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## INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I bless you as you read His word.

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

## PAY ATTENTION AND KEEP MY WORDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. - Jeremiah 29:11-14**

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

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Proverbs 8:34

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

THE LORD'S WORDS TO ME

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

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life, and receives favor from the Lord.

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

For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you. Call to me and I will answer you and show you great and unsearchable things which you do not know. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

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

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

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

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

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

MY WORDS TO THE LORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

The Lord gave me these thoughts this morning:

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

Deny yourself = give up your way of doing/thinking

Take up your cross daily = your cross is to be obedient to Me/listen to Me/seek Me

Follow Me = do what I do and what I say

CROSS TAKEN UP

Matthew 10:38

Anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Matthew 16:24

Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

OFFENSE OF CROSS

Galatians 5:11

Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished.

PERSECUTION FOR CROSS

Galatians 6:12

Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

PREACHING OF CROSS

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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TAKING THE KINGDOM BY FORCE

Matthew 11:12

NIV From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

KJV And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

RSV From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and men of violence take it by force.

NCV Since the time John the Baptist came until now, the kingdom of heaven has been going forward in strength, and people have been trying to take it by force.

PHILLIPS From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven has been taken by storm and eager men are forcing their way into it.

NEB Ever since the coming of John the Baptist the kingdom of Heaven has been subjected to violence and violent men are seizing it. (Or has been forcing its way forward, and men of force...)

AMP And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize--a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].

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TEACHES US WHAT IS BEST FOR US

Isaiah 48:17

This is what the Lord says - your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

Isaiah 26:7

The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth.

Isaiah 35:8

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way...Only the redeemed will walk there.

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 faint.

Psalms 16:11

You have made known to me the path of life.

Psalms 23:3

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalms 24:9

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Psalms 24:12

Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.

Psalms 32:8

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

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Proverbs 3:6

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 4:11

I guide you in the way of wisdom, and lead you along straight paths.

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 15:19

The path of the upright is a highway.

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.

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TEMPLE IN HEAVEN

Psalm 11:3-4

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

Isaiah 6:1, 4

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne, and the train of his robe filled the temple... At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

Habakkuk 2:20

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.

Hebrews 9:11-12

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

Revelation 3:12

Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God, and I will also write on him my new name.

Revelation 11:19

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant.

Revelation 14:17

Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.

Revelation 15:5-8

After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple - that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law - and it was opened. Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues... Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Revelation 16:1

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."

Revelation 16:17

The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Revelation 21:22

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

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TEMPLE

1 Kings 8:27

But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I [Solomon] have built!

1 Kings 8:29

May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, "My Name shall be there," so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place.

Psalm 11:4-5

The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them. The Lord examines the righteous.

Psalm 27:4-5

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. 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 48:9-10

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

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Isaiah 2:2-4

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

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

Habakkuk 2:20

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.

John 2:19-21

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

Acts 17:24

The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

1 Corinthians 6:19

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

2 Corinthians 6:16

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Hebrews 9:11-12

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

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TEMPTATION

Joshua 1:5b

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous...

Joshua 1:9

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

Joshua 24:15

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.

Isaiah 59:19

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. (KJV)

John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

1 Corinthians 6:13b-20

The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Ephesians 6:13-14

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

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TESTING US

Genesis 22:1

Some time later God tested Abraham.

Deuteronomy 8:2

Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

Deuteronomy 8:16

He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you.

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, "Let us follow other gods," (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them" you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The Lord your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Judges 2:22; 3:1, 4

I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the Lord and walk in it as their forefathers did...These are the nations the Lord left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan (he did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience)...They were left to test the Israelites to see whether they would obey the Lord's commands, which he had given their forefathers through Moses.

Job 23:10

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

Psalms 11:4-5

The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them. The Lord examines the righteous.

Psalms 66:10

For you, O God, tested us, you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

Psalms 81:7

**In your distress you called and I rescued you, I answered you out of a thundercloud;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.**

Psalm 105:17-19

He sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron; until what he had said came to pass the word of the Lord tested him.

Psalm 139:23-24

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.

Proverbs 27:21

The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but man is tested by the praise he receives.

1 Corinthians 3:12-14

If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.

THANKSGIVING

1 Chronicles 16:8

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

Psalm 18:1-3

I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

Psalm 18:28-36

You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. For who is God beside the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bed a bow of bronze. You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn.

Psalm 32:6-8, 10b-11

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you...the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalm 34:1

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the Lord.

Psalm 34:3

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

Psalm 50:14, 23

Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me....He who

sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.

Psalm 95:1-2

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Psalm 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 107:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 107:8-9

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107:21-22

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Romans 14:6-8

He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:14

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

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

2 Corinthians 9:12-15

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Ephesians 5:19-21

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.

Colossians 2:6-7

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 3:17

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

Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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

1 Timothy 4:4

For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

Hebrews 12:26-29

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

Revelation 7:12

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

Revelation 11:16-17

And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign."

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THE 144,000

Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. Revelation 14:1

THEY WERE REDEEMED
THEY WERE PURE
THEY FOLLOW THE LAMB
THEY WERE PURCHASED
THEY WERE OFFERED AS FIRSTFRUITS
THEY DID NOT LIE

And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths. - Revelation 14:3-5

THEY WERE SERVANTS OF GOD FROM ISRAEL
THEY WERE SEALED

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

Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. - Revelation 7:2-4

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THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

HAGAR

Genesis 16:7-11

The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert...and he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?"

"I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered.

Then the angel of the Lord told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." The angel added, "I will so increase your descendants that they will be too numerous to count."

The angel of the Lord also said to her: "You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery."

