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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)

RIGHTEOUS

Righteous (righteousness) - being in a right relationship to God; not guilty before God.

Psalm 5:12

Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Proverbs 4:18

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

Proverbs 13:9

The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.

Jeremiah 23:6

This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

Habakkuk 2:4

But the righteous shall live by his faith.

Matthew 13:43

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

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4:8

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

James 5:16

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

RIGHTOUSNESS REVEALED

Romans 1:17

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

Isaiah 56:1

This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand, and my righteousness will soon be revealed."

Psalms 85:13

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Isaiah 40:5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it.

Isaiah 45:22 KJV

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 46:13

I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed.

Daniel 9:24

Seventy sevens are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.

Malachi 4:2

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

Romans 8:18

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

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL GO BEFORE YOU

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

Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing! Come out from it and be pure, you who carry the vessels of the Lord. But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the Lord will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard. (Isaiah 52:11-12)

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

On the day the tabernacle, the Tent of the Testimony, was set up, the cloud covered it. From evening till morning the cloud above the tabernacle looked like fire. That is how it continued to be; the cloud covered it, and at night it looked like fire. Whenever the cloud lifted from above the Tent, the Israelites set out; whenever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped... Whether the cloud stayed over the tabernacle for two days or a month or a year, the Israelites would remain in camp and not set out; but when it lifted, they would set out. At the Lord's command they set out. (Numbers 9:15-17, 22-23)

In spite of all this, you did not trust in the Lord your God, who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go. (Deuteronomy 1:33)

He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night. (Psalm 78:14)

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them. (Psalm 99:7)

He spread out a cloud as a covering, and a fire to give light at night. (Psalm 105:39)

RISING SUN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no has seen or can see. - 1 Timothy 6:15-16

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

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. - 1 John 1:5-7

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

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RIVER

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. - Psalm 46:4

They [men] feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. - Psalm 36:8-9

Now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in - a river that no one could cross...Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing. - Ezekiel 47:1, 12

For this is what the Lord says: "I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream." - Isaiah 66:12

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

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. - Revelation 22:1

ROCK - STONE

But his [Joseph's] bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel. - Genesis 49:24

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. - Exodus 17:6

Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink. - Numbers 20:8

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. - Deuteronomy 32:4

For their rock is not like our Rock, as even our enemies concede. - Deuteronomy 32:31

There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. - 1 Samuel 2:2

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. - 2 Samuel 22:2-3

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. - Psalm 18:2

For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. - Psalm 18:31-32

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

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

To you I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me. - Psalm 28:1

He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. - Psalm 40:2

I cry to you for help when my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the towering rock of safety, for you are my safe refuge, a fortress where my enemies cannot reach me. - Psalm 61:2-3 NLT

I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. - Psalm 61:2-3 NIV

From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. - Psalm 61:2 KJV

He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. - Psalm 62:6

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

He will call out to me, "You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior." - Psalm 89:26

They [the righteous] will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." - Psalm 92:14-15

You have forgotten God your Savior; you have not remembered the Rock, your fortress. - Isaiah 17:10

So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed. I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the plumb line. - Isaiah 28:16-17

See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice. Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land. - Isaiah 32:1-2

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn. - Isaiah 51:1

"Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?" - Jeremiah 23:29

While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them... But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth. - Daniel 2:34-35

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. - Matthew 7:24

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ... Jesus replied, ..."And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." - Matthew 16:16-18

I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. - Luke 6:48

They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. - 1 Corinthians 10:4

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. - Ephesians 2:19-22 RSV

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. -1 Peter 2:4-5

For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." - 1 Peter 2:6

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone," (see Psalm 118:22) and "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." (see Isaiah 8:14) -1 Peter 2:8

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RUSHING WATERS

I got the thought about people hearing the Lord speak and it was like the sound of rushing waters. I want to look up those scriptures.

Psalm 42:7

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls, all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

Ezekiel 1:24

When the creatures moved, I heard the sound of their wings, like the roar of rushing waters, like the voice of the Almighty, like the tumult of an army.

Ezekiel 43:1-2

Then the man brought me to the gate facing east, and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory.

Revelation 1:15

His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

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SAFE

HIDE ME, SET ME HIGH UPON A ROCK

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

HIDE ME, KEEP ME SAFE

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues. - Psalm 31:20

HIDING PLACE, PROTECT ME, SURROUND ME

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

WITH ME, HOLDING MY HAND

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

REST IN HIS SHADOW, REFUGE, FORTRESS

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

COVER ME, REFUGE, SHIELD, RAMPART

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

NO HARM, NO DISASTER, ANGELS GUARDING ME

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

RESCUE ME, PROTECT ME

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

HIDE ME IN THE SHADOW OF HIS WINGS

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

STRENGTHEN ME, HELP ME, UPHOLD ME

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

SALVATION IS CLOSE

Isaiah 56:1

This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand, and my righteousness will soon be revealed."

Psalms 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalms 65:4

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.

Psalms 85:9

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Isaiah 40:11

He tends his flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart.

Isaiah 46:13

I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed.

Matthew 3:1-2

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 4:17

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

Romans 13:11-12

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation [The full result of salvation in glory] is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.

1 Corinthians 7:29

What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short.

James 5:8

Be patient then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

SALVATION

Exodus 15:2

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Psalm 17:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Psalm 62:1-2

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Psalm 85:9

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Psalm 96:2

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Isaiah 51:6

My salvation will last forever; my righteousness will never fail.

