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## INTRODUCTION

Many years ago I began collecting scripture from the Bible pertaining to a certain topic which the Lord led me to search out. As I studied each topic, I learned to know the author of the Bible, the Lord, better and better. I began to absorb into my heart and mind what the Lord thought and felt about certain things or topics I studied.

I kept these in a computer file which I could return to when I wanted to renew my understanding of the Lord regarding that thought. Slowly I added to it over many, many years.

Sometimes I even went to the Concordance and read through the portions of scriptures on a topic I was curious about that day, and even that was inspiring and encouraging to me.

Why? Because when I encounter the Lord's words, I encounter the Lord Himself.

THAT is what I was searching for - the encounter with the Lord and to connect with Him. When you connect with a person you usually connect through what he says.

As I did this I grew to love the Lord more and more and learned what He is like.

Now the Lord is guiding me to organize those topical scriptures into a book for others (you) to read through and learn about who He is, what He is like, what He thinks, and how He loves you - to help you connect with Him also.

I allow a section at the end of each topic where you can write the thoughts He gives you as you read on that topic. You may put your favorite scripture there, or another scripture that speaks to you on that topic.

All of this is to enable you to know the Lord better, to love Him more, and to grow closer in your own personal relationship with Him.

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

I bless you as you read His word.

(Scriptures are from the NIV Bible unless otherwise indicated.)

## PAY ATTENTION AND KEEP MY WORDS

When I read the Word of God, I find it very helpful to personalize the words and make them fit me. I make them my confession and declaration about who I am, who God is, what He will do for me, etc. I will use the following scriptures (which I like to read and declare at the beginning of my daily quiet time with the Lord) as examples and write after each scripture what I might declare.

**My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. (Proverbs 4:20-22)**

Lord, I am paying attention to what You say. I turn my ear to Your words. I keep them within my sight. I keep Your words within my heart. Your words are life to me and they are health to my whole body.

**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)**

I do not fear because You, Lord, are with me. I am not dismayed, because You, Lord, are my God. You will strengthen me. You will help me. You will uphold me with Your righteous right hand.

**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)**

Lord, You leave Your peace with me. You give Your peace to me. I accept Your peace and receive it from You. You do not give me peace as the world gives. I do not let my heart be troubled or afraid.

**"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**

Lord, You know the plans You have for me. They are plans to prosper me and not to harm me. Your plans give me hope and a future. Then I will call upon You and come and pray to You, and You will listen to me. I will seek You and find You when I seek You with all my heart. Lord, You will be found by me. You declare it. Thank You, Lord!

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Proverbs 8:34

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

THE LORD'S WORDS TO ME

Come away My beloved. Be still and know that I am God.

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. 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.

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.

For I know the plans I have for you, 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. Call to me and I will answer you and show you great and unsearchable things which you do not know. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.

I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Listen, I tell you a mystery: You will not all sleep, but you will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and you will be changed. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. Yes, I am coming soon. Come away, my beloved.

(Song of Solomon 8:14 Psalm 46:10 Proverbs 4:20-22 Proverbs 8:34 Isaiah 41:10 Jeremiah 29:11-14 Jeremiah 33:3 John 15:11 John 14:27 NLT Isaiah 46:11 John 14:2-3 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Revelation 3:8 Revelation 3:10 Revelation 22:20 Song of Solomon 8:14)

MY WORDS TO THE LORD

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

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

Teach me your way, O Lord; led me in a straight path. (Psalm 27:11)

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

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

You make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your thoughts! (Psalm 92:4)

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. (Psalm 91:2)

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)

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)

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

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)

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)

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JEWELS GOD'S TREASURED POSSESSION

They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels. (Malachi 3:17 KJV)

"They will be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. (Malachi 3:17 NIV)

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. (Deuteronomy 7:6)

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. (Exodus 19:5)

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the Lord has chosen you to be his treasured possession. (Deuteronomy 14:2)

And the Lord has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands. (Deuteronomy 26:18)

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.

[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 2:14)

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)

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. (Ephesians 1:4-5)

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JOY

Deuteronomy 16:15

For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.

1 Chronicles 16:27

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.

Nehemiah 8:10

The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Job 38:7

While the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy.

Psalms 4:7

You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound.

Psalms 21:6

Surely you have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence.

Psalms 43:4

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight.

Psalms 51:12

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

Psalms 66:1

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Psalms 100:1-2

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Proverbs 10:28

The prospect of the righteous is joy.

Isaiah 35:8-10

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness...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 55:12

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

Habakkuk 3:18-19

I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

Luke 2:10

The angel said to them [shepherds], "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

John 15:9-11

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

John 16:20

I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

John 16:22

Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

John 16:23-24

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

John 17:13

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

1 Thessalonians 5:16

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

Hebrews 12:2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author

and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

James 1:2-4

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.

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JUDGMENT

JUDGMENT BY HIS WORD

Matthew 7:24-27

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

Luke 11:32

The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and now something greater than Jonah is here.

John 12:47-48

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

Romans 2:12-13, 16

All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:5-7

But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

JUDGMENT BY WHAT WE DO

Matthew 7:21

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"

Matthew 25:31-32, 34-36

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Then the King will say to those on his right. "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Romans 2:5-6

But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God will give to each person according to what he has done.

Romans 14:10

You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee shall bow before me; every tongue will confess to God." So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

1 Peter 1:17

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.

Revelation 20:11-12, 15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it...and I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

JUDGMENT OF THOSE WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH

Romans 1:18-21, 24

The wrath of god is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.

JUDGMENT AFTER DEATH

Hebrews 9:27-28

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people, and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

JUDGMENT WITH JUSTICE

John 9:23

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

Acts 17:31

For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed.

JUDGMENT IS BY GOD

Psalm 75:2

You say, "I choose the appointed time; it is I who judge with equity.

Psalm 75:7

It is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.

Romans 11:33

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Romans 14:10

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

JUDGMENT FOR WORDS WE SPEAK

Jude 14-15

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

JUDGMENT OF THE RIGHTEOUS

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

JUDGMENT WITH FIRE

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

JUDGMENT ON THE DAY OF THE LORD

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

God is just. He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord

and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.