Genesis 21:17-19

God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

ABRAHAM

Genesis 22:9-12, 15-18

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

JACOB

Genesis 31:10-13

In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled, or spotted. The angel of God

said to me in the dream, "Jacob." I answered, "Here I am." And he said, "Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land."

Genesis 48:16

Then he [Jacob] blessed Joseph and said, "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the Angel who has delivered me from all harm - may he bless these boys."

MOSES

Exodus 3:1-8

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt...I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Exodus 14:19-20

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

Exodus 23:20-23

See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him. If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you. My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land.

Exodus 32:34

The Lord replied to Moses... "Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you."

Exodus 33:1-3

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey."

BALAAM

Numbers 22:21-33

Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab. But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the Lord stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, she turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat her to get her back on the road.

Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between two vineyards, with walls on both sides. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat her again.

Then the angel of the Lord moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right or to the left. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat her with his staff. Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and she said Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

...Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown.

The angel of the Lord asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me. The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If she had not turned away, I would certainly have killed you by now, but I would have spared her."

ALL ISRAEL

Judges 2:1-5

The angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land that I swore to give to your forefathers. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you, and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars.' Yet you have disobeyed me. Why had you done this? Now therefore I tell you that I will not drive them out before you; they will be thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you."

When the angel of the Lord had spoken these things to all the Israelites, the people wept aloud.

DEBORAH AND BARAK

Judges 5:23

"Curse Meroz," said the angel of the Lord. "Curse its people bitterly, because they did not come to help the Lord, to help the Lord against the mighty."

GIDEON

Judges 6:11-24

The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

..."But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."

...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. When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, "Ah, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!"

MANOAH

Judges 13:2-24

A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was sterile and remained childless. The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, "You are sterile and childless, but you are going to conceive and have a son. Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean, because you will conceive and give birth to a son. No razor may be used on his head, because the boy is to be a Nazirite, set apart to God from birth, and he will begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

Then the woman went to her husband and told him, "A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome..."

Then Manoah prayed to the Lord, "O Lord, I beg you, let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born."

God heard Manoah, and the angel of God came again...

Then Manoah took a young goat, together with the grain offering, and sacrificed it on a rock to the Lord. And the Lord did an amazing thing while Manoah and his wife watched. As the flame blazed up from the altar toward heaven, the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground...

The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson.

DAVID

2 Samuel 24:16-17

So the Lord sent a plague on Israel from that morning until the end of the time designated, and seventy thousand of the people from Dan to Beersheba died. When the angel stretched out his hand to destroy Jerusalem, the Lord was grieved because of the calamity and said to the angel who was afflicting the people, "Enough! Withdraw your hand." The angel of the Lord was then at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

When David saw the angel who was striking down the people, he said to the Lord, "I am the one who has sinned and done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? Let your hand fall upon me and my family."

1 Chronicles 21:16, 18

David looked up and saw the angel of the Lord standing between heaven and earth, with a drawn sword in his hand extended over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown...

Then the angel of the Lord ordered Gad to tell David to go up and build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. So David went up in obedience to the word that Gad had spoken in the name of the Lord.

ELIJAH

1 Kings 19:5

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you."

So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 Kings 1:3-4

Now Ahaziah had fallen through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria and injured himself. So he sent messengers, saying to them, "Go and consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, to see if I will recover from this injury."

But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Go up and meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and ask them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going off to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?' Therefore

this is what the Lord says: 'You will not leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!'" So Elijah went.

2 Kings 1:15-17

The angel of the Lord said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So Elijah got up and went down with him to the king.

He told the king, "This is what the Lord says: Is it because there is no God in Israel for you to consult that you have sent messengers to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Because you have done this, you will never leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!" So he died, according to the word of the Lord that Elijah had spoken.

ZECHARIAH

Zechariah 1:11-13

And they reported to the angel of the Lord, who was standing among the myrtle trees, "We have gone throughout the earth and found the whole world at rest and in peace."

Then the angel of the Lord said, "Lord Almighty, how long will you withhold mercy from Jerusalem and from the towns of Judah, which you have been angry with these seventy years?" So the Lord spoke kind and comforting words to the angel who talked with me.

Zechariah 3:1

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. The Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan!"

Zechariah 3:3-4

Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes."

Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you."

Zechariah 3:5-6

Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the Lord stood by.

The angel of the Lord gave this charge to Joshua: "This what the Lord Almighty says: 'If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among those standing here.'"

Zechariah 4:1

Then the angel who talked with me returned and wakened me, as a man is wakened from his sleep. He asked me, "What do you see?"

Zechariah 12:8-9

On that day the Lord will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the Lord going before them. On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem."

SLAYS 185,000

2 Kings 19:35

That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning - there were all the dead bodies!

ENCAMPS AROUND THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD

Psalm 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

FIGHTS AGAINST THOSE WHO FIGHT ME

Psalm 3:5-6

May they be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the Lord driving them away; may their path be dark and slippery, with the angel of the Lord pursuing them.

SAVED THEM IN THEIR DISTRESS

Isaiah 63:9

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them.

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THE BLOOD

BLOOD OF THE COVENANT

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."

Zechariah 9:11

As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

Hebrews 10:29

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 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.

BLOOD OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 10:16

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

Hebrews 9:14

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

1 Peter 1:18-19

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

1 John 1:7

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.

SALVATION BY THE BLOOD

Hebrews 9:12

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

Hebrews 9:22

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Hebrews 13:12

And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.

Revelation 1:5

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

BLOOD IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

Matthew 26:27-28

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

Mark 14:24

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

Luke 22:20

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

1 Corinthians 11:25

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

REDEMPTION BY THE BLOOD

Ephesians 1:7

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

Colossians 1:19-20

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Hebrews 10:19

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body...