Isaiah 56:1

This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand, and my righteousness will soon be revealed."

Isaiah 61:10

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness.

Jonah 2:9

Salvation comes from the Lord.

Zechariah 9:9

See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Luke 2:30

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.

Acts 4:12

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 13:47

This is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

Romans 13:11-12

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation [The full result of salvation in glory] is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.

2 Corinthians 7:10

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

Ephesians 6:17

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Philippians 2:12

Therefore, as you have always obeyed - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

2 Timothy 3:15

From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 1:9

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

SCHOOL-INSTRUCTION

Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 121:7-8

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.

Proverbs 2:1-8

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

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.

John 14:13-14

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 14:26

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

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Philippians 4:13

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:27

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

John 2:22

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

John 5:39-40

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

John 7:42

Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?

John 10:35-36

If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came - and the Scripture cannot be broken - what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world?

John 19:28

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

John 19:36-37

These things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, as another Scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

John 20:9

They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

Acts 8:32

The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture.

Acts 8:35

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

Acts 17:11

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Romans 4:3

What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

Romans 10:11

As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Romans 11:2

God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture say in the passage about Elijah - how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"?

Galatians 3:8

The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."

Galatians 4:30

But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son."

1 Timothy 4:13

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

1 Timothy 5:18

For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

James 2:23

All the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.

James 4:5

Or do you think the Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely?

1 Peter 2:6

For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

2 Peter 1:20-21

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

SCROLL

A papyrus or leather roll. A scroll in scripture symbolism denotes the written word, whether of God or man.

SCROLL APPLIED TO THE HEAVENS

Isaiah 34:4

All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll.

Revelation 6:14

The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

THE SCROLL OF THE LORD

Isaiah 34:16

Look in the scroll of the Lord and read.

WRITE ON A SCROLL THE LORD'S WORDS

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.

Deuteronomy 17:18-19

When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law...and he is to read it all the days of his life.

Isaiah 8:1

The Lord said to me, "Take a large scroll and write on it with an ordinary pen: Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.

Isaiah 30:8

Go now, write it on a tablet for them, inscribe it on a scroll, that for the days to come it may be an everlasting witness.

Jeremiah 36:2, 4, 6

This word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you...So Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and while Jeremiah dictated all the words the Lord had spoken to him, Baruch wrote them on the scroll...So you go to the house of the Lord on a day of fasting and read to the people from the scroll the words of the Lord that you wrote as I dictated.

Ezekiel 2:9

Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.

Daniel 12:4

But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.

EATING THE SCROLL

Ezekiel 3:1-2

And he said to me, "Son of man, Eat what is before you; eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

FLYING SCROLL

Zechariah 5:1

I looked again - and there before me was a flying scroll! He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll, thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide."

THE SEVEN-SEALED SCROLL TAKEN BY CHRIST

Revelation 5:1-4

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

Revelation 5:5

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

Revelation 5:6

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain; and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."

Revelation 10:1-2

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand.

Revelation 10:8-11

Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: "Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land."

So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, "Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey." I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour. Then I was told, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings."

SEAL

So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city with him... - 1 Kings 21:8

Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. - Song of Solomon 8:6

Bind up this testimony of warning and seal up God's instruction among my disciples. - Isaiah 8:16

But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge... - Daniel 12:4

If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. - 1 Corinthians 9:2

When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come. - Revelation 6:3

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. - Revelation 6:9

I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. - Revelation 6:12

Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels. - Revelation 7:2

When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. - Revelation 8:1

When the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it." - Revelation 10:4

Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near." - Revelation 22:10

SEALED

Job 14:17

My offenses will be sealed up in a bag; you will cover over my sin.

Daniel 12:9

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

Ephesians 1:13-14

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 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now it is God who makes both us, and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Revelation 7:2-4

Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

Revelation 7:5

From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000...

Revelation 20:3

He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended.

SEARCH ME, O GOD

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

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

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. - Psalm 25:4

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

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

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. - Psalm 139:1

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

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

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

SECONDD EATH

John 8:21

Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come."

John 8:23-24

But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins."

John 11:26

Jesus said, "Whoever lives and believe in me will never die."

Romans 8:13-14

If you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Revelation 2:11

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

Revelation 20:6

The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:11-15

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... Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

SECRET

Deuteronomy 29:29

Deuteronomy 29:29 NIV

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 29:29 NLT

The Lord our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions.

Deuteronomy 29:29 RSV

The secret things belong to the Lord our God; but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 29:29 NCV

There are some things the Lord our God has kept secret, but there are some things he has let us know. These things belong to us and our children forever so that we will do everything in these teachings.

Deuteronomy 29:29 AMP

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but the things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all of the words of this law.



Psalm 25:15

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant.

Psalm 90:8

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

Psalm 139:15-18

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Proverbs 3:32

His secret is with the righteous.

Proverbs 11:13

A trustworthy man keeps a secret.

Ecclesiastes 12:14

For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord God does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

Matthew 6:6

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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

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 4:11

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

Mark 4:22

For there is nothing hid except to be made manifest, nor is anything secret, except to come to light.

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 impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification.

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 of 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.

Philippians 4:12

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation.

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 2:2-3

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.

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SEEDS

SEED OF CHRIST

Galatians 3:16, 19

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.

