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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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## TREE OF LIFE

### **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 3:22-24**

**The Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." So the Lord banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.**

### **Proverbs 3:18**

**She [Wisdom] is a tree of life to those who embrace her, those who lay hold of her will be blessed.**

### **Proverbs 11:30**

**The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life.**

### **Proverbs 13:12**

**Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.**

### **Proverbs 15:4**

**The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life.**

### **Revelation 2:7**

**To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.**

### **Revelation 22:2**

**On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.**

### **Revelation 22:14**

**Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.**

**Revelation 22:19**

**If anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.**



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## TREE

### **Genesis 1:11-12**

**Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.**

### **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."**

### **Psalms 1:3**

**He [the blessed man] is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

### **Psalms 52:8**

**But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God.**

### **Psalms 92:12-14**

**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."**

### **Isaiah 61:3**

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

### **Jeremiah 17:7-8**

**Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.**

**Micah 4:4**

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

**Matthew 3:10**

**The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.**

**Matthew 7:17-20**

**Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.**

**Matthew 12:33**

**Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.**

**Luke 6:43-45**

**No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.**

**Galatians 3:13**

**Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."**

**1 Peter 2:24**

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.**

**Revelation 22:14**

**Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.**

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## TRIBULATION-END TIME

### IN THAT DAY - AT THE END OF THE TRIBULATION

#### **Isaiah 4:2-6**

**In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel. Those who are left in Zion, who remain in Jerusalem, will be called holy, all who are recorded among the living in Jerusalem.**

The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire.

Then the Lord will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over all the glory will be a canopy. It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.

#### **Isaiah 10:20-22**

**In that day the remnant of Israel, the survivors of the house of Jacob, will no longer rely on him who struck them down but will truly rely on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel. A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob will return to the Mighty God. Though your people, O Israel, be like the sand by the sea, only a remnant will return.**

#### **Isaiah 11:10-11, 12, 16**

**In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people...**

He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.

There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that is left from Assyria, as there was for Israel when they came up from Egypt.

#### **Isaiah 12:1, 4-6**

**In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O Lord...In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."**

#### **Isaiah 30:18-21; 26**

**Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him.**

**O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. Although The Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it."**

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

**Isaiah 40:1-2**

**Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.**

**Isaiah 40:4-5**

**Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, and the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it, For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

**Isaiah 52:6-10**

**Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes it is I.**

**How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"**

**Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord will lay bare his Holy arm in the sight of all nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.**

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

**For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.**

**No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah [my delight is in her], and your land Beulah [married], for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.**

**Isaiah 62:11**

The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.'" They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.

**Daniel 12:1-3**

**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.

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

**Revelation 10:1-2, 6-7**

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand...And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay." But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

**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.

(Note from NIV Scofield Study Bible on Revelation 11:15 says: The seventh trumpet announces the beginning of Christ's reign on earth, when the kingdom of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord, and occurs close to the end of the great tribulation.)

**Revelation 11:17-18**

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

**Revelation 17:14**

They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings - and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.

**Revelation 19:7-9**

**Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'"**

**Revelation 19:11, 13-14**

**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 name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him.**

**Revelation 20:1-2, 4**

**And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

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## TRUE CHRISTIANS - HOW TO RECOGNIZE THEM

**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**

**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 died. 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)**

**The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. 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. The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted! (Matthew 13:18-22 NLT)**

**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)**

**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. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared...Let both grow together until the harvest; First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn." - Matthew 13:24-30**

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

**But the one who endures to the end will be saved. (Matthew 24:13)**

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

Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 25:28-30 NIV)

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete." - Luke 6:46-49

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire....He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God. - John 8:44, 47

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

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 NLT)**

**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. (John 15:5)**

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

**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**

**On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised." (Acts 1:4-5)**

**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. - Acts 1:8**

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

**As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:15-17 NLT)**

**Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 11:16)**

**Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 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. (Acts 19:3-6)**

They went through three steps:

- (1) They were baptized with John's baptism (repentance)
- (2) They were baptized into the name of Jesus (believed in Jesus and were set apart for Him)
- (3) They received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues and prophesied (were filled with the Spirit).