JUDGMENT CONCERNING ISRAEL

Joel 3:1-2, 12, 14

In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel. Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

JUDGMENT OF THE DEVIL

John 12:31

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

John 16:8

When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

JUDGMENT BY THE SON OF GOD

John 5:22

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



OTHER SCRIPTURES ON JUDGMENT

Genesis 15:14 NIV

But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

Psalm 7:6 RSV

Arise, O Lord, in thy anger, lift thyself up against the fury of my enemies; awake, O my God; thou hast appointed a judgment.

Ecclesiastes 11:9

You who are young, be happy while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

Jeremiah 1:16

I will pronounce my judgments on my people because of their wickedness in forsaking me, in burning incense to other gods and in worshiping what their hands have made.

Jeremiah 25:31

The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the Lord will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgment on all mankind.

Ezekiel 5:15

You will be a reproach and a taunt, a warning and an object of horror to the nations around you when I inflict punishment on you in anger and in wrath and with stinging rebuke. I the Lord have spoken.

Ezekiel 14:21-22

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: How much worse will it be when I send against Jerusalem my four dreadful judgments - sword and famine and wild beasts and plague - to kill its men and their animals! Yet there will be some survivors - sons and daughters who will be brought out of it.

Ezekiel 20:36

As I judged your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will judge you, declares the Sovereign Lord.

Daniel 7:21-22

As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them, until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the holy people of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.

Hosea 6:5-6

Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth - then my judgments go forth like the sun. For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

Zechariah 7:9 RSV

Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy each to his brother."

Matthew 5:21

You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment."

Romans 5:16

Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

1 Corinthians 11:29

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat to the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Colossians 2:16

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

1 Peter 4:17

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

Jude 6

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 judgment on the great Day.

Revelation 18:20

Rejoice over her, you heavens! Rejoice, you people of God! Rejoice, apostles and prophets! For God has judged her with the judgment she imposed on you."

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JUSTICE

Exodus 23:6

Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits.

Deuteronomy 16:20

Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Job 8:3

Does God pervert justice? ...Does God twist justice?

Job 36:17

Don't worry, judgment and justice will be upheld.

Job 37:23

The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power; in his justice and great righteousness, he does not oppress.

Psalm 9:8

He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.

Psalm 9:16

The Lord is known by his justice.

Psalm 11:7

For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice.

Psalm 37:5

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

Psalm 45:6

A scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Psalm 89:14

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Psalm 99:4

The king is mighty, he loves justice.

Psalm 101:1

I will sing of your love and justice.

Psalm 106:3

Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.

Proverbs 8:17-21

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.

Proverbs 21:15

When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous.

Proverbs 28:5

Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully.

Proverbs 29:4

By justice a king gives a country stability.

Proverbs 29:26

It is from the Lord that man gets justice.

Isaiah 5:16-17

But the Lord Almighty will be exalted by his justice, and the holy God will show himself holy by his righteousness. Then sheep will graze as in their own pasture; lambs will feed among the ruins of the rich.

Isaiah 9:7

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 28:17

I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line.

Isaiah 30:18

For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Isaiah 33:5

The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with his justice and righteousness.

Isaiah 42:1

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.

Isaiah 42:3b-4

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on the earth.

Isaiah 56:1

Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

Isaiah 59:9

So there is no justice among us, and we know nothing about right living.

Isaiah 59:14

So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter.

Isaiah 61:8

For I, the Lord, love justice.

Jeremiah 30:11b

I will discipline you but only with justice.

Ezekiel 34:16

I will shepherd the flock with justice.

Amos 5:15

Maintain justice in the courts.

Amos 5:24

But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Zechariah 7:9

Administer true justice, show mercy and compassion to one another.

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Romans 3:25-26

God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

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KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

Exodus 19:3-6

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Exodus 20:3-17

[The ten commandments]

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth below.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother

You shall not murder

You shall not commit adultery

You shall not steal

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet

Daniel 9:4

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands...

Proverbs 3:1-2

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Proverbs 4:20-22

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.

Matthew 22:36

One of them...tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love you neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

John 14:15, 21

If you love me, you will obey what I command...whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

John 15:10

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.

1 Corinthians 7:19

Keeping God's commands is what counts.

1 John 2:3-6

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him" but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

1 John 5:2-3

This is how we know that we love the children of God; by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands.

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KINGS

Daniel said, "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings, he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and mysterious things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him." - Daniel 2:20-22

REMOVES KINGS

By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me princes rule, and nobles govern the earth. - Proverbs 8:15-16 RSV

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel?" 1 Samuel 16:1

But I will not take the whole kingdom out of Solomon's hand; I have made him ruler all the days of his life for the sake of David my servant, whom I chose and who observed my commands and statutes. I will take the kingdom from his son's hands and give you ten tribes. I will give one tribe to his son so that David my servant may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city where I chose to put my Name. - 1 Kings 11:34-36

SETS UP KINGS

By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me princes rule, and nobles govern the earth. - Proverbs 8:15-16 RSV

When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us," be sure to appoint over you the king the Lord your God chooses. He must be from among your own brothers. " - Deuteronomy 17:14-15

When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the Lord said to him, "This is the man I spoke to you about; he will govern my people." - 1 Samuel 9:17

The Lord said to him [Elijah], "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Numshi king over Israel." - 1 Kings 19:15

Yet the Lord, the God of Israel, chose me from my whole family to be king over Israel forever. - 1 Chronicles 28:4

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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

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

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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KNOWING GOD

We ask Him to teach us His ways to know Him

Exodus 33:13

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

We follow His precepts to have understanding

Psalm 111:10

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

We boast of understanding and knowing Him

Jeremiah 9:23

This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength, or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.

We ask for the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation

Ephesians 1:17

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

He gives us understanding so we may know Him

1 John 5:20

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

We know in our hearts that He lives

Job 19:25

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

We need to be still to know Him

Psalm 46:10

Be still and know that I am God.

God gives us the heart to know Him

Jeremiah 24:7

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

His sheep know Him

John 10:14

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

Eternal life is to know God and Jesus Christ

John 17:3

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

Knowing Christ Jesus as Lord is the most important thing

Philippians 3:8

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

We know in whom we believe

2 Timothy 1:12

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

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KNOWLEDGE

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.

Psalm 19:1-2

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 10:14

The wise store up knowledge, but the mouth of the fool invites ruin.

Proverbs 12:1

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.

Proverbs 13:16

All who are prudent act with knowledge, but fools expose their folly.

Habakkuk 2:14

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Romans 11:33

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

1 Corinthians 8:1

Knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

1 Corinthians 13:2

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

2 Corinthians 2:14

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

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 God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Ephesians 3:19

And to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

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.