SEED OF WOMAN AND OF SATAN

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you [serpent] and the woman, and between your offspring [seed] and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

SEED FOR SOWING

Psalms 126:6

He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

Ecclesiastes 11:6

Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

SEED OF TRUE BELIEVERS BORN OF GOD

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.

SEED OF ABRAHAM'S TRUE CHILDREN

Galatians 3:29

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

SEED OF CHILDREN OF PROMISE

Romans 9:7-8

Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned," In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

SEED OF GOD'S WORD

Luke 8:5-8, 11

A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown... The seed is the word of God.

SEED OF SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

1 Corinthians 9:10-11

When the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you?

SEED OF CHRIST'S DEATH

John 12:24

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

SEED OF THE CHRISTIAN'S BODY

1 Corinthians 15:37-38, 42

When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body... So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

GOOD SEED AND BAD SEED

Matthew 13:24-30

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

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

"An enemy did this," he replied.

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

"No," he answered, "because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvester: 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

SEED OF FAITH

Matthew 17:20

I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move.

SEED OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Mark 4:26

This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain - first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.

Matthew 13:31-32

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

SEED OF THE GOSPEL

1 Corinthians 3:6

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.

SEED OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

2 Corinthians 9:10

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

See Through A Glass Darkly

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known.

1 Corinthians 13:9-10

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought like a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

2 Corinthians 5:7

We live by faith, not by sight.

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

1 John 3:2

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

SEEK

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

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. - 1 Chronicles 16:11

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. - 2 Chronicles 7:14

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

The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. - Psalm 14:2

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. - Psalm 24:3-6

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. - Psalm 27:4

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

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

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

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. - Jeremiah 29:13-14

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you. - Amos 5:14

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger. - Zephaniah 2:3

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

God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. - Acts 17:27

SELF-CONTROL

Galatians 5:23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

1 Thessalonians 5:6

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Timothy 3:2-4

Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.

Titus 2:2

Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

Titus 2:3-5

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Titus 2:6

Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.

Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 4:7

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

1 Peter 5:8

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

2 Peter 1:5-8

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SEPARATE

Genesis 12:1

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you."

Exodus 33:15-16

Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

Leviticus 20:24, 26

I am the Lord your God, who has set you apart from the nations... You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own.

Ezra 6:21

So the Israelites who had returned from the exile ate it, together with all who had separated themselves from the unclean practices of their Gentile neighbors in order to seek the Lord, the God of Israel.

Ezra 10:11

Separate yourselves from the peoples around you and from your foreign wives.

Nehemiah 9:2

Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners.

John 15:19

If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

John 17:6

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

John 17:14

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

Romans 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

1 Corinthians 10:20

The sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.

2 Corinthians 6:17

"Therefore come out from them and be separate," says the Lord. "Touch no unclean thing and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty.

1 Timothy 6:11

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

2 Timothy 2:19

Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.

2 Timothy 2:21

If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

Hebrews 11:25

He [Moses] chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.

Hebrews 13:14

For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

2 John 10-11

If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.

Revelation 18:4

Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins.

(ALL THINGS) SERVE THE LORD

PSALM 119:91

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

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

Everything serves your plans. - Psalm 119:91 NLT

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SHADOW OF DEATH

Job 38:17

Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

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.

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.

Luke 1:78-79

Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.

SHAKEN

Hebrews 12:26-27

At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Psalm 15:5 NASB

He does not put out his money at interest, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

Psalm 82:5

They know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Psalm 62:1-2

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Psalm 46:1-2

God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalm 21:7

For the king trusts in the Lord; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken.

Psalm 16:8

I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

SHARE IN THE GLORY

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

From the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 8:4-5

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

Romans 8:18

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

Romans 8:30

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

2 Corinthians 3:18

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

2 Corinthians. 4:17

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

Colossians 1:26-27

The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

2 Thessalonians 2:14

He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 2:10

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

SHARE

Isaiah 58:7

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe him?

Ezekiel 18:7, 16

He ...gives his food to the hungry and provides clothing for the naked.

Matthew 25:35

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 sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Luke 3:11

The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.

Romans 8:17

Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

1 Corinthians 9:10

When the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest.

1 Corinthians 9:13

Don't you know that those who... serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar?

1 Corinthians 12:13 NLT

We have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

2 Corinthians 9:8 NLT

God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

Galatians 6:6

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor.

Ephesians 4:28

He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

2 Thessalonians 2:14

He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 6:18

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

Hebrews 12:10

Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.

Hebrews 13:16

Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Revelation 3:20 NLT

Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

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.

SHARING IN HIS SUFFERING

Acts 5:41

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Romans 8:17-18

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

1 Corinthians 12:26

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

2 Corinthians 1:5

For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Philippians 1:29

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

2 Timothy 1:8

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

Hebrews 2:9-10

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might

taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Hebrews 2:18

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

1 Peter 2:21

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 4:16

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

SHELTER OF YOUR PRESENCE

Psalm 31:19-20

How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you. In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.

Psalm 3:3

But you, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.

Psalm 27:5

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

Psalm 61:4

I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

Psalm 89:15

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord.

Psalm 91 (NLT)

- **Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**
- **This I declare about the Lord: he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.**
- **For He will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.**
- **He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.**
- **Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day.**
- **Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday.**
- **Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.**
- **If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home.**
- **For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.**
- **The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name.**

- **When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them."**

Proverbs 18:12

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

SHEPHERD

THE GOOD SHEPHERD - CHRIST

John 10:14-15

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.