**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, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. - 1 Corinthians 1:23-24**

**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**

**The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. - 1 Corinthians 2:14-15**

**For the word of God... judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. - Hebrews 4:12**

**You have become weak, so make yourselves strong again. Live in the right way so that you will be saved and your weakness will not cause you to be lost. (Hebrews 12:12-13 NCV)**

**Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14 NIV)**

**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**

**They went out from us but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. - 1 John 2:19**

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## TRUST

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

**You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast because he trusts in you. - Isaiah 26:3**

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

**Offer right sacrifices and trust in the Lord. - Psalm 4:5**

**Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. - Psalm 26:1**

**But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands. - Psalm 31:14**

**But the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. - Psalm 32:10**

**Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this. He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. - Psalm 37:3-6**

**Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust. - Psalm 40:4**

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

**Trust in him at all times, O People; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. - Psalm 62:8**

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

**O house of Israel, trust in the Lord - he is their help and shield...You who fear him, trust in the Lord - he is their help and shield. - Psalm 115:9, 11**

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord, than to trust in man. - Psalm 118:8**

**Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord. - Proverbs 16:20**

**In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation." - Isaiah 25:9**

**Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal. - Isaiah 26:4**

**In quietness and trust is your strength. - Isaiah 30:15**

**Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. - Isaiah 50:10**

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

**Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. - Luke 16:10**

**Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. - John 14:1**

**As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. - Romans 9:33**

**Romans 10:11**

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

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## TRUTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## WHAT IS TRUTH?

TRUTH IS WHAT THE LORD SPEAKS AND DECLARES IT IS

**"I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right." Isaiah 45:19**

TRUTH IS IN THE WORD WHO BECAME FLESH - JESUS CHRIST

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TRUTH CAME THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

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## TURN YOUR THOUGHTS TOWARD ME

**So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18)**

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

**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**

**"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**

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## UNBELIEF

**Mark 9:24**

**Help me overcome my unbelief!**

### UNBELIEF AS SIN:

**John 16:9**

**When he (Counselor) comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me.**

**1 Corinthians 7:14**

**For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.**

**Titus 1:15-16**

**To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.**

**Hebrews 3:18-19**

**And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.**

**1 John 5:10**

**Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.**

### THE SOURCE OF UNBELIEF:

**Mark 16:14**

**Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.**

**Luke 8:12**

**Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.**



**Luke 24:25**

**He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!”**

**John 5:38**

**...nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.**

**John 8:43-47**

**Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! ... If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.**

**John 10:26-27**

**You do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice.**

**John 12:39**

**For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: “He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.**

**Acts 19:9**

**But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them...**

**2 Corinthians 4:4**

**The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:10b-12**

**They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.**

**Hebrews 3:12**

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

THE EFFECTS OF UNBELIEF

**1 Kings 17:18**

**You have abandoned the Lord's commands and have followed the Baals.**

**2 Kings 7:2**

**The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, "Look, even if the Lord should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?" "You will see it with your own eyes," answered Elisha, "but you will not eat any of it!"**

**Psalm 78:19**

**They spoke against God.**

**Psalm 106:24-25**

**Then they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe his promise. They grumbled in their tents and did not obey the Lord.**

**Isaiah 53:1**

**Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?**

**Matthew 24:11**

**...and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.**

**John 12:37**

**Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.**

**John 16:9**

**When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me.**

**Acts 14:2**

**But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.**

**Acts 19:9**

**But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them...**

**Romans 11:20**

**They (branches) were broken off because of unbelief.**

**Hebrews 3:12**

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

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## UNCLEAN SPIRIT, EVIL SPIRIT, GIANTS, AND NEPHILIM

### NEPHILIM and GIANTS

#### **Genesis 6:4**

**The Nephilim were on the earth in those days - and also afterward - when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. There were the heroes of old, men of renown.**

#### **Numbers 13:28 NLT**

**But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak!**

#### **Numbers 13:33**

**We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grass hoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."**

#### **Deuteronomy 1:28 NLT**

**Where can we go? Our brothers have demoralized us with their report. They tell us, "The people of the land are taller and more powerful than we are, and their towns are large, with walls rising high into the sky! We even saw giants there - the descendants of Anak!"**