Colossians 2:2-3

My goal 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 6:20

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE HIS

Deuteronomy 7:6

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

Isaiah 43:1-3

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Malachi 3:16-17

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

John 6:63-65

"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

John 10:14, 27

I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

Ephesians 1:4-5

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.

2 Timothy 2:19

God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his."

Titus 2:14

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

1 Peter 2:9

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

John 6:37

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

John 6:44

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

John 8:44, 47

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire....He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

Psalm 139:1

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.

1 Samuel 2:3

The Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

1 Samuel 16:7

The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Job 23:10

He knows the way that I take: when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

Psalm 94:11

The Lord knows the thoughts of man.

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LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE

Exodus 32:32-33

"But now, please forgive their sin - but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written." The Lord replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book."

Deuteronomy 9:13-14

And the Lord said to me, "I have seen this people, and they are a stiff-necked people indeed! Let me alone, so that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven."

Deuteronomy 29:20

The Lord will never be willing to forgive him; his wrath and zeal will burn against that man. All the curses written in this book will fall upon him, and the Lord will blot out his name from under heaven.

Psalm 9:5

You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

Psalm 69:28

May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.

Daniel 12:1

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered.

Luke 10:20

However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Philippians 4:3

Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Revelation 3:5

He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

Revelation 3:14

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

Revelation 13:8

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

Revelation 17:8

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

Revelation 20:12

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life.

Revelation 20:15

If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:27

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22:19

If anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

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LAW OF CHRIST

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." - Romans 13:8-9

Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. - Romans 13:10

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." - Galatians 5:13-14

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

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. - James 2:8

And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. - 1 John 3:23

A new command I give you: Love one another. Ask I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. - John 13:34

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

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. - John 14:21

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

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 15:12-14

This is my command: Love each other. - John 15:17

I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them, and that I myself may be in them. - John 17:26

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. - Romans 5:5

God demonstrated his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. - Romans 12:9

What do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a whip, or in love and with a gentle spirit? - 1 Corinthians 4:21

To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. - 1 Corinthians 9:21

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. - Corinthians 13:4-7

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. - 1 Corinthians 13:8-10

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. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. - 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. - 1 Corinthians 14:1

Do everything in love. - 1 Corinthians 16:14

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 2 Corinthians 5:14

[As servants of God we commend ourselves] ...in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love. - 2 Corinthians 6:6

I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. - 2 Corinthians 8:8

Show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it. - 2 Corinthians 8:24

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

So I will very gladly spend for you everything I have and expend myself as well. - 2 Corinthians 12:15

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. - Galatians 5:6

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. - Ephesians 1:15

[I pray] ...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. - Ephesians 3:17-19

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. - Ephesians 4:2

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

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. - Ephesians 5:1-2

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. - Ephesians 5:25

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight... - Philippians 1:9

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. - Philippians 2:1-2

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints - the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. - Colossians 1:3-6

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. - Colossians 3:14

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. - 1 Thessalonians 3:12

Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other... We urge you, brothers, to do so more and more. - 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

Hold them [those who work hard among you] in the highest regard in love because of their work. - 1 Thessalonians 5:13

The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. - 1 Timothy 1:5

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

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. - 1 Peter 1:22

Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. - 1 John 2:10

This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. - 1 John 3:11

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. - 1 John 3:14

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 1 John 3:16

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

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. - 1 John 3:18

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. - 1 John 4:7

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. - 1 John 4:11-12

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love but perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. - 1 John 4:17-18

And he has given us the command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. - 1 John 4:21

This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. - 1 John 5:2-3

I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning: I ask that we love one another. And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. - 2 John 5-6

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LAYING ON OF HANDS

ACCOMPANIED PRAYER

Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them... When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. (Matthew 19:13, 15)

A SIGN OF HEALING

Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jarus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. (Mark 5:22-24)

He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. (Mark 6:5)

A SYMBOL FOR THE IMPARTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord - Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here - has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 9:17)

When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:6)

A TOKEN OF ORDINATION FOR SPECIAL SERVICE

They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. (Acts 6:6)

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them," So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:2-3)

Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. (1Timothy 4:14)

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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

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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LIFE

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Psalm 16:11

You have made known to me the path of life.

Proverbs 4:20-22

My son, pay attention to what I say, turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.

Proverbs 6:23

For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life.

Proverbs 8:34-35

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

Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life.

Proverbs 21:21

He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

Proverbs 22:4

Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life.

John 1:4

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

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:36

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.

John 4:14

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

John 5:24-26

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. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.

John 6:35

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

John 6:47-48

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

John 6:68

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

John 10:10

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

John 10:28

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

John 11:25

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

John 14:6

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

John 20:30-31

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Acts 13:48

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

Romans 6:13

Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

Romans 6:22-23

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:6

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.

Philippians 2:16

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you 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.

James 1:12

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.

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Revelation 13:8

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

Revelation 20:11-12

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it...And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life.

Revelation 21:27

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22:1-2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the

city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month.

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LIGHT

2 Samuel 22:29

You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light.

Job 38:19

What is the way to the abode of light? And where does darkness reside?

Psalm 4:6

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

Psalm 19:8

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?

Psalm 56:13

For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Psalm 76:4

You are resplendent with light, more majestic than mountains rich with game.

Psalm 104:2

He wraps himself in light as with a garment.

Psalm 119:130

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 139:12

Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Isaiah 2:5

Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 9:2

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 42:6-7

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 45:7

I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.

Isaiah 49:6

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.

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

Matthew 5:14-16

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 your Father in heaven.

Luke 2:32

[Simeon] For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 11:33-36

No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness. See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and not part of it is dark, it will be completely lighted, as when the light of a lamp shines on you. (NIV)

John 1:4

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.

John 1:9

The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

John 3:19-21

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 8:12

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 9:4-5

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 12:35-36 NLT

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."

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. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness.

Ephesians 1:18 NIV

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

Ephesians 1:18 NLT

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called - his holy people who are his right and glorious inheritance.

Ephesians 5:8 NIV

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

Ephesians 5:8-9 NLT

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

1 Thessalonians 5:5

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

1 Timothy 6:16

...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. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

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

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 1:7

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 2:8

Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

1 John 2:9

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

Rev. 21:23

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.



CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

(Luke 2:29-32) Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant [Simeon] in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

(John 1:4-5) 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.

(John 3:19-21) 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 8:12) I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

(John 12:35) Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light."