Hebrews 13:20

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

1 Peter 2:25

For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 5:4

And when the Chief shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Isaiah 40:11

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.

SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL

Psalm 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not be in want.

Psalm 80:1

Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who sit enthroned between the cherubim.

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 16

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep...I will shepherd the flock with justice.

SHEPHERD OF HIS FLOCK

Isaiah 63:11

Then his people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people - where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock?

WORTHLESS SHEPHERD

Zechariah 11:17

Woe to the worthless shepherd, who deserts the flock!

HIRED HAND

John 10:12-13

The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

OTHER SCRIPTURES ON SHEPHERD

Isaiah 40:11

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 44:28

Who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, "Let it be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Let its foundations be laid." '

Jeremiah 31:10

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands; He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.

Ezekiel 34:12

As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so I will look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

Ezekiel 34:23-24

I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

Micah 7:14

Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your inheritance, which lives by itself in a forest, in fertile pasturelands.

Matthew 9:36

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Mark 6:34

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Luke 2:8

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Luke 2:20

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

John 10:2

The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep.

John 10:11

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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.

Revelation 7:17

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.

SHIELD

Psalm 28:7

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.

Ephesians 6:16

Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Psalm 3:3

But you, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.

Psalm 91:3-4

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge. His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

Psalm 7:10

My defense and shield depend on God, who saves the upright in heart.

Psalm 18:30

As for God, His way is perfect: the word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

- The Lord is my shield
- The shield of faith is my shield
- His faithfulness is my shield

SHINING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Daniel 12:2-3

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake; some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

2 Samuel 23:2-4

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

Job 22:28

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

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.

Proverbs 4:18

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

Proverbs 13:9, 21

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

Isaiah 60:1-3

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

Zechariah 9:16

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

Matthew 4:16

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

Matthew 5:14-16

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

Matthew 13:43

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

2 Corinthians 4:6

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

Ephesians 5:8, 14

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

Philippians 2:14-16

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

1 Thessalonians 5:5

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

1 Peter 2:9

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

I John 1:5-7

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

SIGNS

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And so it was. - Genesis 1:14-15

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come. I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. - Genesis 9:12-15

This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. - Genesis 17:10-11

And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." - Exodus 3:12

Then the Lord said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first miraculous sign, they may believe the second. But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground." - Exodus 4:8-9

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle.' Then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake." So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. - Exodus 7:8-10

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy.' " Exodus 31:12-13

Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you." - Judges 6:17-18

The angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And Gideon did so. With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the Lord touched the meat and the unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the Lord disappeared. - Judges 6:20-21

Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised - look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said." And that is what happened. - Judges 6:37-38

Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece. This time make the fleece dry and the ground covered with dew." That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew. - Judges 6:39-40

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test."

Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:10-14

Here am I, and the children the Lord has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the Lord Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion. - Isaiah 8:18

"This is the Lord's sign to you that the Lord will do what he has promised: I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz." So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down. - Isaiah 38:7-8

Ezekiel will be a sign to you; you will do just as he has done. When this happens, you will know that I am the Sovereign Lord. - Ezekiel 24:24

He [Jesus] answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." - Matthew 12:39-40

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation looks

for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Johan." - Matthew 16:3

And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well. - Mark 16:17-18

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. - John 20:30-31

Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. - Acts 2:43

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. - Acts 4:29-30

The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. - Acts 5:12

Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. - Acts 6:8

So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders. - Acts 14:3

The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. - Acts 15:12

SIN THAT LEADS TO DEATH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SING AND MAKE MUSIC IN YOUR HEART TO THE LORD

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. - Ephesians 5:19

I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. - 1 Corinthians 14:15

He has put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. - Psalm 40:3

I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. - Psalm 9:2

Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done. - Psalm 9:11

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous. Sing, all you who are upright in heart! - Psalm 32:11

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. - Psalm 33:1-3

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

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. - Psalm 98:1

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. - Psalm 100:2

Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy. - Psalm 107:22

I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. - Psalm 108:3-4

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

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth. - Isaiah 42:10

And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.

And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. - Revelation 14:3

SINGING AND SONGS

Where is God my Maker, who gives songs in the night, who teaches more to us than to the beasts of the earth and makes us wiser than the birds of the air? - Job 35:10

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He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. - Psalm 40:3

By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me - a prayer to the God of my life. - Psalm 42:8

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. - Psalm 63:5

Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. - Psalm 63:7

The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing. - Psalm 65:13

I remembered my songs in the night. My heart mused and my spirit inquired. - Psalm 77:6

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

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. - Psalm 96:11-13

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. - Psalm 98:1

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn. - Psalm 98:4

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. - Psalm 98:7-9

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. - Psalm 100:2

Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy. - Psalm 107:22

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

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints... Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp... His saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds. - Psalm 149:1, 3, 5

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. - Psalm 150:3-5

The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. - Isaiah 35:10

The Lord will save me, and we will sing with stringed instruments all the days of our lives in the temple of the Lord. - Isaiah 38:20

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth. - Isaiah 42:10

Sing for joy, O heavens, for the Lord has done this; shout aloud, O earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the Lord has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel. - Isaiah 44:23

Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! - Isaiah 49:13

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

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Acts 16:25-26

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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. - Colossians 3:16

Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. - James 5:13

Each one [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. - Revelation 5:8-9

And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. - Revelation 14:3

And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb. - Revelation 15:2-3

SLEEP

Job 11:18

You will be protected and take your rest in safety.