Hebrews 12:24

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

To God's elect, strangers in the world.....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 John 1:7

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.

Revelation 1:5

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

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 12:11

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

SUMMARY

- Redemption through His blood
- Peace through His blood
- Enter the Most Holy Place through His blood

- His blood speaks a better word than the blood of Abel
- Sprinkling by His blood
- His blood purifies us from all sin
- His blood freed us from our sins
- With His blood He purchased men for God
- The believers overcame the devil by the blood of Jesus

MORE SCRIPTURES ON THE BLOOD

Romans 3:25

God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

Romans 5:9

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

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.

Hebrews 12:22

You have come to ... the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

1 Peter 1:2

To God's elect...who have been chosen...for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood.

1 Peter 1:18-19

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

Revelation 7:14

These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:13

He [Jesus] is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

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THE BOOK OF LIFE

Daniel 12:1

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

Luke 10:20

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

Philippians 4:3

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

Revelation 3:5

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

Revelation 13:8

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

Revelation 17:8

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

Revelation 20:11-12

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

Revelation 20:15

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

Revelation 21:27

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

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THE CHURCH

Matthew 16:13-18

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 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."

Ephesians 1:22-23

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Matthew 12:47

Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Acts 2:1-4

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

(Note for Acts 2:1, page 1377-8, in NIV Scofield Study Bible)

*A new age was announced by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 12:47-13:52. The Church was clearly prophesied by Him (in Matthew 16:18), purchased by the shedding of His blood on Calvary (Romans 3:24-25; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 1 Peter 1:18-19), and constituted as the Church after His resurrection and ascension at Pentecost when, in accordance with His promise (Acts 1:5), *individual believers were for the first time baptized with the Holy Spirit into a unified spiritual organism, likened to a body of which Christ is the Head* (1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Colossians 2:19). Because of the emphasis upon the Holy Spirit, this age has also been called "the dispensation of the Spirit."*

The point of testing in this dispensation is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the message of good news about His death and resurrection (John 19:30; Acts 4:12; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; 2 Corinthians 5:21 etc). The continuing, cumulative revelation of the previous dispensations combines with this fuller revelation to emphasize the utter sinfulness and lost condition of humanity and the adequacy of the historically completed work of Christ to save by grace through faith all who come unto God by Him. (John 14:6; Acts. 10:43; acts 13:38-39; Romans 3:21-26; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Timothy 4:10; Hebrews 10:12-14; Hebrews 11:6). As those saved individuals who compose Christ's true Church fulfill the Lord's command to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth (Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8), God, during this age, is taking out from Jews and Gentiles "a people for himself" (Acts 15:24), called "the Church" and henceforth carefully distinguished from both Jews and Gentiles as such (1 Corinthians 10:32; Galatians 3:27-28; Ephesians 22:11-18; Ephesians 3:5-6).

The Lord Jesus warned that during the whole period, while the Church is being formed by the Holy Spirit, many will reject His Gospel, and many others will pretend to believe in Him and will become a source of spiritual corruption and hindrance to His purpose to this age, in the professing church. These will bring apostasy, particularly in the last days.

The Church Age will be brought to a close by a series of prophesied events, the chief of which are:

1. The translation of the true Church from the earth to meet her Lord in the air at a point of time known to God but unrevealed to men, and ever held before believers as an imminent and happy hope, encouraging them in loving service and holiness of life. This event is often called "the rapture" (see 1 Thessalonians 4:17)
2. The judgments of the seventieth week of Daniel, called "the tribulation" (see Revelation 7:14), which will fall upon mankind in general but will include the unsaved portion of the professing church, which will have gone into apostasy and thus be left behind on earth when the true Church is translated to heaven.
3. The return from heaven to earth of our Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory, bringing with Him His Church, to set up His millennial kingdom of righteousness and peace (see Revelation 19:11 and 17).

Hebrews 12:23

You have come to...the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

1 Timothy 3:15

If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Acts 1:10-11

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee", they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

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THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:10

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

1 Corinthians 3:11

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

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.

Romans 14:10

We will all stand before God's judgment seat... So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Exodus 19:6

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

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. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Psalm 45:6

Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Psalm 145:10-13

All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Daniel 2:44

In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

Daniel 4:2-3

It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

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 5:3

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

Matthew 5:10

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

Matthew 6:9-10

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:33

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

Matthew 7:21

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

Matthew 8:11

I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 11:11

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

Matthew 11:12

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

Matthew 13:24-25

Jesus told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

Matthew 13:31-32

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

Matthew 13:33

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

Matthew 13:44

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

Matthew 13:45

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:47-50

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

Matthew 16:19

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

Matthew 16:27-28

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

Matthew 18:23-24

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

Matthew 19:24

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

Matthew 21:43

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

Matthew 24:14

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

Matthew 26:29

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

Mark 10:14-15

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

Luke 8:10

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

Luke 9:62

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

Luke 10:9-12

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

Luke 17:20-21

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

John 3:3

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

John 18:36

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

Acts 14:21-22

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

Romans 14:17

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

1 Corinthians 6:9

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

1 Corinthians 15:24

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

1 Corinthians 15:50

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

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.