#### **Deuteronomy 2:10 NLT**

**A race of giants called the Emites had once lived in the area of Ar. They were as strong and numerous and tall as the Anakites, another race of giants.**

#### **Deuteronomy 2:11 NKJV**

**They were also regarded as giants, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim.**

#### **Deuteronomy 2:20 NKJV**

**That was also regarded as a land of giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them Zamzummim.**

#### **Deuteronomy 3:11 NKJV**

**For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.**

#### **Deuteronomy 3:13 NKJV**

**The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to half the tribe of Manasseh. (All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of the giants.**

**Deuteronomy 9:2 NLT**

**There people are strong and tall - descendants of the famous Anakite giants. You've heard the saying, "Who can stand up to the Anakites?"**

**Joshua 13:12 NKJV**

**All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Astaroth and Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants; for Moses had defeated and cast out these.**

**Joshua 17:15 NKJV**

**So Joshua answered them, "If you are a great people, then go up to the forest country and clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and the giants, since the mountains of Ephraim are too confined for you."**

#### EVIL SPIRIT

**1 Samuel 16:14. 15. 16**

**Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him. Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you." Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better.**

**1 Samuel 16:23**

**Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.**

**1 Samuel 18:10**

**The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand.**

**1 Samuel 19:9**

**But an evil spirit from the Lord came on Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the lyre...**

#### GIANTS

**2 Samuel 21:15 NLT**

**[Battles against Philistine Giants] Once again the Philistines were at war with Israel. And when David and his men were in the thick of battle, David became weak and exhausted.**

**2 Samuel 21:16 NLT**

**Ishbi-benob was a descendant of the giants; his bronze spearhead weighed more than seven pounds, and he was armed with a new sword. He had cornered David and was about to kill him.**

**2 Samuel 21:18 NLT**

**After this, there was another battle against the Philistines at Gob. As they fought, Sibbecai from Hushah killed Saph, another descendant of the giants.**

**2 Samuel 21:20 NLT**

**In another battle with the Philistines at Gath, they encountered a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in all, who was also a descendant of the giants.**

**2 Samuel 21:22 NLT**

**These four Philistines were descendants of the giants of Gath, but David and his warriors killed them.**

**1 Chronicles 20:4 NLT**

**After this, war broke out with the Philistines at Gezer. As they fought, Sibbecai from Hushah killed Saph, a descendant of the giants, and so the Philistines were subdued.**

**1 Chronicles 20:6 NLT**

**In another battle with the Philistines at Gath, they encountered a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in all, who was also a descendant of the giants.**

**1 Chronicles 20:8 NLT**

**These Philistines were descendants of the giants of Gath, but David and his warriors killed them.**

#### UNCLEAN SPIRIT

**Zechariah 13:2 NKJV**

**"It shall be in that day," says the Lord of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.**

**Matthew 10:1 NKJV**

**And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.**

**Matthew 12:43 NKJV**

**When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.**

**Mark 1:21, 23, 26 NKJV**

**Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught....Now there was a man in the synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out...And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.**

**Mark 1:27 NKJV**

**Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him"**

**Mark 3:11 NKJV**

**And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God."**

**Mark 3:30 NKJV**

**Because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."**

**Mark 5:2 NKJV**

**And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.**

**Mark 5:8 NKJV**

**For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"**

**Mark 5:13 NKJV**

**And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.**

**Mark 6:7 NKJV**

**And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.**

**Mark 7:25 NKJV**

**For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.**

**Mark 9:25 NKJV**

**When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"**

**Luke 4:31, 33 NKJV**

**Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths...Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice...**

**Luke 4:36 NKJV**

**Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."**

**Luke 6:18 NKJV**

**...as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.**

**Luke 7:21**

**At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind.**

**Luke 8:2**

**And also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases; Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out.**