Job 11:19

You will lie down, and none will make you afraid.

Psalm 3:5

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

Psalm 121:4

He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Psalm 127:2

He grants sleep to those he loves.

Proverbs 3:24

When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

Ecclesiastes 5:12

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

1 Thessalonians 5:6

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

SONS OF GOD

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Luke 6:35-36

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

John 1:12-13

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

John 12:36

Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light.

Romans 8:14-16

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons [huios] of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship [adoption]. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children [teknon].

2 Corinthians 6:18

"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty.

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Galatians 4:28

Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

Ephesians 1:5

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.

Ephesians 5:1

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 5:8

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.

Philippians 2:14-16

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

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.

Hebrews 2:10-13

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers...he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

Hebrews 12:5-7

And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.

1 Peter 2:9-10

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. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God.

1 John 3:1-2

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

SONS OF LIGHT

Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light. (John 12:36)

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

The people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. (Luke 16:8)

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. (John 12:46)

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. (Ephesians 5:8)

You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. (1 Thessalonians 5:5)

SOUL LONGING (THIRSTING) FOR THE LORD

Psalm 42:1-2

As a deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Where can I go and meet with God?

Psalm 23:3

He restores my soul.

Psalm 25:1-2, 4-5

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 27:8

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

Psalm 28:1

To you I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit. Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.

Psalm 34:4-5

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant.

Psalm 34:15, 17

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

Psalm 42:7

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls, all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

Psalm 63:1

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Isaiah 55:1-3

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

Isaiah 55:10

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

Jeremiah 6:16

This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

Jeremiah 31:25

"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint."

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 13:16-17

Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

John 4:14

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 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 7:37-39

On the last great 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."

2 Corinthians 5:2, 8

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

2 Timothy 4:8

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.

Revelation 7:16

Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

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.

SOWING AND REAPING

Job 4:8

As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.

Proverbs 11:18

The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.

Proverbs 11:24

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

Proverbs 11:25

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:26

People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.

Proverbs 13:7

One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.

Proverbs 19:17

He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.

Proverbs 22:8

He who sows wickedness reaps trouble, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.

Proverbs 22:9

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

Hosea 10:12

Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers righteousness on you.

Jeremiah 4:3

This is what the Lord says to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem: "Break up your unplowed ground and do not sow among thorns."

Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

1 Corinthians 3:6

I {Paul} planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.

2 Corinthians 9:6

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously [with blessings] will also reap generously.

Galatians 6:7-8

A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. (Eph. 1:3)

What are these (every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places)?

More than you can know and count. Look up blessing.

Holy - Eph 1:4
Blameless - Eph 1:4
Chosen - Eph 1:4
Blessed - Eph 1:3
Predestined - Eph 1:5
Loved - Eph 1:4
Adopted as His son - Eph 1:5
Grace - Eph 1:6
Life - Prov 8:34
Favor - Prov 8:34
New creation – 2 Cor. 5:17
Righteousness of God – 2 Cor. 5:21
Salt of the earth – Matt. 5:13
Light of the world – Matt. 5:14
Eternal life – John 3:36
Streams of living water flow from within me – John 7:38
Set free by truth – John 8:32
Christ is in me – John 14:20
Peace – John 14:27
Bear much fruit – John 15:5
Joy – John 17:13
Protected from the evil one – John 17:15
Sanctified – John 17:17
Have God's glory – John 17:18
Forgiveness of sins – Acts 13:38
Called – Romans 1:6
Justified – Romans 5:1
Perseverance, character, hope – Romans 5:34
Saved from wrath of God – Romans 5:9
Reign in life – Romans 5:17
Died to sin – Romans 6:2
No condemnation – Romans 8:1-2
Child of God – Romans 8:16

Heir of God – Romans 8:17
All things – Romans 8:32
Spiritual gifts – Romans 12:6
Goodness, knowledge – Romans 15:14
Fellowship with Jesus – 1 Cor. 1:9
Mind of Christ – 1 Cor. 2:16
His Spirit, sealed – 2 Cor. 1:21-22
Transformed into likeness of Jesus - 2 Cor. 3:18
All sufficiency in everything – 2 Cor. 9:8
Fruit of Spirit – Gal. 5:23
Every spiritual blessing – Eph. 1:3
Power within me – Eph. 3:20
Heart and mind guarded – Phil. 4:7
All my needs supplied – Phil. 4:19
In Jesus' kingdom – Col. 1:13
Will meet the Lord in the air – 1 Thess. 4:17
Power, love, self-discipline – 2 Tim 1:7
Crown of righteousness – 2 Tim 4:8
Angels ministering to me – Heb. 1:14
God's rest – Hebrews 4:9-10
High Priest - Jesus – Heb. 4:15
Cloud of witnesses surrounding me – Heb. 12:1
He will never leave or forsake me – Heb. 13:5
Mercy – 1 Peter 2:10
Part of family of God – 1 Peter 2:10
Healed – 1 Peter 2:24
Overcomer – 1 John 4:4
Goodness – Psalm 23:6
Instructed, taught, counseled, watched over – Psalm 8:32
My path is directed – Prov. 3:5-6
Abide under His shadow – Psalm 91:1
Instructed tongue – Isaiah 50:4
Listening ear – Isaiah 50:4
Immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine – Eph 3:20
Safety – Psalm 4:8
Authority to trample on snakes and scorpions – Luke 10:19
Authority to overcome all the power of the enemy – Luke 10:19
Nothing will harm me – Luke 10:19
Drive out demons – Mark 16:17
Speak in new tongues – Mark 16:17
Deadly poison will not hurt me – Mark 16:17
Place hands on the sick and they will get well – Mark 16:17

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

Isaiah 43:8

Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf.