(Rev. 21:23) 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.

GOD IS LIGHT

(1 Timothy 6:15-16) ...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. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

(1 John 1:5-7) This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: 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.

CHILDREN OF LIGHT, DISCIPLES OF LIGHT

(Ephesians 5:8-10, 13) For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness,

righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord... For everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible.

(1 Thessalonians 5:5) You are all 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.

LIGHT CREATED BY GOD

(Gen. 1:3) And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

(Jeremiah 31:35) This is what the Lord says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar--the Lord Almighty is his name...

LIGHT AS A TYPE OF GOD'S FAVOR

(Exodus 10:22-23) So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. No one could see anyone else or leave his place for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

(Psalm 4:6) Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

(Psalm 27:1) The Lord is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear?

(Psalm 97:11) Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

(Isaiah 9:2) 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 60:19) 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.

GOD'S WORD PRODUCES LIGHT

(Psalm 19:8) The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. the commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

(Psalm 119:105, 130, 133) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path...The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple...Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

(Proverbs 6:20-23) My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life...

INSTANCES OF MIRACULOUS LIGHT

(Matthew 17:1-2) 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.

(Acts 9:3-4) As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

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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 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)

I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist. His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude. (Daniel 10:6)

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. (Matthew 28:2-3)

Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." (Luke 10:18)

From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. (Revelation 4:5)

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. (Exodus 19:16)

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance. (Exodus 20:18)

Do you send the lightning bolts on their way? Do they report to you, "Here we are"? (Job 38:35)

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a great hailstorm. (Revelation 11:19)

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)

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LISTEN

Deuteronomy 6:4 NLT

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

Deuteronomy 18:15

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NLT

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

1 Samuel 3:10 NLT

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

Proverbs 1:5 NLT

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

Proverbs 8:34

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

Proverbs 12:15 NLT

Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.

Proverbs 12:15 NIV

The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

Proverbs 18:13 NLT

Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.

Proverbs 18:13 NIV

He who answers before listening - that is his folly and his shame.

Ecclesiastes 5:1

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

Isaiah 50:4

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.

Jeremiah 26:2-3

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

Matthew 13:11-13 NLT

He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secrets of the kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. That is why I use these parables, for they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand."

Mark 9:7

Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Luke 9:34

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

John 10:2-4

The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:16

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

John 10:27-28

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

Acts 3:22-23

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

James 1:19

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

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

1 John 4:5

They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.

1 John 4:6

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

Revelation 1:3 NLT

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

Revelation 2:7 NLT

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

LIVING WATER

Isaiah 12:3

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 43:20

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 44:3

I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendents.

Isaiah 55:1

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.

Ezekiel 36:25

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

John 3:5

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

John 4:10

If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.

John 4:13-14

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

John 7:37-39

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." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.

Ephesians 5:26

Husbands, love your wives, 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.

Titus 3:5

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 21:6

To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Revelation 22:17

**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.**

LOOKING TO THE LORD

Deuteronomy 4:29

You will find him if you look for him

Numbers 21:8-9

The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

The snake here is a symbol of judged sin. The bronze snake is a type of Christ "made... to be sin for us" (John 3:14-15; 2 Corinthians 5:21) in bearing our judgment. (Note on Numbers 21:9 in the New Scofield Study Bible NIV, pg. 215)

2 Chronicles 20:12

O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.

Psalm 25:15

My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only he will release my feet from the snare.

Psalm 34:4-7

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Psalm 121:1-2

I will lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Isaiah 60:5

Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy.

Isaiah 45:22 KJV

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no one else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Jeremiah 29:13-14

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

Hebrews 12:2

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

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LOVE

Deuteronomy 6:5

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 10:12

And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deuteronomy 11:1

Love the Lord your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.

Joshua 22:5

But 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.

Nehemiah 1:5

O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands.

Psalm 31:25

Love the Lord, all his saints!

Psalm 57:2-3

I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me. He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; God sends his love and his faithfulness.

Psalm 127:2

He grants sleep to those he loves.

Psalm 145:20

The Lord watches over all who love him.

Proverbs 21:21

He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

Song of Songs 2:4

He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love.

Daniel 9:4

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands.

Matthew 10:37-38

Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Matthew 22:37-40

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

John 13:34-35

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

John 15:12-13

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.

Romans 12:9-10

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

1 Corinthians 2:9

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 8:3

But the man who loves God is known by God.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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

Ephesians 5:2

Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1 John 4:7-10

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Revelation 1:5

Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

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MAN'S STEPS

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

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

If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall for the Lord upholds him with his hand. - Psalm 37:23

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

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MARKED

Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. - Genesis 4:15

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

But he [Thomas] said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." - John 20:25

Let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. - Galatians 6:17

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

Him who overcomes... I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God, and I will also write on him my new name. - Revelation 3:12

They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. - Revelation 9:4

He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. - Revelation 13:16

A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever.

There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name." Revelation 14:9-11

I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. - Revelation 20:4

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. - Revelation 22:3-5

MARVELOUS DEEDS

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come. - Psalm 71:17-18

I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, O Lord, proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds. - Psalm 26:7

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. - Psalm 9:1

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 96:2-3

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. - Psalm 86:9-10

Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel who alone does marvelous deeds. - Psalm 72:18

Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. - Psalm 111:2-3

He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted. - Job 5:9

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MEDITATE

Deuteronomy 17:18-20

When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

Joshua 1:7-8

Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 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.

Psalm 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 19:14

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 48:9-10

Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Psalm 49:3

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Psalm 63:6-7

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

Psalm 77:11-14

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds. Your ways, O God, are holy. What God is so great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

Psalm 104:34

May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

Psalm 119:15

I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways; I will not neglect your word.

Psalm 119:78

May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me without cause; but I will meditate on your precepts.

Psalm 119:97

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

Psalm 143:5

I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.

Psalm 145:4-5

One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Luke 21:13-15

This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

MEMORY OF PEOPLE BLOTTED OUT

Exodus 17:14

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

Psalm 9:5-6

You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name for ever and ever. Endless ruin has overtaken the enemy, you have uprooted their cities; even the memory of them has perished.

Psalm 34:16

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

Psalm 109:15

May their sins always remain before the Lord, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

Ecclesiastes 9:5

For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; they have no further reward, and even the memory of them is forgotten.

Isaiah 26:14

They are now dead, they live no more; those departed spirits do not rise. You punished them and brought them to ruin; you wiped out all memory of them.