**Luke 8:29 NKJV**

**For He commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.**

**Luke 9:42 NKJV**

**And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.**

**Luke 11:24 NKJV**

**When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, "I will return to my house from which I came."**

**Acts 5:16 NKJV**

**Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.**

**Acts 8:7 NKJV**

**For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.**

**Acts 19:12**

**So that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.**

**Acts 19:13, 15. 16**

**Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out."**

**One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?"**

**Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.**

**Ephesians 6:12**

**For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

**Revelation 16:13 NKJV**

**And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.**

**Revelation 18:2**

**With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal.**



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## UNDERSTANDING

Understanding: knowing things in their right relationship

**Luke 24:45**

**Then he opened their minds so that they could understand the Scriptures.**

### UNDERSTANDING COMES BY

God's gift

**1 Kings 3:9-12**

**So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?**

**The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.**

Revelation

**Romans 1:20**

**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.**

Word

**Psalms 119:104, 105, 130**

**I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

Books

**Daniel 9:2, 23**

**I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years...As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the message and understand the vision.**

Holy Spirit

**Exodus 31:3**

**I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts.**

Christ

**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.**

Prayer

**Psalm 119:57, 125**

**You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words. I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes.**

Faith

**Hebrews 11:3**

**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.**

Illumination

**Ephesians 1:18**

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

Interpretation

**Nehemiah 8:7-8, 12**

**The Levites instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read...Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.**

Explanation

**Luke 24:45**

**Then he opened their minds so that they could understand the Scriptures.**

Reproof

**Proverbs 15:32**

**He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.**

Later event

**Psalm 73:17**

**When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.**

LIMITATIONS ON UNDERSTANDING - BY

Unbelief

**John 8:45-47**

**Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.**

Sin

**Proverbs 6:32**

**But a man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself.**

Unregeneracy

**Ephesians 4:18**

**They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.**

Spiritual blindness

**Isaiah 6:9, 10**

**Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving. Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."**

Judicial punishment

**Isaiah 44:18-19**

**They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see, and their minds closed so they cannot understand. No one stops to think, no one has the knowledge or understanding to say, "Half of it I used for fuel; I even baked bread over its coals, I roasted meat and I ate. Shall I make a detestable thing from what is left? Shall I bow down to a block of wood?"**

Difficulties

**2 Peter 3:16**

**He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.**

OTHER SCRIPTURES ON UNDERSTANDING

The Spirit of understanding

**Isaiah 11:1-3**

**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.**

Jesus teaching Nicodemus

**John 3:3-4, 10-12**

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

**"How can a man be born when he is old? Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"**

**"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?"**

Man without the Spirit

**1 Corinthians 2:14**

**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.**

Choose His Instruction

**Proverbs 8:10, 12**

**Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her...Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power.**

On the Road to Emmaus

**Luke 24:25**

**He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.**

Don't lean on your own understanding

**Proverbs 3:5**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.**

Get wisdom; get understanding

**Proverbs 4:7**

**Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.**

Ask for understanding

**Acts 8:30**

**Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.**

**"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.**

Understand what the Lord's will is

**Ephesians 5:17**

**Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.**

### DEEP THINGS OF GOD

**1 Corinthians 2:10**

**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.**

**Micah 4:12**

**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.**

**Job 11:7-9 RSV**

**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.**

**Psalm 92:5 RSV**

**How great are thy works, O Lord! Thy thoughts are very deep.**

### WHERE DOES UNDERSTANDING DWELL

**Job 28:12-13, 19, 23-24, 28**

**Where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell? Man does not comprehend its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living... It cannot be bought with pure gold... God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells, for he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens... And he said to man, "The fear of the Lord - that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding."**

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## UNDIVIDED HEART

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

**I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me for their own good and the good of their children after them. - Jeremiah 32:39**

**I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God. - Ezekiel 11:19-20**

**I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone, and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. - Ezekiel 36:26-27**

**She [Martha] had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"**

**"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things. But only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." - Luke 10:39, 42**

**I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord. - 1 Corinthians 7:35**

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## UNITY

**How good and how pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity... For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. - Psalm 133:1, 3**