Isaiah 56:10

Israel's watchmen are blind, they all lack knowledge.

Isaiah 59:9-10

Justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows. Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like people without eyes.

Jeremiah 5:21

"Hear this, you foolish and senseless people, who have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not hear: Should you not fear me?" declares the Lord.

Ezekiel 12:1-2

The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, you are living among a rebellious people. They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious people."

Zephaniah 1:17

I will bring such distress on all people that they will grope about like those who are blind, because they have sinned against the Lord.

Matthew 6:22-23

The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Matthew 13:14-15

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them."

Matthew 15:14

Jesus replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

Matthew 23:16

Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing, but anyone who swears by the gold of the temple is bound by that oath.' You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred?

Mark 8:23-24

He [Jesus] took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" He looked up and said "I see people; they look like trees walking around." [Trees represent spiritual sight regarding men]

John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 3:19

Light has come into the world, but people 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 their deeds will be exposed.

John 9:39-40

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

1 Corinthians 2:14

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

2 Peter 1:5-7, 9

Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love... Whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

1 John 2:9-11

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

Revelation 3:17

You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy

from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich, and white clothes to wear so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

BLINDNESS REMOVED BY CHRIST

Isaiah 9:2

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

Isaiah 42:6-7

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.

Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

John 8:12

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

John 9:39

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

2 Corinthians 3:14-16

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

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 5:8

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Colossians 1:13

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

1 Thessalonians 5:4

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that the day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

1 Peter 2:9

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

SPLENDOR AND GLORY

Exodus 24:15, 17

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai...To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

1 Kings 8:10-11

When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the Lord. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled his temple.

1 Chronicles 29:11

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Job 37:22

Out of the north he comes in golden splendor; God comes in awesome majesty.

Psalm 8:1

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Psalm 96:6

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Psalm 96:9

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Psalm 104:1

O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

Psalm 145:5

They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Isaiah 6:3

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

Isaiah 43:6-7

Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Isaiah 44:23

Sing for joy, O heavens, for the Lord has done this; shout aloud, O earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the Lord has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel.

Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and think darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Isaiah 60:21

Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor.

Isaiah 61:3

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Ezekiel 39:21

I will display my glory among the nations.

Ezekiel 10:4

Then the glory of the Lord rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple. The cloud filled the temple, and the court was full of the radiance of the glory of the Lord.

Habakkuk 3:3-4

His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden.

Matthew 25:31-32

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

Mark 13:26

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

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:8

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

SPRINKLING

Exodus 12:21-23

Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down."

Exodus 24:8

Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Hebrews 9:19-22

When Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

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 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

STAND

Exodus 13:13-14

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.

Exodus 14:13

Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.

2 Chronicles 20:17

You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.

Psalms 24:3-6

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Isaiah 7:9

If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.

Isaiah 40:8

The word of our God stands forever.

Matthew 10:22

All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Romans 14:4

Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you.

1 Corinthians 16:13

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

Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Ephesians 6:13

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you've done everything, to stand.

2 Thessalonians 2:15

So, then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

James 5:7-8

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

STANDING

Exodus 3:5

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

Luke 21:19

By standing firm you will gain life.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.

STARS

Job 38:4, 7

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?...while the morning stars sang together and all the angels [sons of God] shouted for joy?

Isaiah 14:12

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

Isaiah 34:4

All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree.

Daniel 8:9-11

Out of one of them [horns] came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land. It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them. It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host.

Daniel 12:3

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Matthew 2:2

Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.

1 Corinthians 15:41

The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another, and star differs from star in splendor.

Hebrews 11:12

And so from this one man [Abraham], and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

2 Peter 1:19

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, 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.

Jude 13

They [godless men] are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

Revelation 1:16, 20

In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance...the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Revelation 2:26, 28

To him who overcomes and does my will to the end... I will also give that one the morning star.

Revelation 8:12

The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

Revelation 12:1

A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

Revelation 22:16

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.

STARS ARE

Objects of God's creation (Genesis 1:14-19)

Signaling transcendence (Job 22:12)

Evidence of God's artistry (Psalm 8:3)

Cheerful at creation (Job 38:7)

Shining stars (Psalm 148:3)

Images of glory (1 Corinthians 15:41)

Seem to be wanderers in space (Jude 13)

Have names given by God (Psalm 147:4)

Can be symbols of people (Daniel 12:3; Philippians 2:15)

Actors in God's cosmic drama of the end of history (Isaiah 13:10; Joel 2:10; Matthew 24:29)

Angels of the seven churches (Revelation 1:20)

Israel is identified as woman with twelve stars (Revelation 12:1)

Christ - as morning star (2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 22:16)

The star of the Bible that led the wise men (Matthew 2:2, 7, 9-10)

Held in Christ's hand (Revelation 1:16; 2:1)

Given as "the morning star" to believers who overcome (Revelation 2:28)

Stars in the Bible are images of mystery. At a literal level they demonstrate God's awe-inspiring creativity and providence. In symbolic uses they appear in apocalyptic visions of impending cosmic events that we can barely imagine, and they represent such transcendent beings as saints in eternal glory and the resplendent ascended Christ. (From *Dictionary Of Biblical Imagery*, p 813-814)

STEADFAST

Steadfast: resolutely, or dutifully firm and unwavering, loyal, faithful, firmly fixed, to stand by, stand still, stand ready, stand firm, remain true

Psalm 51:10

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

Psalm 57:7

My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

Acts 11:23

When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their heart.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

2 Corinthians 1:6-7

If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.