2 Peter 1:10-11

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

Revelation 1:6

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

Revelation 11:15

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

WHAT THE KINGDOM IS LIKE

Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world." (Matthew 25:34)

- Blessed by Father
- Inheritance of those blessed
- Prepared since creation of the world

Revelation 11:15

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

- Kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah
- He will reign for ever

John 18:36

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

- Not of this world
- Jesus said now it is from another place

Daniel 2:44

In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

- God will set it up
- Never be destroyed
- Endure forever

Psalms 22:27-28

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

- All people will bow down before Him
- He rules over nations

Psalms 45:6

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

- Will last forever

- Scepter of justice

Psalm 145:11-13

They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

- Glorious splendor
- Everlasting
- Endures through all generations

1 Chronicles 29:11

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- Is the Lord's
- He is Head over all

Matthew 6:33

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

- Righteous
- All things given to you in kingdom

Matthew 7:21

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

- Only for those who do the will of Father

Matthew 16:27-28

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

- Reward each person according to what he has done
- See the Son of Man coming in his kingdom

Matthew 26:29

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

- Will drink the fruit of vine in Father's kingdom

Mark 10:14-15

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

- It belongs to little children
- Must receive it like a little child to enter it

Luke 17:20-21

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

- Does not come with careful observation
- It is within you

John 3:3

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

- Cannot be seen unless born again

John 18:36

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

- Not of this world
- From another place

Acts 14:21-22

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

- Enter the kingdom through many hardships

Romans 14:17

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

- Not matter of eating and drinking
- It is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 6:9

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God?

- Wicked will not inherit

1 Corinthians 15:24

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

- Jesus hands it over to God the Father
- After He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power

1 Corinthians 15:50

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

- Flesh and blood cannot inherit it
- Only the imperishable inherit it

Revelation 1:6

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

- He made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve God the Father

Revelation 11:15

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

- At the seventh trumpet the kingdom will become that of the Lord and Christ
- He will reign forever

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THE LORD IS...

UPRIGHT
MY ROCK

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree; they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." (Psalm 92:12-15)

MY REFUGE
MY FORTRESS
MY GOD IN WHOM I TRUST

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

MY LIGHT
MY SALVATION
THE STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE

The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

MY HIDING PLACE

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

MY INSTRUCTOR
MY TEACHER
MY COUNSELOR

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

MY SHEPHERD

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Psalm 23:1)

THE WAY
THE TRUTH
THE LIFE

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR

"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."(Revelation 22:16)

THE SON OF GOD

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17)

IMMANUEL

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel - which means, "God with us." (Matthew 1:23)

SAVIOR

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

THE WORD OF GOD

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

THE LAMB OF GOD

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"(John 1:29)

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)

MY BEST FRIEND

Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. (John 15:13)

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THE LORD SEARCHES A MAN'S HEART

Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. - John 16:30

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. - Matthew 6:8

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

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

Forgive, and deal with each man according to all he does, since you know his heart (for you alone know the hearts of men). - 2 Chronicles 6:30

O righteous God, who searches minds and hearts... - Psalm 7:2

If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God have discovered it, since he knows the secrets of the heart? - Psalm 44:21

The Lord knows the thoughts of man. - Psalm 94:11

Death and Destruction lie open before the Lord - how much more the hearts of men! - Proverbs 15:11

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

The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart. - Proverbs 17:3

If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? - Proverbs 24:12

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

O Lord Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind... - Jeremiah 20:12

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

You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. - Luke 16:15

Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in man. - John 2:24-25

We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. - Romans 8:26-27

The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. - Hebrews 4:12-13

Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. - Revelation 2:23

THE LORD WILL COME AND GET ME

Song of Solomon 2:13

Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.

Isaiah 42:6

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand.

Matthew 24:39-42, 44

This is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come....so you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 25:1-13

(Jesus speaking) At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

John 14:2-3

In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go there 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.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive

and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Hebrews 10:37

For in just a very little while "He who is coming will come and will not delay."

James 5:8

You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

Revelation 4:1

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

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THE LORD'S BEAUTY

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)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. (Psalm 19:1-4)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. (Psalm 8:1)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him? (Psalm 8:3-4)

I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. (Psalm 29:1-2)

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

All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; from palaces adorned with ivory the music of the strings make you glad. (Psalm 45:8)

He has made everything beautiful in its time. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious. (Isaiah 4:2)

Your eyes will see the king in his beauty and view a land that stretches afar. (Isaiah 33:17)

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. (2 Corinthians 2:14-15)

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THE LORD'S GREATNESS

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. (Psalm 145:3)

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. (Psalm 9:9)

The Lord is King for ever and ever. (Psalm 10:16)

The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them. (Psalm 11:4-5)

The Lord is righteous, he loves justice. (Psalm 11:7)

The words of the Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times. (Psalm 12:6)

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalm 18:2)

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. (Psalm 18:30)

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. (Psalm 24:1-2)

Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. (Psalm 24:8)

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant. (Psalm 25:8-10)

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. (Psalm 29:4-5)

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. (Psalm 29:10)

How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you. (Psalm 31:19)

The word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. (Psalm 33:4-5)

The plans of the Lord stand firm forever; the purposes of his heart through all generations. (Psalm 33:11)

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. (Psalm 36:5-6)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. The world is mine, and all that is in it. Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. (Psalm 50:10, 12, 15)

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

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THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Genesis 4:16

So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Exodus 25:30

Put the bread of the Presence on this table to be before me at all times.

Exodus 33:14

The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Leviticus 16:1-2 NLT

The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of Aaron's two sons, who died after they entered the Lord's presence and burned the wrong kind of fire before him. The Lord said to Moses, "Warn your brother, Aaron, not to enter the Most Holy Place behind the inner curtain whenever he chooses; if he does, he will die. For the Ark's cover - the place of atonement - is there, and I myself am present in the cloud above the atonement cover."

Ezra 9:15

O Lord, God of Israel, you are righteous! We are left this day as a remnant. Here we are before you in our guilt, though because of it not one of us can stand in your presence.