**My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. - John 17:20-21**

**So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others... Live in harmony with one another. - Romans 12:5, 16**

**May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. - Romans 15:5**

**I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. - 1 Corinthians 1:10**

**Finally, brothers... be of one mind, live in peace. - 2 Corinthians 13:10-11**

**You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. - Galatians 3:26-28**

**Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. - Ephesians 4:2-3**

**It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. - Ephesians 4:11-13**

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

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

**All of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. - 1 Peter 3:8-9**



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## VISIONS

### EZEKIEL

**It was the sixth year, on the fifth day of the sixth month of our captivity. I was sitting in my house with the older leaders of Judah in front of me. There I felt the power of the Lord God. I looked and saw something that looked like a human. From the waist down it looked like fire, and from the waist up it looked like bright glowing metal. It stretched out the shape of a hand and caught me by the hair on my head. The Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the sky. He took me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance to the north gate of the inner courtyard of the Temple. In the courtyard was the idol that caused God to be jealous. I saw the glory of the God of Israel there, as I had seen on the plain. - Ezekiel 8:1-4 NCV**

It is noteworthy that to Ezekiel the priest was given the vision of the glory of the Lord departing (1) from the cherubim to the threshold of the temple (9:3; 10:4); (2) from the threshold (10:18); (3) from temple and city to the mountain on the east of Jerusalem, Olivet (11:23); and (4) returning to the millennial temple to remain (43:2-5). (Scofield NIV Study Bible, pg 1019).

**Now the glory of the God of Israel went up from above the cherubim, where it had been, and moved to the threshold of the temple. - Ezekiel 9:3**

**Then the glory of the Lord rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple. The cloud filled the temple, and the court was full of the radiance of the glory of the Lord. The sound of the wings of the cherubim could be heard as far away as the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks. - Ezekiel 10:4-5**

**Then the glory of the Lord departed from over the threshold of the temple and stopped above the cherubim. While I watched, the cherubim spread their wings and rose from the ground, and as they went, the wheels went with them. They stopped at the entrance to the east gate of the Lord's house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them. There were the living creatures I had seen beneath the God of Israel by the Kebar River, and I realized that they were cherubim. - Ezekiel 10:18-20**

**Then the cherubim, with the wheels beside them, spread their wings, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them. The glory of the Lord went up from within the city and stopped above the mountain east of it. - Ezekiel 11:22-23**

**I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory. The vision I saw was like**

**the vision I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the visions I had seen by the Kebar River, and I fell face-down. The glory of the Lord entered the temple through the gate facing east. Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. - Ezekiel 43:2-5**

**I heard someone speaking to me from inside the temple. He said: "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet. This is where I will live among the Israelites forever." - Ezekiel 43:6-7**

**I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north--an immense cloud with flashing lighting and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. - Ezekiel 1:4-5**

**...and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. - Ezekiel 1:27**

## DANIEL

**As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. - Daniel 7:9-10**

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## VOICE OF GOD

### ELIJAH

#### **1 Kings 19:12-13**

**After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"**

### EZEKIEL

#### **Ezekiel 1:24**

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

#### **Ezekiel 10:5**

**The sound of the wings of the cherubim could be heard as far away as the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks.**

### CHRIST

#### **Mark 1:11**

**And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."**

#### **John 12:28**

**Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.**

### PETER, JAMES AND JOHN AT TRANSFIGURATION

#### **Matthew 17:5**

**While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"**

#### **Luke 9:35**

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

**2 Peter 1:18**

**We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.**

PAUL

**Acts 9:3-7**

**As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"**

**"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.**

**"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."**

**The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone.**

JOHN

**Revelation 1:10**

**On the Lord's Day I was in the spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches."**

**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."**

Other scriptures on voice

**Exodus 19:16-19**

**On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently, and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.**

**Deuteronomy 4:33**

**Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived?**

**Deuteronomy 5:24**

**And you said, "The Lord our God has shown us his glory and his majesty, and we have heard his voice from the fire. Today we have seen that a man can live even if God speaks with him."**

**Deuteronomy 5:25-27**

**This great fire will consume us, and we will die if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any longer. For what mortal man has ever heard the voice of the living God speaking out of fire, as we have, and survived.**

**Job 40:9**

**Do you have an arm like God's, and can your voice thunder like his?**

**Psalms 29:3-5**

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. 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.**

**Psalms 29:7-9**

**The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

**Psalms 42:7**

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

**Ezekiel 43:1-2**

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

**Revelation 1:15**

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

**Revelation 14:2-3**

**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 19:6**

**Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters, and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready."**