MILLENNIUM - THE THOUSAND YEARS

Revelation 20:1-2

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:4

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Isaiah 2:2-4

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Isaiah 4:3, 5, 6

In that day...those who are left in Zion, who remain in Jerusalem, will be called holy; all who are recorded among the living in Jerusalem...Then the Lord will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night, over all the glory will be a canopy. It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Isaiah 11:1-9

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.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

The infant will play near the hold of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 24:23

For the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders, gloriously.

Isaiah 28:5-6

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 30:19-26

O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you...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."

He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows...streams of water will flow on every high mountain and every lofty hill.

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

Isaiah 35:1-2

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.

Isaiah 35:4-7

Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

Isaiah 35:8-10

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.

No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there.

But 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 44:1-5

This is what the Lord says - he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring and my blessing on your descendants.

They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. One will say, "I belong to the Lord"; another will call himself by the name of Jacob; still another will write on his hand, "The Lord's," and will take the name Israel.

Isaiah 65:17-25

"Behold I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them.

Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

Jeremiah 23:5-6

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness."

Hosea 6:2

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

Joel 3:16-17

The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel. Then you will know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; never again will foreigners invade her.

Micah 4:1-4

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nations will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken.

Zechariah 1:16-17

Therefore, this is what the Lord says: "I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem," declares the Lord Almighty.

Proclaim further: This is what the Lord Almighty says: "My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem."

Zechariah 8:3, 7, 8

This is what the Lord says: "I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain."

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God."

Matthew 25:31-32

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

MIND OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 2:14-16

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. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

John 14:26

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

John 16:12-15

When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Romans 8:5-6

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13

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.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Philippians 2:1-2

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

Philippians 2:5-11 KJV

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 1:27

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.

1 John 4:12

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 John 4:15

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

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MIND

DEVOTED TO GOD

Mark 12:30

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Romans 7:25

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law.

WILLING

1 Chronicles 28:9

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.

Nehemiah 4:6

So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.

2 Corinthians 8:12

If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable.

RENEWED

Romans 12:1-2

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

Ephesians 4:23

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

Hebrews 8:10

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

UNITED

Acts 4:32

All the believers were one in heart and mind.

1 Corinthians 1:10

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

2 Corinthians 13:11

Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace.

Philippians 2:2

Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

1 Peter 3:8

All of you live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

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MORNING

Genesis 1:3-5

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning - the first day.

Psalm 5:3

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice.

Psalm 55:17

Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.

Psalm 57:8

Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

Psalm 88:13

But I cry to you for help, O Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Psalm 119:147

I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word.

Psalm 130:6

My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Lamentations 3:22-23

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

2 Peter 1:19

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.

Revelation 2:28 NLT

To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end...They will have the same authority I received from my Father, and I will also give them the morning star.

Revelation 22:16

I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.

MOTIVES

All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the Lord. (Proverbs 16:2)

All a man's ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart. (Proverbs 21:2)

Judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God. (1 Corinthians 4:5)

The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. (Philippians 1:18)

The appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. (1 Thessalonians 2:3)

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 4:3)

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)

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)

MOUTH AND TONGUE

Joshua 1:8

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.

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

Psalm 35:28

My tongue will proclaim your righteousness, your praises all day long.

Psalm 39:1

I said, "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence."

Psalm 40:3

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

Psalm 45:1

My tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.

Psalm 119:103

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalm 141:3

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.

Proverbs 12:14

From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things.

Proverbs 12:18

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 13:2

From the fruit of their lips people enjoy good things.

Proverbs 13:3

Those who guard their lips preserve their lives

Proverbs 16:23

A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction.

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 27:2

Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.

Isaiah 45:22 KJV

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no one else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Isaiah 50:4

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 51:16

I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand.

Matthew 12:34-37

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But 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 15:11

What goes into a man's mouth does not make him "unclean", but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him "unclean."

Romans 10:8-10

The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming. That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Philippians 2:9-11

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.

James 1:26

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

James 3:5

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.

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MULTIPLICATION AND PROVISION

MANNA

Exodus 16:13-15

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat."

WATER FROM ROCK

Exodus 17:5-6

The Lord answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

ELIJAH FED BY RAVENS

1 Kings 17:4-7

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there."

So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

WIDOW'S OIL INCREASED

2 Kings 4:1-7

The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves."

Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

"Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a little oil."

Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side."

She left him and afterward shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one."

But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing.

She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

RAIN

1 Kings 18:41-42

And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain. So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.

"Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked.

"There is nothing there," he said.

Seven times Elijah said, "Go back."

The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea."

So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, "Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you."

Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel.

WATER

2 Kings 3:16-20

While the harpist was playing, the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha and he said, "This is what the Lord says: Make this valley full of ditches. For this is what the Lord says: you will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink. This is an easy thing in the eyes of the Lord; he will also hand Moab over to you..."

The next morning, about the time for offering the sacrifice, there it was - water flowing from the direction of Edom! And the land was filled with water.

HUNDRED FED WITH TWENTY LOAVES

2Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said.

"How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the Lord says: "They will eat and have some left over." Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the Lord.

ANGELS FEED JESUS

Matthew 4:1-4, 11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

FIVE THOUSAND FED

Matthew 14:15-21

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

TRIBUTE MONEY PROVIDED

Matthew 17:24-27

After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?"

"Yes he does," he replied...

Jesus said to him. "But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."

DRAUGHT OF FISHES

John 21:1

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

MULTIPLICATION BY SUBMITTING TO WHAT GOD INSTRUCTS YOU TO DO

Then the angel of the Lord told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." The angel added, "I will so increase your descendants that they will be too numerous to count." (Genesis 16:9-10)

MULTIPLICATION BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE LORD'S GIFTS

She has not acknowledged that I was the one who gave her the grain, the new wine and oil, who lavished on her the silver and gold. (Hosea 2:8)

PROVISION BY GOD'S PROMISE/OATH

The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants, I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because Abraham obeyed me and kept my requirements, my commands, my decrees and my laws."