Ephesians 6:13

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you've done everything, to stand.

Colossians 1:23

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

Hebrews 3:14

We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

Hebrews 6:19

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

James 5:11

As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.

1 Peter 5:10

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

STRANGERS IN THE WORLD

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, strangers in the world... who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood. (1 Peter 1-2)

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. (1 Peter 2:11)

I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me. (Psalm 119:19)

We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. (1 Chronicles 29:15)

Hear my prayer, O Lord, listen to my cry for help; be not deaf to my weeping. For I dwell with you as an alien, a stranger, as all my fathers were. (Psalm 39:12)

The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. (Leviticus 25:23)

Then Abraham rose... and spoke to the Hittites. He said, "I am an alien and a stranger to you." (Genesis 23:4)

I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. (Exodus 6:4)

By faith he [Abraham] made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country...for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. (Hebrews 11:9-10)

All these people were still living by faith when they died...they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. (Hebrews 11:13)

STRENGTH

Exodus 15:2-3

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

Deuteronomy 6:5

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

2 Samuel 22:33

It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.

2 Chronicles 16:0

For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. (2 Chronicles 16:9)

Nehemiah 8:10

The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Psalm 28:7

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.

Psalm 46:1

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

Psalm 119:28

Strengthen me according to your word.

Isaiah 40:31

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 41:9-10

You are my servant; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. 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.

Ephesians 3:16

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Philippians 4:13

Through him who gives me strength.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed.

Hebrews 12:12

Strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.

1 Peter 4:11

If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides.

SUBMISSION

Numbers 14:9

Do not rebel against the Lord.

Romans 13:1

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Romans 13:5

It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

Ephesians 5:21

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Hebrews 12:9

We have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

James 3:17

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

SUFFER

Isaiah 53:10

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer.

Mark 8:31

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

Luke 24:26

Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?

Luke 24:46

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Acts 5:41

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Romans 8:17-18

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

1 Corinthians 12:26

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

2 Corinthians 1:5

For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Philippians 1:29

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

2 Timothy 1:8

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

Hebrews 2:9-10

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Hebrews 2:18

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

1 Peter 2:21

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 4:16

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

SUFFERING

JESUS' SUFFERING

Luke 9:22

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

Luke 18:31-33

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

Matthew 16:21-27

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Mark 8:31-32

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this.

Isaiah 53:3

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

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:6

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

Isaiah 53:10

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

Isaiah 53:11-12

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

Luke 24:26, 46

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

Hebrews 2:9

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

OUR SUFFERING

Whoever loses his life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Matthew 10:37

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

To follow Jesus we must deny ourselves
and take up our cross daily and follow Him.

Luke 9:23

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

If we come to Him then He must be first above all others in our lives,
and even above our own selves.

Luke 14:26-27

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

When we suffer for Him we are counted worthy of suffering disgrace for His Name.

Acts 5:41

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

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When we share in His sufferings we also may share in His glory.

Romans 8:17-18

Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

If one part of the body of Christ suffers every part suffers.

1 Corinthians 12:24-26

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

As we share in Christ's sufferings we also share in His comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:5

For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

It has been granted to us to suffer on behalf of Christ.

Philippians 1:29

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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There is fellowship in sharing his sufferings. We become like Him in His death.

Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God for his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

2 Timothy 1:8-9

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life- not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

Suffering can come to us because we have been appointed
a herald, apostle, or teacher.

2 Timothy 1:11-12

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

God made the author of our salvation perfect through suffering
in order to bring many sons to glory.

Hebrews 2:10

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Jesus is able to help us in our temptation because
He suffered through it also.

Hebrews 2:18

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

We were called to suffer for doing good and enduring it -
following Jesus' example.

1 Peter 2:21

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

When Jesus suffered He entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:23

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

We are to rejoice that we participate in the sufferings of Christ.
We are blessed for the Spirit of glory and God rests on us.

1 Peter 4:12-14

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

When we suffer as a Christian we are to praise God that we bear that name.

1 Peter 4:16

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

We suffer according to God's will.

1 Peter 4:19

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

SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Malachi 4:2

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

Psalm 84:11

The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

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 24:25

The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders gloriously.

Isaiah 30:26

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 60:19-20

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. Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more, the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.

Habakkuk 3:4

His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden.

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.

Luke 1:78-79

Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.

John 1:4-5, 9

In him (Word) was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it... the true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

Acts 26: 13-14

About noon, O king, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

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.

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 1:16

His (Jesus') face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Revelation 21:23

The city [Holy City, Jerusalem] 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.

Revelation 22:5

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.