Psalms 16:11

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalms 31:20

In the shelter of your presence you hid them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.

Psalms 89:15

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

Psalms 90:8

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

Psalms 100:2 RSV

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Psalm 139:7

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

Psalm 140:13 NLT

Surely righteous people are praising your name; the godly will live in your presence.

Isaiah 63:9

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them.

Jeremiah 5:22

"Should you not fear me?" declares the Lord. "Should you not tremble in my presence?"

Jonah 1:3 RSV

But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

Zephaniah 1:7 NLT

Stand in silence in the presence of the Sovereign Lord, for the awesome day of the Lord's judgment is near.

Ezekiel 38:20

The fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence.

Hebrews 9:24

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us [on our behalf RSV] in God's presence.

Jude 24

To him who is able to keep you from falling 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.

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THE NAME

Numbers 6:22-24

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites, Say to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.' "

Exodus 3:15

This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

Exodus 20:7

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Deuteronomy 28:58-59

If you do not carefully follow all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and do not revere this glorious and awesome name - the Lord your God - the Lord will send fearful plagues on you and your descendants, harsh and prolonged disasters, and severe and lingering illnesses.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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.

Psalm 34:3

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

Psalm 103:1

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Isaiah 57:15

For this is what the high and lofty One says - he who lives forever, whose name is holy.

Joel 2:32

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Zechariah 14:9

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

Matthew 1:21

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 6:9

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Matthew 18:20

Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

John 16:23-24

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

John 17:11-12

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name - the name you gave me - so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me.

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.

Romans 10:13

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Philippians 2:9-11

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

Colossians 3:17

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

Hebrews 1:4

So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

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THE PATH OF LIFE

The path of life leads upward. (Proverbs 15:24)

You have made known to me the path of life. (Psalm 16:11)

Teach me your way, O Lord, lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. (Psalm 27:11)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)

The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway. (Proverbs 15:19)

The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth. (Isaiah 26:7)

He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (Psalm 23:3)

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

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! (Romans 11:33)

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

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord. (Psalm 89:15)

Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. (Jeremiah 6:16)

And what does the Lord require of You? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

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

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 1:7)

THE REST OF THE LORD

Exodus 31:15

For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord.

Exodus 31:17

It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he abstained from work and rested.

Exodus 33:14

The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Deuteronomy 29:29

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.

Psalms 23:2-3

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. (Psalm 23:2-3)

Psalms 91:1

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

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.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

John 14:27

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

Hebrews 4:1

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. (Hebrews 4:1)

Hebrews 4:3

Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said.

Hebrews 4:10

There remains then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.

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THE SECRET THINGS

Deuteronomy 29:29

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.

Psalm 25:15

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

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.

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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THE SPIRIT TEACHES YOU

1 John 2:27 NLT

You have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true - it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.

Nehemiah 9:19-20

Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert... You gave your good Spirit to instruct them.

Isaiah 30:21

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Matthew 10:19-20

But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Mark 13:11

Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

Luke 12:11-12

When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.

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.

John 16:13-14

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

Acts 9:31

The church... was strengthened, and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10

God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:13

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

1 Corinthians 12:7, 11

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good... All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

Ephesians 1:17

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

Hebrews 3:7-11

So, the Holy Spirit says: "Today if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert."

Revelation 2:7

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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THE THIRD DAY

Joshua 1:10-11

So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: "Go through the camp and tell the people, 'Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.'"

Hosea 6:1-2

Come, and let us return to the Lord; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight.

Matthew 12:40

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 16:21

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, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. (First time He tells them)

Matthew 17:23

When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief. (Second time He tells them)

Matthew 20:19

He took the twelve aside and said to them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!" (Third time He tells them)

Matthew 27:62-63

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' "

John 2:1

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had been invited to the wedding.

John 2:18-19

The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

THE TRUE CHURCH

Matthew 16:13-18

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 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."

Acts 2:41-47

Those who accepted his [Peter's] message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 4:32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

Acts 5:14

More and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

Acts 12:24

But the word of God continued to increase and spread.

Acts 20:28

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Romans 12:5

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

1 Corinthians 3:9

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

1 Corinthians 6:15, 17

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.

2 Corinthians 11:2

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 2:19-22

You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 4:4-7

There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to one hope when you were called - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

Ephesians 4:11-12

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

Ephesians 4:16

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 5:23

For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Colossians 1:18

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Hebrews 12:23

(But you have come) ...to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

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THE WORD AND HEALING

Deuteronomy 8:3

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Psalm 107:19-20

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent forth his word and healed them.

Psalm 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:16

I will not neglect your word.

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Proverbs 4:20-22

My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely 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 a man's whole body.

Isaiah 53:4-5

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

Isaiah 55:10-11

As the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish...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 1:12

I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 6:63

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

John 15:7

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you.

Romans 10:17

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

Ephesians 6:17

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

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double edged sword it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitude of the heart.

1 Peter 1:25

The word of the Lord stands forever.

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.

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THE WORD

Deuteronomy 8:3

He humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Psalm 19:7

The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul.

Psalm 119:105

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

Mark 4:14-20

The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop--thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.

John 1:1, 4-5 AMP

In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself....In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it].

John 8:31-32

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 15:7

But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

Romans 12:2

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

Philippians 2:16

Hold firmly to the word of life.

Hebrews 4:12 AMP

For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 NIV

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

James 1:21-25

Humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.

1 Peter 1:24-25

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever.

2 Peter 1:19-21

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. Above all you must understand that no prophecy of scripture came about by the prophets 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.