PROVISION BY MAN'S OBEDIENCE

If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to you forefathers. He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land...the calves of your herds. You will be blessed more

**than any other people...The Lord will keep you free from every disease.
(Deuteronomy 7:12-15)**

MY MINISTRY AND PROVISION DECLARATIONS

I trust in the name of the Lord my God even though some people trust in other things. (See Psalm 20:7)

I am kept in perfect peace by the Lord as my mind is focused on Him and I trust in Him. (See Isaiah 26:3 KJV)

My salvation is in returning and resting in God, and my strength is in quietness and trust. (See Isaiah 30:15)

God is a God of justice and He is gracious to me and shows me compassion.
(See Isaiah 30:18)

I am being led by the Lord by ways I have not known and along unfamiliar paths. He is turning darkness into light before me and making rough places smooth. (See Isaiah 42:16)

I am listening to the Lord and paying attention both now and in time to come. (See Isaiah 42:23)

I am not fearing because the Lord has called me by name and I belong to Him. When I go through difficult times, He is with me and saves me because He is my Savior. (See Isaiah 43:1-3b)

I am a witness that the Lord is God, and His servant whom He has chosen, so that I may know and believe and understand that He is Lord. (See Isaiah 43:10-12)

I can depend on the consistency of the Lord because He does not change. (See Malachi 3:6)

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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

MYSTERIES

Matthew 13:11

The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

Matthew 13:11 note - a secret or mystery in scripture is a previously hidden truth now divinely revealed. (From New Scofield Study Bible, p. 1222)

1. The mysteries of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 13:3-50)
2. The mystery of Israel's blindness during this age (Romans 11:25 with context)
3. The mystery of the translation of living saints at the end of this age (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:13-17)
4. The mystery of the New Testament church as one body composed of Jews and Gentiles (Eph. 3:1-12; Romans 16:25; Eph. 6:19; Col. 4:3)
5. The mystery of the church as the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:23-32)
6. The mystery of the indwelling Christ (Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:26-27)
7. 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 (1 Cor. 2:7; Col. 2:2, 9)
8. The mystery of the processes by which godlikeness is restored to man (1 Tim. 3:16)
9. The mystery of iniquity (2 Thess. 2:7; compare Matthew 13:33)
10. The mystery of the seven stars (Rev. 1:20)
11. The mystery of Babylon (Rev. 17:5, 7)

Job 11:7-9

Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than the heavens - what can you do? They are deeper than the depths of the grave - what can you know? Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea.

Proverbs 3:32

The Lord ... takes the upright into his confidence.

Proverbs 3:32 KJV

His secret is with the righteous.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.

Matthew 13:3(and following) - the parables which Jesus calls the secrets of the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 13:11

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Mark 4:11

He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables."

Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him - to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen!

1 Corinthians 2:7

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

1 Corinthians 4:1

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Listen, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

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 on 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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MYSTERY OF GOD - CHRIST

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NAMES OF GOD

Father of the Heavenly Lights (James 1:17)
God (Isaiah 26:4)
God of heaven (Ezra 5:11; Nehemiah 1:4; 2:4)
God Almighty (Psalm 80:7, 14, 19)
Holy One (Job 6:10; Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 10:17; Hosea 11:9; Habakkuk 1:12; 1 John 2:20)
I AM (Exodus 3:14)
Jealous (Exodus 34:14)
King of kings (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14)
Living God (Deuteronomy 5:26; Joshua 3:10)
Lord (Exodus 6:3)
The Lord (Psalm 83:18; Isaiah 12:2)
Lord of lords (Revelation 17:14; Deuteronomy 10:17; 1 Timothy 6:15)
Lord Almighty (1 Samuel 1:11; Isaiah 1:24; Romans 9:29; James 5:4)
Mighty God (Psalm 50:1; Isaiah 9:6; 10:21; Jeremiah 32:18; Habakkuk 1:12)
Most High (Numbers 24:16; Deuteronomy 32:8; 2 Samuel 22:14; Psalm 7:17)
God Most High (Genesis 14:18; Psalm 57:2; Daniel 3:26)

NAME ON FOREHEADS

Revelation 22:3-5

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light.

Revelation 3:12

Him who overcomes... I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God, and I will also write on him my new name.

Revelation 7:3

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.

Ezekiel 9:4

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."

Revelation 9:4

They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

Revelation 20:4

I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands.

2 Corinthians 1:22

He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

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NAME

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. - Psalm 34:3

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. - Psalm 103:1

This is what the high and lofty One says - he who lives forever, whose name is holy. - Isaiah 57:15

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. - Joel 2:32

The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name. - Zechariah 14:9

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

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

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

He became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. - Hebrews 1:4

He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. - Revelation 19:12-13

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. - Revelation 19:16

NAMES OF CHRIST (59)

Adam (the second) – 1 Corinthians 15:45
Advocate – 1 John 2:1
Alpha and Omega – Revelation 1:8; 22:13
Amen – Revelation 3:14
Angel of the Lord – Exodus 3:2; Judges 13:15-18
Branch – Jeremiah 23:5
Bread of Life – John 6:35, 48
Chief cornerstone – Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6
Chief Shepherd – 1 Peter 5:4
Counselor – Isaiah 9:6
Dayspring – Luke 1:78
Deliverer – Romans 11:26
Door – John 10:7
Immanuel – Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23
Eternal Life – 1 John 1:2; 5:20
Everlasting Father – Isaiah 9:6
Faithful Witness – Revelation 1:5; 3:14
First and Last – Revelation 1:17; 2:8
God – Isaiah 40:9; John 20:28
Good Shepherd – John 10:14
Great High Priest – Hebrews 4:14
Holy One – Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:27; 3:14
I Am – Exodus 3:14; John 8:58
Jehovah – Isaiah 26:4 (KJV)
Jesus – Matthew 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 1:10
Just One – Acts 7:52
King – Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:5
Lamb of God – John 1:29, 36
Life – John 14:6; Colossians 3:4
Light of the Word – John 8:12
Lion of Judah – Revelation 5:5
Lord God Almighty – Revelation 15:3
Lord of Glory – 1 Corinthians 2:8
Messiah – Daniel 9:25; John 1:41
Mighty God – Isaiah 9:6
Morning Star – Revelation 22:16
Nazarene – Matthew 2:23
Our Passover – 1 Corinthians 5:7
Prince of Life – Acts 3:15
Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:6
Prophet – Luke 24:19; John 7:40
Redeemer – Isaiah 59:20; 60:16

Resurrection and Life – John 11:25
Rock – 1 Corinthians 10:4
Savior – 2 Peter 2:20; 3:18
Servant – Isaiah 42:1; 52:13
Son of God – Luke 1:35; John 1:49
Son of Man – John 5:27; 6:27
Sun of Righteousness – Malachi 4:2
True God – 1 John 5:20
True Light – John 1:9
True Vine – John 15:1
Truth – John 14:6
Way – John 14:6
Witness – Isaiah 55:4
Wonderful – Isaiah 28:29; 9:6
Word – John 1:1
Word of God – Revelation 19:13
Word of Life – 1 John 1:1

