Me better and better, little by little, gradually, as you study My word and learn about Me.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will

**accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. -
Isaiah 55:10-11**

**The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the
peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever; the purposes of
his heart through all generations. - Psalm 33:10-11**

**In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.
- Proverbs 16:9**

**Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that
prevails. - Proverbs 19:21**

**A man's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone
understand his own way? - Proverbs 20:24**

**There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the
Lord. - Proverbs 21:30**

**For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His
hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? - Isaiah 14:26**

**The Lord Almighty planned it, to bring low the pride of all glory and
to humble all who are renowned on the earth. - Isaiah 23:9**

**I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is
still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I
please... What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have
planned, that will I do. - Isaiah 46:10-11**

**I know, O Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to
direct his steps. - Jeremiah 10:23**

**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 1:9-10**

**In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the
plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose
of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ,
might be for the praise of his glory. - Ephesians 1:11-12**

**They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should
happen. - Acts 4:28**

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

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HOPE - AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. - Hebrews 6:17-19

Hope is an anchor for the soul. Not just any hope, but hope that is based on God's purpose and the unchanging nature of that purpose. Hope is based on what was promised. God made that purpose very clear to us and confirmed it with an oath. He did this so we may be greatly encouraged. This hope (of His purpose and promises) is our anchor.

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. - Hebrews 6:19-20

I am your anchor. I am the One who was promised and that promise was fulfilled. I came to sacrifice My own self and My blood, so you could be saved out of your sinful nature and out of your sins. I am the One who is in the sanctuary behind the curtain and who is your High Priest forever.

A better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. And it was not without an oath, but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever.'" Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant. - Hebrews 7:19-22

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ALL THINGS SERVE THE LORD

Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you. - Psalm 119:89-91

All things are thy servants. - Psalm 119:91 RSV

Everything serves your plans. - Psalm 119:91 NLT

All [the whole universe] are Your servants. - Psalm 119:91 AMP

All things serve Me. The whole universe serves Me. Everyone on earth serves Me, whether they know it or not. All My plans are being carried out.

It is to My delight when My people serve Me. And it is to your delight when YOU serve Me.

Everyone on earth gets the opportunity to choose whether to serve Me or serve themselves.

And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good! - Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you: to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul. - Joshua 22:5

Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness... Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. - Joshua 24:14-15

Worship the Lord your God and serve him only. - Matthew 4:10

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. - Matthew 6:24

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. - Matthew 20:27-28

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. - Romans 12:11

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. - Ephesians 6:7-8

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. - Colossians 3:23-24

No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs - he wants to please his commanding officer. - 2 Timothy 2:4

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MY PORTION AND MY CUP

Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup, you have made my lot secure. - Psalm 16:5

God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. - Psalm 73:26

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

You are my portion, O Lord. - Psalm 119:57

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23:5

My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. - Matthew 26:39

Can you drink the cup I am going to drink? - Matthew 20:22

Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me? - John 18:11

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? - 1 Corinthians 10:16

This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. - 1 Corinthians 11:25

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. -
Psalm 116:13**

I want you to know that your Portion is Me. I am your Portion AND your Cup.

I, Myself, am what I have given you and have called you to.

*I am your ministry and I am your Gift... the Gift I give to you and the Gift I want
you to give to others.*

I am your Portion and your Cup of Life, your Cup of Salvation.

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NEAR GOD

**But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign
Lord my refuge. - Psalm 73:28 NIV**

**It is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord
God and made Him my refuge. - Psalm 73:28 AMP**

**But I am close to God, and that is good. The Lord is my protection. -
Psalm 73:28 NCV**

**But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my
refuge. - Psalm 73:28 RSV**

**But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the
Sovereign Lord my shelter. - Psalm 73:28 NLT**

**I am in the very presence of God - oh, how refreshing it is! I've made
Lord God my home. - Psalm 73:28 MSG**

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

*I want to be near to you, My daughter. I AM near to you and you already know  
that in your heart. I am near all the time and you find Me when you draw near  
to Me. You find that I am here, just waiting for you to draw near to Me, and you  
realize I am here already.*