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## WAITING ON THE LORD

**Psalm 130:5**

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.**

**Psalm 27:14**

**Wait for the Lord. Be strong and of good courage, and wait for the Lord.**

**Psalm 37:7**

**Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.**

**Psalm 40:1-2**

**I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, and out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.**

**Psalm 130:5-6**

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

**Proverbs 8:34-35**

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

**Proverbs 20:22**

**Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!" Wait for the Lord, and he will avenge you.**

**Isaiah 8:17**

**I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the descendants of Jacob. I will put my trust in him.**

**Isaiah 26:8**

**Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.**

**Isaiah 30:18**

**Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him.**

**Isaiah 40:31**

**They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.**

**Isaiah 49:23**

**Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame.**

**Isaiah 64:4**

**Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.**

**Lamentations 3:24**

**I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."**

**Habakkuk 2:1**

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

**Habakkuk 2:2-3**

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

**Acts 1:4**

**Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**

**Romans 8:23**

**We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.**

**Galatians 5:5**

**For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope.**

**James 5:7-8**

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



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## WALK

### WALK BY FAITH

**We walk by faith, not by sight. - 2 Corinthians 5:7 RSV**

### WALK IN THE LIGHT

**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**

### WALK TRUSTING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD AND RELYING ON GOD

**Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. - Isaiah 50:10**

### WALK IN THE TRUTH

**It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. - 3 John 3, 4**

### WALK IN CHRIST

**As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him. - Colossians 2:6 KJV**

### WALK IN THE SPIRIT

**But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh... If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. - Galatians 5:16, 25 RSV**

### WALK IN LOVE

**And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. - Ephesians 5:2 RSV**

### WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

**Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light. - Ephesians 5:8 RSV**

### WALK AS CHRIST WALKED

**Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. - 1 John 2:6**

### WALK AFTER HIS COMMANDMENTS

**And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. - 2 John 6**

### WALK IN GOOD WORKS

**We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10**

WALK WORTHILY

**I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. - Ephesians 4:1 KJV**

WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD

**That you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. - Colossians 1:10 KJV**

WALK WORTHY OF GOD

**That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. - 1 Thessalonians 2:12**

WALK CAREFULLY

**Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. - Ephesians 5:15-16 RSV**

WALK IN WISDOM

**Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. - Colossians 4:5 KJV**

**Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. - Colossians 4:5 NIV**

WALK PLEASING GOD

**Furthermore, then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. 1 Thessalonians 4:1 KJV**

WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE

**We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. - Romans 6:4**

WALK BY THE SPIRIT

**But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. - Galatians 5:16**

**If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. - Galatians 5:25**

WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD

**He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? - Micah 6:8**

WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS

**And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I command you this day for your good. - Deuteronomy 10:12**

WALK BLAMELESS

**I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. - Genesis 17:1**

WALK IN THE LIGHT OF LIFE

**For thou hast delivered my soul from death, yea, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life. - Psalm 56:13 RSV**

WALK BEFORE THE LORD IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING

**I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. - Psalm 116:9**

WALK IN ALL HIS PATHS

**Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in all his paths. - Isaiah 2:3**

WALK IN THE WAY HE SPEAKS TO YOU

**And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." - Isaiah 30:21**

WALK BY WAITING FOR THE LORD

**They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. - Isaiah 40:31**

WALK ON THE ANCIENT PATHS WHERE THE GOOD WAY IS

**Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it. - Jeremiah 6:16**

WALK WHERE YOU HAVE AGREED TO WALK

**Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do it? - Amos 3:3**

WALK WHILE YOU HAVE THE LIGHT

**The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you. - John 12:35**

WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

**Walk as children of light. - Ephesians 5:8**

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## WARRIOR

**Exodus 15:3**

**The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.**

**1 Chronicles 12:8**

**Some Gadites defected to David at his stronghold in the wilderness. They were brave warriors, ready for battle and able to handle the shield and spear. Their faces were the faces of lions, and they were as swift as gazelles in the mountains.**

**Psalms 89:19**

**Once you spoke in a vision, to your faithful people you said: "I have bestowed strength on a warrior; I have raised up a young man from among the people."**

**Isaiah 13:3**

**I have commanded those I prepared for battle; I have summoned my warriors to carry out my wrath— those who rejoice in my triumph.**