SUN, MOON, AND STARS

The sun and the moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. - Joel 3:15

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. - Joel 2:31

In that day they will roar over it like the roaring of the sea. And if one looks at the land, he will see darkness and distress; even the light will be darkened by the clouds. - Isaiah 5:30

The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. - Isaiah 13:9-10

In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days. The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders gloriously. - Isaiah 24:21-23

When I snuff you out, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon will not give its light. All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over you; I will bring darkness over your land, declares the Sovereign Lord. - Ezekiel 32:7-8

Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." - Matthew 24:29

But in those days, following the distress, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' - Mark 13:24-25

There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. - Luke 21:25

SUSTAIN YOU - NEVER LET THE RIGHTEOUS FALL

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

The Lord WILL sustain us. This is what strikes me about this scripture. I want to learn more about His sustaining us. I want to find scriptures that also tell me about this. What a promise!

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. - Psalm 17:8

He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. - Psalm 18:33

You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me. - Psalm 18:35

Though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. - Psalm 37:24

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

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues. - Psalm 31:20

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

The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. - Psalm 33:18-19

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. - Psalm 40:2

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

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. - Psalm 91:3

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge. - Psalm 91:4

If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the Lord, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. - Psalm 91:9

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

He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. - Psalm 91:15

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. - Psalm 145:14

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. - Psalm 146:8

The Lord sustains the humble. - Psalm 147:6

For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again. - Proverbs 24:16

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

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. - Hebrews 1:3

To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ... - Jude 1

To him who is able to keep you from falling [stumbling] and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. - Jude 24-25

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

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

The Lord had me copy for a friend what He taught me previously, about using the "shield of faith" to extinguish the fiery darts (flaming arrows, accusations, wrong thoughts) of the evil one when they come, and then using the "sword of the Spirit" to fight off those thoughts from the enemy.

What are the scriptures (the "sword of the Spirit") that a person can use - to fight off those fiery darts from coming any more, after he has extinguished them with the "shield of faith"?

Romans 1:17

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

Romans 10:17

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

2 Corinthians 5:7

We live by faith and not by sight.

Psalms 141:3

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

Psalms 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.

Acts 16: 31

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Acts 27:25

So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said.

Romans 10:9

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart

that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Romans 14:23

But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you are sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Habakkuk 2:4

The righteous will live by his faith.

Galatians 2:20

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

Ephesians 6:16

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Hebrews 3:12

See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

Hebrews 11:1 NIV

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1 NLT

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

Hebrews 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to please God; because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

1 John 5:4-5

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 5:10b

Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

Revelation 2:26-28

To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star.

Revelation 3:21

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Psalm 37:7, 9

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him...Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

Romans 8:25

Hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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.

James 1:5-8

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

James 1:26

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

SWORD

Psalm 45:3, 4, 5

Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one; clothe yourself with splendor and majesty. In your majesty ride forth victoriously in the cause of truth, humility and justice; let your right hand achieve awesome deeds. Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies.

Proverbs 12:18

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

Jeremiah 9:16

I will scatter them [Israel] among nations that neither they nor their ancestors have known, and I will pursue them with the sword until I have made an end of them.

Jeremiah 25:38

Their land will become desolate because of the sword of the oppressor and because of the Lord's fierce anger.

Joel 3:9, 10

Prepare for war! ...Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears.

Micah 4:3

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. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Zechariah 13:7

"Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!" declares the Lord Almighty.

Matthew 10:34

Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Matthew 26:52

"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword."

Luke 2:35

Simeon: And a sword will pierce your [Mary's] own soul too.

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Ephesians 6:16-17

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SWORD OF THE WORD

Isaiah 49:1-2

Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. he made my mouth like a sharpened sword.

Ezekiel 21:9

The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'This is what the Lord says: "'A sword, a sword, sharpened and polished - sharpened for the slaughter, polished to flash like lightning!'"

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

SWORD OF THE LORD

Genesis 3:24

After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Judges 7:20-22

The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled. When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the Lord caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords.

1 Chronicles 21:12

So Gad went to David and said to him, "This is what the Lord says: 'Take your choice: three years of famine, three months of being swept away before your

enemies, with their swords overtaking you, or three days of the sword of the Lord - days of plague in the land, with the angel of the Lord ravaging every part of Israel.' Now then, decide how I should answer the one who sent me."

Isaiah 34:5, 6

My sword has drunk its fill in the heavens... the sword of the Lord is bathed in blood.

Isaiah 66:16

For with fire and with his sword the Lord will execute judgment on all people, and many will be those slain by the Lord.

Jeremiah 12:12

Over all the barren heights in the desert destroyers will swarm, for the sword of the Lord will devour from one end of the land to the other; no one will be safe.

Jeremiah 47:6

"Alas, sword of the Lord, how long till you rest? Return to your sheath; cease and be still." But how can it rest when the Lord has commanded it, when he has ordered it to attack Ashkelon and the coast?

Ezekiel 30:24, 25

I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put my sword in his hand, but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he will groan before him like a mortally wounded man.... Then they will know that I am the Lord, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he brandishes it against Egypt.

Ezekiel 32:10

I will cause many peoples to be appalled at you, and their kings will shudder with horror because of you when I brandish my sword before them.

Zephaniah 2:12

You Cushites, too, will be slain by my sword.

Revelation 1:16

In his [Jesus'] right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Revelation 19:15

Coming out of his [Jesus'] mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.