1 John 1:1-2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

Revelation 19:11-13

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE "THE WORD"

Psalm 119:1-7

1. Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord.
2. Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts.
3. They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths.
4. You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully.
5. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees!
6. Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands.
7. As I learn your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should!



THE WORD OF GOD IS...

PURE

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. (Psalm 19:8 RSV)

RESTRAINING

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

PERFECT

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. (Psalm 19:7)

TRUSTWORTHY

The words of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness. (Psalm 111:7-8)

TRUE

Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true...Yet you are near, O Lord, and all your commands are true... All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal. (Psalm 119:142, 151, 160)

ENDURING

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

EFFECTUAL

So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

SANCTIFYING

...To make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word... (Ephesians 5:26)

HARMONIOUS

The words of the prophet are in agreement with this. (Acts 15:15)

INSPIRED

For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)

LIVING AND ACTIVE

The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 RSV)

LAMP

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105 KJV)

FIRE

I will make my words in your mouth a fire, and these people the wood it consumes. (Jeremiah 5:14)

HAMMER

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

SEED

Listen then to what the parable of the sower means. When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. (Matthew 13:18-23)

SWORD

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:17)

HEAL

He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. (Psalm 107:20)

MAKE FREE

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31-32)

ETERNAL

Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. (Psalm 119:89)

ILLUMINATE

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. (Psalm 119:130)

BEAR WITNESS

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:31)

PRODUCE FAITH

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)

MAKE WISE

The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

CONVICT

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (Titus 1:9)

REJOICE THE HEART

When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty. (Jeremiah 15:16)

CREATE THE WORLD

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. (Hebrews 11:3)

REGENERATE

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. (James 1:18)

DESTROY THE WORLD

But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (2 Peter 3:5-7)

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THINGS THE LORD HAS NOT DECREED

Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it? - Lamentations 3:37

He thwarts the plans of the crafty, so that their hands achieve no success. - Job 5:12

He spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. - Psalm 33:9-11

Devise your strategy, but it will be thwarted; propose your plan, but it will not stand. - Isaiah 8:10

Therefore, in this present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God. - Acts 5:38

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THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS

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

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. - Psalm 1:2

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

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

I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. - Psalm 119:15

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. - Psalm 119:97

I will meditate on your wonderful works. - Psalm 145:5

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

As he thinks within himself, so he is. - Proverbs 23:7 NCV

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. - Proverbs 23:7 KJV

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. - Romans 12:3

Love is patient; love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. - 1 Corinthians 13:11

If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. - Galatians 6:3

Now all glory to God, who is able through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. - Ephesians 3:20 NLT

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. - Philippians 4:8

Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others. - 1 Timothy 4:16 TLB

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THOSE CUT OFF FROM THE LORD

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. (John 15:5-6)

What does it mean to NOT remain in Him? Who were these people who were thrown into the fire and burned?

I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. (John 15:1-4)

A farmer went out to plant some seeds. As he scattered them across his field, some seeds (#1) fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. Other seeds (#2) fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they die. Other seeds (#3) fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. Still other seeds (#4) fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! (Matthew 13:3-8 NLT)

Then He began to show me that those who did not "remain" in Him were like those (#2 and #3) who had the seed sown into them and followed Him for a while, but didn't "remain" in Him.

In Matthew 13:20-22 Jesus explains it further:

The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. (Matthew 13:20-22 NLT)

He also drew my attention to Matthew 13:11-12 as further explanation:

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. (Matthew 13:11-12 NLT)

So those who “listen to His teaching” are contrasted here with those who “are not listening”. Those who “are not listening” will have what understanding they have taken away from them. LISTENING to Him and His teaching is the key.

And the thought that comes with that is this: there are those who listen and continue to listen, and continue to listen. And there are those who listened for awhile, and gained a little understanding, but stopped listening.

It is important to listen every day. It is important to develop a “listening ear” to hear the Lord moment by moment.

The characteristics of these people seem to be that [1] they don't produce fruit (John 15:2), [2] they don't remain in him (John 15:6), and [3] they don't use what the Lord gave them (Matthew 25:29-30)

He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit. (John 15:2)

Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. (John 15:6)

To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 25:29-30)

THOSE NOT FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

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

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.

The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.

The bride-groom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. (Matthew 25:1-13)

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THOSE TAUGHT BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. - 1 Corinthians 2:10-13

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

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things... We have the mind of Christ. - 1 Corinthians 2:14-16

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

We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, but Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. - 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

For many are invited, but few are chosen. - Matthew 22:14

If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. - John 15:19

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. - 1 Peter 2:9

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THOSE WHO KNOW HIS NAME

Psalm 9:10

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Psalm 91:14 RSV

I will protect him, for he knows my name.

Exodus 33:13

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

Jeremiah 9:23

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

Ephesians 1:17

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

1 John 5:20

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

Psalm 46:10

Be still and know that I am God.