**Isaiah 42:13**

**The Lord will march out like a champion, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies.**

**Jeremiah 20:11**

**But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten.**

**Joel 2:7**

**They charge like warriors; they scale walls like soldiers. They all march in line, not swerving from their course.**

**Joel 3:11**

**Come quickly, all you nations from every side, and assemble there. Bring down your warriors, Lord!**

**Zephaniah 3:17**

**The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."**

**Zechariah 10:7**

**The Ephraimites will become like warriors, and their hearts will be glad as with wine. Their children will see it and be joyful; their hearts will rejoice in the Lord.**

**Revelation 19:11**

**[The Heavenly Warrior Defeats the Beast] 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 wages war.**

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## WASHING

**Psalm 51:7**

**Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

**John 13:8, 10**

**Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me. A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."**

**John 15:3**

**You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.**

**John 17:17**

**Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.**

**Acts 22:16**

**And now, what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.**

**1 Corinthians 6:11**

**But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

**Ephesians 5:25-27**

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

**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!**

**Hebrews 10:22**

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

**Titus 3:4-5**

**But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.**

**James 4:8**

**Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**

**1 John 1:7, 9**

**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. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

**Revelation 1:5-6**

**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.**

**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 22:14**

**Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.**

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## WATCHERS

**Daniel 4:13 NASB**

**I was looking in the visions in my mind as I lay on my bed, and behold, an angelic watcher, a holy one, descended from heaven.**

**Daniel 4:17 RSV**

**The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men, and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.**

**Daniel 4:23 RSV**

**And whereas the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven...**



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## WATCHMEN

THE WATCHMAN PROPHET SPENDS TIME BEFORE THE LORD AND  
SPEAKS/WRITES WHAT HE SEES AND HEARS

### **Jeremiah 1:11-12**

**The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you see, Jeremiah?"**

**"I see the branch of an almond tree," I replied.**

**The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."**

THE WATCHMAN TELLS THE KING WHAT HE SEES  
AS HE STANDS ON THE WALL

### **2 Samuel 18:25**

**While David was sitting between the inner and outer gates the watchman went up to the roof of the gateway by the wall. As he looked out, he saw a man running alone. The watchman called out to the king and reported it.**

THE WATCHMAN WATCHES FOR TROOPS COMING  
TO SEE WHOSE SIDE THEY ARE ON

### **2 Kings 9:17**

**When the lookout standing on the tower in Jezreel saw Jehu's troops approaching, he called out, "I see some troops coming."**

THE WATCHMEN MUST CO-LABOR WITH THE LORD  
OR THEIR WATCHING IS IN VAIN

### **Psalm 127:1**

**Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.**

THE WATCHMEN GO THROUGHOUT THE CITY  
AND HELP PEOPLE

### **Song of Solomon 3:3**

**The watchmen found me as they made their rounds in the city. "Have you seen the one my heart loves?"**

THE WATCHMAN WATCHES WHAT IS HAPPENING  
AND IS ALERT, FULLY ALERT

**Isaiah 21:6-7**

**This is what the Lord says to me: "Go, post a lookout and have him report what he sees. When he sees chariots with teams of horses, riders on donkeys or riders on camels, let him be alert, fully alert."**

THE WATCHMAN LOOKS TO SEE WHAT IS  
LEFT OF THE NIGHT

**Isaiah 21:11**

**An oracle concerning Dumah: Someone calls to me from Seir, "Watchman, what is left of the night? Watchman, what is left of the night? If you would ask, then ask; and come back yet again."**

THE WATCHMEN SPEAK GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMING SALVATION  
AND GOD REIGNS;  
WHEN THE LORD RETURNS THEY WILL SEE IT WITH THEIR OWN EYES

**Isaiah 52:7-8**

**How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.**

THE WATCHMEN WATCH AND TELL THE PEOPLE  
LIKE A TRUMPET SOUNDING

**Jeremiah 6:17**

**[The Lord says] "I appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!'"**

THE WATCHMEN WILL CALL PEOPLE  
TO GO TO THE LORD

**Jeremiah 31:6**

**There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'**

**THE WATCHMAN IS TO HEAR THE WORD THE LORD SPEAKS  
AND WARN OTHERS FROM HIM**

**Ezekiel 3:17**

**At the end of seven days the word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.**

**IT WAS THE WATCHMAN'S DUTY TO SOUND WARNINGS  
AS THE LORD LEADS HIM**

**Ezekiel 3:2-6**

**When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people, then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not heed the warning and the sword comes and takes their life, their blood will be on their own head. Since they heard the sound of the trumpet but did not heed the warning, their blood will be on their own head. If they had heeded the warning, they would have saved themselves. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone's life, that person's life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood.**