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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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

"Their leader will be one of their own; their ruler will arise from among them. I will bring him near and he will come close to me, for who is he who will devote himself to be close to me?" declares the Lord. - Jeremiah 30:21 NIV

Then he [Moses] said to Korah and all his followers: "In the morning the Lord will show who belongs to him and who is holy, and he will have that person come near him. The man he chooses he will cause to come near him." - Numbers 16:5

What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? - Deuteronomy 4:7

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. - Psalm 34:18

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

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

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. - Isaiah 40:11

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

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NEW BEGINNINGS

NEW BIRTH

John 3:3, 6

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

1 Peter 1:23

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

NEW COMMAND

John 13:34

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

NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31:31

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

Mark 14:24

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

1 Corinthians 11:25

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

Hebrews 8:10

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

NEW CREATION

2 Corinthians 5:17

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

NEW HEART

Ezekiel 36:26

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

NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH

Isaiah 65:17

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

Isaiah 66:22

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

2 Peter 3:12-13

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

Revelation 21:1

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

NEW JERUSALEM

Revelation 21:2

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

NEW LIFE

Romans 6:4

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

NEW MAN

Ephesians 2:15

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

NEW COMPASSIONS

Lamentations 3:23

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

NEW NAME

Isaiah 62:2

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

Revelation 2:17

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

NEW SELF

Ephesians 4:24

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

NEW SONG

Psalm 40:3

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

Psalm 96:1

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

Revelation 5:9

Each one [the twenty-four elders] had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song.

NEW SPIRIT

Ezekiel 36:26

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

NEW THINGS

Isaiah 42:9

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

Isaiah 43:18-19

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

Isaiah 48:6-7

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

NEW WAY

Romans 7:6

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

NEW WINE

Matthew 9:17

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

NEW WORLD

Matthew 19:28 RSV

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

ALL THINGS NEW

Matthew 19:28 NIV

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Revelation 21:5

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

NEWNESS OF LIFE

Psalm 40:3

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

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Isaiah 48:6

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.

Jeremiah 32:39

I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me for their own good and the good of their children after them.

Ezekiel 11:19

I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

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.

Romans 6:4

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

Romans 7:6

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

Romans 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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

Galatians 6:15

Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation.

Ephesians 4:23-24

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.

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NOTHING WILL HARM YOU

Psalm 121:5-7

The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 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.

Genesis 26:24

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

Exodus 14:11-14

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.

Deuteronomy 3:22

Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you.

Deuteronomy 4:24

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Deuteronomy 23:5

However, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.

Joshua 1:9

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

2 Chronicles 20:15, 17

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.”

Psalm 3:4-5

To the Lord I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

Psalm 23:4-5

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Psalm 27:1, 3

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

Psalm 34:4

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 91:4-6

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

Proverbs 1:33

But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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

Proverbs 3:24

When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

Proverbs 3:25-26

Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.

Proverbs 29:25

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

Isaiah 41:10

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 41:13

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

Isaiah 43:1-2

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. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Isaiah 54:4

Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated.

Isaiah 54:14

In righteousness you will be established; tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.

Jeremiah 1:8

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you.

Jeremiah 29:11

“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.”

Matthew 28:20

And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.

Mark 16:18

They will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all. (applies to drugs, RX, dizziness, witchcraft and pharmacaia)

Luke 10:17-19

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.”

John 14:27

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

Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else

in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

2 Timothy 4:18

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 13:5-6

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

1 Peter 3:12-14

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.

1 John 5:18

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

Revelation 2:11

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

OBJECTS OF WRATH AND OBJECTS OF GLORY

Proverbs 16:4

The Lord has made everything for his own purposes, even the wicked for a day of disaster.

Isaiah 43:1-13

But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, “Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom; I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place. Others were given in exchange for you. I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me. You are honored, and I love you.

“Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will gather you and your children from east and west. I will say to the north and south, ‘Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth. Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.’”

Bring out the people who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. Gather the nations together! Assemble the peoples of the world! Which of their idols has ever foretold such things? Which can predict what will happen tomorrow? Where are the witnesses of such predictions? Who can verify that they spoke the truth?

“But you are my witnesses, O Israel!” says the Lord. “You are my servant. You have been chosen to know me, believe in me, and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God—there never has been, and there never will be. I, yes I, am the Lord, and there is no other Savior.

“First I predicted your rescue, then I saved you and proclaimed it to the world. No foreign god has ever done this. You are witnesses that I am the only God,” says the Lord. “From eternity to eternity I am God. No one can snatch anyone out of my hand. No one can undo what I have done.”

Isaiah 43:25

I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.

Romans 11:33-36 33

Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! For who can know the Lord’s thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? And who has given him so much

that he needs to pay it back? For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

Galatians 4:21-31

Tell me, you who want to live under the law, do you know what the law actually says? The Scriptures say that Abraham had two sons, one from his slave wife and one from his freeborn wife. The son of the slave wife was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise. But the son of the freeborn wife was born as God's own fulfillment of his promise.

These two women serve as an illustration of God's two covenants. The first woman, Hagar, represents Mount Sinai where people received the law that enslaved them. And now Jerusalem is just like Mount Sinai in Arabia, because she and her children live in slavery to the law.

But the other woman, Sarah, represents the heavenly Jerusalem. She is the free woman, and she is our mother. As Isaiah said, "Rejoice, O childless woman, you who have never given birth! Break into a joyful shout, you who have never been in labor! For the desolate woman now has more children than the woman who lives with her husband!"

And you, dear brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, just like Isaac. But you are now being persecuted by those who want you to keep the law, just as Ishmael, the child born by human effort, persecuted Isaac, the child born by the power of the Spirit. But what do the Scriptures say about that? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman will not share the inheritance with the free woman's son." So, dear brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman; we are children of the free woman.

Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43

Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away.

When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. "The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?'

"'An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed. "'Should we pull out the weeds?' they asked. "'No,' he replied, 'you'll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.'"

... Jesus replied, "The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.

"Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then

the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

Ephesians 1:3-14

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God.

And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

2 Timothy 2:20-21

In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

Romans 8:28-30

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

Romans 9:20-24

No, don't say that. Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, "Why have you made me like this?"