Jeremiah 24:7

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

John 10:14

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

John 17:3

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

2 Timothy 1:12

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

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

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THOUGHTS OF THE LORD

But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord; they do not understand his plan, he who gathers them like sheaves to the threshing floor. - Micah 4:12

He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him." - Matthew 13:11-12

For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. - Matthew 25:29

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

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

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. - 1 Corinthians 2:10

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Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty? It is higher than heaven - what can you do? Deeper than Sheol - what can you know? Its measure is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. - Job 11:7-9 RSV

How great are thy works, O Lord! Thy thoughts are very deep. - Psalm 92:5 RSV

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THOUGHTS

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

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NCV**

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The Lord knows the thoughts of a man; he knows that they are futile. (Psalm 94:11)

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar...Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. (Psalm 139:1-2, 4)

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

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

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He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals his thoughts to man. - Amos 4:13

While Joseph thought about these things, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. - Matthew 1:20

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

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For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. - Hebrews 4:12

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THE THRONE OF DAVID

He [Jesus] will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom shall never end. - Luke 1:32

Your {David's} house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever. - 2 Samuel 7:16

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. - Isaiah 9:6-7

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

In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it - one from the house of David - one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness. - Isaiah 16:5

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness." - Jeremiah 23:5-6

In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands - a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. - Daniel 2:44-45

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. - Daniel 7:13-4

But the court will sit, and his [Antichrist's] power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him. - Daniel 7:26-27

The Lord will rule over them in Mount Zion from that day and forever. - Micah 4:7

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 24:23

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." - Matthew 26:63-64

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever." - Revelation 11:15

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." - Matthew 28:18

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. - 1 Corinthians 15:24-25

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THRONE OF GOD

THE LORD IS ON HIS HEAVENLY THRONE

Psalm 11:3-4

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

Psalm 45:6

Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever: a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Psalm 47:8

God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

Psalm 103:19

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

Isaiah 6:1

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings...And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Isaiah 66:1

This is what the Lord says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?"

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 12:2

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

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.

Revelation 4:2-3

At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne.

Revelation 4:4-5

Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. There were the seven spirits of God.

Revelation 4:6

Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.

Revelation 4:9-10

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Revelation 5:1-2

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?"

Revelation 5:6-7

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 5:11-12

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Revelation 5:13

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!"

Revelation 6:16

They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

Revelation 7:9

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

Revelation 7:10-12

And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Revelation 7:15

They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

Revelation 7:17

The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.

Revelation 8:3

Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne.

Revelation 14:3

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 16:17

The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Revelation 20:11

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life.

Revelation 21:5

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

Revelation 22:1

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.

Revelation 22:3

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

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TIME

Esther 4:14

And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?

Psalm 31:15

My times are in your hands.

Psalm 34:1

I will extol the Lord at all times

Psalm 119:126

It is time for you to act, Lord.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3:17

I thought in my heart, "God will bring to judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time for every deed."

Ecclesiastes 8:5-6

Whoever obeys his command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure. For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter.

Isaiah 60:22

I am the Lord; in its time I will do this swiftly.

Daniel 2:20-22

Daniel said, "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings, he

gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and mysterious things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him."

Habakkuk 2:3

For the revelation awaits an appointed time.

John 7:6, 8

My time is not yet here; for you any time will do...I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come.

Ephesians 5:15-16

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

Colossians 4:5

Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

TIMES AND SEASONS

Genesis 1:14

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 it was so.

Deuteronomy 11:14

So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today - to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul - then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil.

Esther 4:14

Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?

Psalms 9:9

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Psalms 31:14-15

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands.

Psalms 62:8

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Psalms 110:19

The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down.

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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

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Daniel 7:25

He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times, and half a time.

Hosea 10:12

It is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers righteousness on you.

Amos 5:13

The prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil.

Mark 1:15

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news."

Luke 21:24

Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

John 2:4

"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

John 7:6, 8

Jesus told them, "The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right...I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come."

John 17:1

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come."

Acts 1:7

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."

Acts 2:17

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Acts 14:17

He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons.

Romans 9:9

For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

2 Corinthians 6:2

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Galatians 4:4-5 RSV

But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Ephesians 5:16 RSV

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:1

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

2 Timothy 3:1

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

2 Timothy 4:2-3

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine.

Hebrews 9:28

Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people, and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hebrews 10:12-14

When this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

1 Peter 4:17

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

2 Peter 3:9, 15

With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

Revelation 12:14

The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.

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TITHE

Genesis 14:18-20

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram... Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Genesis 28:20-22

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's house, then the Lord will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Leviticus 27:30

A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord... the entire tithe of the herd and flock - every tenth animal that passes under the shepherd's rod - will be holy to the Lord.

Deuteronomy 14:22-23

Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year. Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always.

Nehemiah 10:37

We will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God, to the priests, the first of our ground meal, of our grain offerings, of the fruit of all our trees and of our new wine and oil. And we will bring a tithe of our crops to the Levites, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all the towns where we work.

Nehemiah 13:10-12

All Judah brought the tithes of grain, new wine and oil into the storerooms.

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Malachi 3:8-12

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'" "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw

open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit,” says the Lord Almighty. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” say the Lord Almighty.

"TODO" LIST - BY GOD

- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (Matthew 22:37)
- Love one another (John 13:34; 15:17)
- Love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 19:19; 22:39; Romans 13:9)
- Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:14)
- Serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13)
- Love your wives (Ephesians 5:25)
- Love the brotherhood of believers (1 Peter 2:17)
- Love your enemies and pray for them (Matthew 5:44)
- Do not love the world or anything in the world (1 John 2:15)
- Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48)
- Have no other gods before the Lord your God (Exodus 20:3)
- Do not make for yourself an idol and worship it (Exodus 20:4)
- Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God. (Exodus 20:7)
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. (Exodus 20:8)
- Honor your father and mother (Exodus 20:7)
- Do not murder (Exodus 20:13)
- Do not commit adultery (Exodus 20:14)
- Do not steal (Exodus 20:15)
- Do not give false testimony against your neighbor (Exodus 20:16)
- Do not covet your neighbor's house, wife, servants, animals, or belongings (Exodus 20:17)
- Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness (1 Chronicles 16:29)
- Praise the Lord (Psalm 106:1)
- Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength (1 Chronicles 16:28)
- Bless the Lord (Psalm 103:1)
- Declare the Lord's glory and His marvelous deeds (1 Chronicles 16:24)
- Bring an offering and come before the Lord (1 Chronicles 16:29)
- Tremble before the Lord (1 Chronicles 16:30)
- Give thanks to the Lord for He is good (1 Chronicles 16:34)
- Call on the Lord's name (1 Chronicles 16:8)
- Make known among the nations what the Lord has done (1 Chronicles 16:8)
- Sing to the Lord, sing praise to Him (1 Chronicles 16:9)
- Glory in the Lord's name and rejoice (1 Chronicles 16:10)
- Look to the Lord and His strength (1 Chronicles 16:11)
- Seek the Lord's face always (1 Chronicles 16:11)
- Remember the wonders, miracles the Lord has done, and the judgments the Lord has pronounced (1 Chronicles 16:12)
- Proclaim the Lord's salvation day after day. (1 Chronicles 16:23)