*It is My desire not only to DRAW near to you, but to LIVE near to you - all the time, night and day, every day of your life on earth.*

*I was near to you before you came to earth, and I am near to you while you live on earth. Eventually you will come back here and be near to Me up here again.*

**The Lord is with you when you are with him. - 2 Chronicles 15:2**

**I am always thinking of the Lord; because he is so near. I never need to stumble or to fall. - Psalm 16:8 TLB**

**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**

**I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. - Psalm 16:8 NIV**

**I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. - John 14:16-17**

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

**Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. - Hebrews 10:22**

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## THE NEW COVENANT

**In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them. - Isaiah 61:8**

**"There is a time coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. - Jeremiah 31:31-32**



**"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." - Jeremiah 31:33-34**

**I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. - Jeremiah 32:40**

**"In those days, at that time," declares the Lord, "the people of Israel and the people of Judah together will go in tears to seek the Lord their God. They will ask the way to Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten." - Jeremiah 50:4-5**

*I want you to know and understand My covenant, My daughter. You take this communion cup each day and remember Me. I want you to understand the whole covenant as I describe it in My scriptures. List below what you learn about My covenant with you and all My people. Then you will understand it better. I want to be known by you.*

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." - Matthew 26:28**

**This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. - Luke 22:20**

**And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins. - Romans 11:27**

**I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant - not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. - 2 Corinthians 3:6**

**For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance - now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. - Hebrews 9:15**

**You have come to... Jesus the mediator of a new covenant. - Hebrews 12:22, 24**

**May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. - Hebrews 13:20-21**

I see from scriptures that this covenant is:

- It is everlasting
- It is new
- Not like the covenant He made with their forefathers
- Put in their minds
- Written on their hearts
- All will know Him
- Forgive their wickedness
- Remember their sins no more
- Never stop doing good to them
- Inspire them to fear Him
- They will never turn away from Him
- It will not be forgotten
- He will be their God
- They will be His people
- It is by His blood
- It is for the forgiveness of sins
- The cup of communion is in remembrance of His blood
- You proclaim His death until He comes again when you drink the cup
- We are ministers of the new covenant
- Jesus is the mediator of the new covenant
- Through the covenant God brought back Jesus from the dead
- The covenant is eternal

## GOD'S THOUGHTS

**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**

**How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts! - Psalm 92:5**

**The things you have planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare. - Psalm 40:5**

**Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. - Psalm 147:5**

**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**

**Who has understood the mind of the Lord, or instructed him as his counselor? - Isaiah 40:13**

**Do you not know? Have you not heard? 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**

**"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**

**He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals his thoughts to man... the Lord God Almighty is his name. - Amos 4:13**

*Notice I say here that I reveal My thought to man? I do reveal them as I desire to. And I do reveal My thoughts to you too - the ones I desire to reveal.*

*That's why I instructed you to ask Me daily to change you so you think like I think. I WANT you to think like I do. That is My desire and I have put that desire in you too.*

**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**

**The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God... No one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. - 1 Corinthians 2:10, 11**

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## WORK AND WATCH AND PRAY - AND STAND

(A song) εεε

I'm gonna work and watch and pray  
I'm gonna serve Him every day  
I'm gonna see His face in glory by and by  
I'm gonna listen to His voice  
I'm gonna make His will my choice  
I'm gonna rise to meet Him in the morning.

*Do a study on work, watch, pray. Just find one good scripture for each of these topics: work, watch, pray.*

*This has been one of your life songs which you have sung many, many times throughout your life since you learned it at Lake James Church Camp as a youth.*

*And this is what you have done - you have worked for Me, you have watched for Me, and you have prayed to Me and for Me.*

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. - Colossians 3:23**

**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**

**Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. - Ephesians 6:18**

*And stand. Standing is very important. Many times it is necessary to just STAND. Find a scripture for that too.*

**Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm them. - Ephesians 6:13-14**