When a potter makes jars out of clay, doesn't he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into? In the same way, even though God has the right to show his anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom his anger falls, who are destined for destruction.

He does this to make the riches of his glory shine even brighter on those to whom he shows mercy, who were prepared in advance for glory. And we are among those whom he selected, both from the Jews and from the Gentiles.

Romans 9:10-16

This son was our ancestor Isaac. When he married Rebekah, she gave birth to twins. But before they were born, before they had done anything good or bad, she received a message from God. (This message shows that God chooses people according to his own purposes; he calls people, but not according to their good or bad works.) She was told, "Your older son will serve your younger son." In the words of the Scriptures, "I loved Jacob, but I rejected Esau."

Are we saying, then, that God was unfair? Of course not! For God said to Moses, "I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose."

So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it.

Romans 11:1-7

I ask, then, has God rejected his own people, the nation of Israel? Of course not! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham and a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

No, God has not rejected his own people, whom he chose from the very beginning. Do you realize what the Scriptures say about this? Elijah the prophet complained to God about the people of Israel and said, "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

And do you remember God's reply? He said, "No, I have 7,000 others who have never bowed down to Baal!"

It is the same today, for a few of the people of Israel have remained faithful because of God's grace—his undeserved kindness in choosing them. And since it is through God's kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God's grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved.

So this is the situation: Most of the people of Israel have not found the favor of God they are looking for so earnestly. A few have—the ones God has chosen—but the hearts of the rest were hardened.

Romans 11:22

Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in his kindness. But if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off.

John 6:44-45

For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up. As it is written in the Scriptures, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.

Acts 2:38-39

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

1 Thessalonians 1:4

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

2 Peter 1:10

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

Mark 13:20

In fact, unless the Lord shortens that time of calamity, not a single person will survive. But for the sake of his chosen ones he has shortened those days.

1 Corinthians 1:26-28

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.

Acts 13:48

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

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OCCUPY TILL I COME

(USE WHAT I'VE GIVEN YOU UNTIL I COME BACK)

Luke 19:13 KJV

And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, "Occupy till I come."

Luke 19:13 NIV

So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. "Put this money to work," he said, "until I come back."

Luke 19:15

He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.

Luke 19:16-17

The first one came and said, "Sir, your mina has earned ten more." "Well done, my good servant!" his master replied. "Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities."

Luke 19:26

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.

Matthew 25:21

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

Luke 16:10-12

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

Luke 17:9-10

Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty."

Romans 12 6-8

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

1 Corinthians 4:2

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

1 Peter 4:10

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

OFFSPRING

Job 5:25 KJV

Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring, as the grass of the earth.

Job 21:8

They see their children established around them, their offspring before their eyes.

Isaiah 44:2-3

Do not be afraid, O Jacob, m servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Isaiah 61:9

Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has blessed.

Isaiah 65:23

They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants (offspring) with them.

Acts 17:26-29

From one man he 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. "For in him we live and move and have our being." As some of your own poets have said, "We are his offspring." Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone - an image made by man's design and skill.

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OIL

ANOINTING OIL: A TYPE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR SERVICE

Exodus 27:20

Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning. In the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain that is in front of the Testimony, Aaron and his sons are to keep the lamps burning before the Lord from evening till morning. This is to be a lasting ordinance among the Israelites for the generations to come.

Exodus 30:23-29

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Take the following fine spices: 500 shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much (that is, 250 shekels) of fragrant cinnamon, 250 shekels of fragrant cane, 500 shekels of cassia - all according to the sanctuary shekel - and a hin of olive oil. Make these into a sacred anointing oil, a fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer. It will be the sacred anointing oil. Then use it to anoint the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the Testimony, the table and all its articles, the lampstand and its accessories, the altar of incense, the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the basin with its stand. You shall consecrate them so they will be most holy, and whatever touches them will be holy."

Exodus 30:30-32

"Anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them so they may serve me as priests. Say to the Israelites, 'This is to be my sacred anointing oil for the generations to come. Do not pour it on men's bodies and do not make any oil with the same formula. It is sacred, and you are to consider it sacred.'"

Exodus 37:29

They also made the sacred anointing oil and the pure, fragrant incense - the work of a perfumer.

Exodus 40:9-11

Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy. Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar, and it will be most holy. Anoint the basin and its stand and consecrate them.

Exodus 40:12-15

Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and wash them with water. Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so he may serve me as priest. Bring his sons and dress them in tunics. Anoint

them just as you anointed their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come.

Leviticus 8:10-12

Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and everything in it, and so consecrated them. He sprinkled some of the oil on the altar seven times, anointing the altar and all its utensils and the basin with its stand, to consecrate them. He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him to consecrate him.

Psalm 23:5

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Psalm 45:6-7

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.

Psalm 92:10

You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured upon me.

Psalm 133:1-2

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes.

Isaiah 61:1, 3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me ...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

Luke 7:46

[Jesus said] "You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet."

Hebrews 1:9

You (Son) have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.

1 John 2:20

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.

1 John 1:27

As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit - just as it has taught you, remain in him.

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OLD AGE

Leviticus 19:32 (Respect)

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.

Deuteronomy 34:7 (Retaining physical vigor)

Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.

Joshua 24:15 (Strong faith)

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

Job 5:26 (Maturity)

You will come to the grave in full vigor, like sheaves gathered in season.

Job 12:12 (Wisdom)

Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?

Psalm 34:11-14 (Attaining unto by keeping from evil)

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Psalm 71:9 (Declining strength)

Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.

Psalm 91:16 (Long life)

With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.

Psalm 92:12-15 (Fruitfulness)

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 128:1, 6 (Attaining unto by the fear of the Lord)

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways...May you live to see your children's children.

Proverbs 3:1-2 (Attaining unto by keeping God's law)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Proverbs 3:13-18 (Attaining unto by following wisdom)

Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed.

Proverbs 16:31 (Spiritual beauty)

Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life.

Proverbs 17:6

Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 (Deterioration of body)

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them" - before the sun and the light of the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain; when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim, when the doors to the street are closed and the sound of grinding fades; when men rise up at the sound of birds, but all their songs grow faint; when men are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets, when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags himself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then man goes to his eternal home and mourners go about the streets.

Remember him - before the silver cord is severed or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Isaiah 46:4 (Sustained)

Even to your old age and gray hairs, I am he. I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Ephesians 6:2-3 (Attained unto by honoring parents)

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

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