- Look after widows and orphans (James 1:27)
- Fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)
- Throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles (Hebrews 12:1)
- Run with perseverance the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1)
- Consider Him (Jesus) who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart (Hebrews 12:3)
- Do not be wise in your own eyes (Proverbs 3:7)
- Repent and believe the good news (Mark 1:15)
- Believe all that the prophets gave spoken (Luke 24:25)
- Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved - you and your household (Acts 16:31)
- Stop doubting and believe (John 20:27)
- Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9)
- Believe that God exists (Hebrews 11:6)
- Believe God rewards those who earnestly seek him (Hebrews 11:6)
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart (Proverbs 3:5)
- Don't lean on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5)
- In all your ways acknowledge the Lord (Proverbs 3:6)
- Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1)
- Do not conform to this world (Romans 12:2)
- Be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2)
- Be patient until the Lord's coming (James 5:7)
- Do not swear by heaven or earth or anything else (James 5:12)
- Let your yes be yes and your no be no. (James 5:12)
- If you lack wisdom, ask God for it (James 1:5)
- When you ask for wisdom, believe and not doubt (James 1:5)
- Give a cup of cold water in Jesus' name (Matthew 10:42)
- Feed the hungry (Matthew 25:35)
- Invite in strangers (Matthew 25:35)
- Give clothes to those in need (Matthew 25:35)
- Help the needy (Proverbs 14:21, 31)
- Visit those in prison (Matthew 25:35)
- Look after the sick (Matthew 25:35)
- Fear the Lord your God and serve Him (Deuteronomy 10:20)
- Hold fast the Lord your God and take your oaths in His name (Deuteronomy 10:20)
- Watch because you do not know the day or hour of His return (Matthew 25:13)
- Feed My lambs (John 21:15)
- Feed My sheep (John 21:17)

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TONGUE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. - Proverbs 18:20

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. - Proverbs 18:21

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

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

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

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

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

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TONGUES

Isaiah 28:11

With foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people.

Mark 16:17-18

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.

Acts 2:1-4

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

Acts 10:44-46

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Acts 19:5-6

On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12:28-31

And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds

of tongues. Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 14:2

For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:4-5

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.

1 Corinthians 14:13-15

For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

1 Corinthians 14:18-19

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than then thousand words in a tongue.

1 Corinthians 14:39

Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

Ephesians 4:7-8

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."

Ephesians 4:11-13

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

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TREADS THE HIGH PLACES OF THE EARTH

Amos 4:13

He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals his thoughts to man, he who turns dawn to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth - the Lord Almighty is his name.

Micah 1:3

Look! The Lord is coming from his dwelling place; he comes down and treads the high places of the earth.

Micah 1:5

What is Judah's high place? Is it not Jerusalem?

1 Kings 15:14

Although he did not remove the high places, Asa's heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life.

Isaiah 58:14

I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land

Job 9:8

He alone stretches out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea.

Job 22:14

He goes about in the vaulted heavens

Psalms 104:3

[He] lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

Deuteronomy 32:13

He made him ride on the heights of the land

Deuteronomy 33:29

He [the Lord] is your shield and helper and your glorious sword. Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample down their high places.

As I read on BibleHub.com I grew to realize several meanings of "he treads the high places of the earth" -

- He is above everything, even the highest place on earth - Jerusalem

- He is above, has His feet treading on, the high places where people worship other gods
- He treads on, puts low, those who exalt themselves; He humbles them

(Matthew Poole's commentary) can tread underfoot the idols that are worshiped on the high places.

(Gills' commentary) Jerusalem as the high place. Humbling mighty and proud who are compared to high places

TREASURED POSSESSION

As I was reading in Malachi 3:16-17 I noticed it talked about the time when He will gather His “treasured possession” and that intrigued me, so I followed up on the references to it. Here they are:

Malachi 3:16-17

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

Deuteronomy 7:6

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

Exodus 19:5

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.

Deuteronomy 14:2

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

Deuteronomy 26:18

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

Titus 2:14

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

1 Peter 2:9

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

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TREASURES, RICHES

Isaiah 45:3

I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

Proverbs 3:13-16

Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

Proverbs 10:22

The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.

Ecclesiastes 5:19

When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work - this is a gift from God.

Isaiah 33:6

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

Matthew 6:20-21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 13:44

The kingdom on heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Romans 9:23

What if he [God] did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory - even us, whom he also called.

Romans 11:33

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

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Ephesians 2:6-7

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:8-10

This grace was given me [Paul]: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.

Colossians 1:27

To them [the saints] 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 2:3

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.

Revelation 3:18

I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich.

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TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL

Genesis 2:9

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground - trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:17

And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Genesis 3:1-6

He [serpent] said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3:11-13

God said, "Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

The man said, "The woman you put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate it."