**THE WATCHMAN SOUGHT THE LORD AND WROTE DOWN  
WHAT HE WAS TOLD SO OTHERS COULD RUN WITH IT**

**Habakkuk 2:1-3**

**I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.**

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## WATER

**Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word. - Ephesians 5:26**

**Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit." - John 3:5**

**Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water... Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." - John 4:10, 14**

**On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. - John 7:37-39**

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

**Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. - John 17:17**

**They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. - 1 Corinthians 10:3-4**

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

**The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. - Revelation 7:17**

**To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. - Revelation 21:6**

**Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. - Revelation 22:17**

**Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not**

**fear when heat comes, its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:7-8**

**Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. - Genesis 21:19**

**The Lord answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink. So Moses did this in the sight of the leaders of Israel. - Exodus 17:5-6**

**He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. - Psalm 1:2-3**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. - Psalm 23:1-3**

**He split the rocks in the desert and gave them water as abundant as the seas; he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers. - Psalm 78:15-16**

**He opened the rock and water gushed out; like a river it flowed in the desert. Psalm 105:41**

**The words of a man's mouth are deep waters, but the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook. - Proverbs 18:4**

**If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. - Proverbs 25:21, 25**

**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. - Isaiah 12:3**

**Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land. - Isaiah 32:2**

**The poor and the needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs. - Isaiah 41:17-18**

**I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. - Isaiah 44:3**

**He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water. - Isaiah 49:10**

**Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters. - Isaiah 55:1**

**You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. - Isaiah 58:11**

**Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the Lord, the spring of living water. - Jeremiah 17:13**

**I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. - Ezekiel 36:25**

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## WEeping AND GNASHING OF TEETH

### **Psalm 112:10**

**The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.**

### **Matthew 8:11-12**

**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 13:41-42 KJV**

**And the Son of Man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

### **Matthew 24:50-51**

**The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

### **Matthew 25:28-30**

**So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

### **Luke 13:24-28**

**Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, "Sir, open the door for us."**

**But he will answer, "I don't know you or where you come from."**

**Then you will say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets."**

**But he will reply, "I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!"**

**There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.**

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## WELLS

Wells - pits dug for water

### **Genesis 24:11**

**He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town (Abraham's servant who came to find Rebekah to be Isaac's bride)**

### **Numbers 21:17**

**Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well! Sing about it, about the well that the princes dug, that the nobles of the people sank - the nobles with scepters and staffs."**

### **2 Samuel 23:15, 16**

**David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!" So the three mighty warriors broke through Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David.**

### **Song of Solomon 4:15**

**You are a garden fountain, a well of flowing water streaming down from Lebanon.**

### **Jeremiah 6:7**

**As a well pours out its water, so she pours out her wickedness**

### **Luke 14:5**

**If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?"**

## FEATURES CONCERNING WELLS

Dug for water

### **2 Chronicles 26:10**

**Uzziah also built towers in the wilderness and dug many cisterns.**

Numerous in Canaan

### **Deuteronomy 6:11**

**A land with - wells you did not dig.**

Often very deep

### **John 4:11**

**"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"**



Covered with stones

**Genesis 29:2,3**

**There he saw a well in the open country, with three flocks of sheep lying near it because the flocks were watered from that well. The stone over the mouth of the well was large.**

Women came to for water

**Genesis 24:13-14**

**I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water.**

**John 4:7**

**When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"**

Surrounded by trees

**Genesis 49:22**

**Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall.**

Sometimes empty

**Jeremiah 14:3**

**The nobles send their servants for water; they go to the cisterns but find no water.**

Sometimes cause strife

**Genesis 21:25**

**Then Abraham complained to Abimelek about a well of water that Abimelek's servants had seized.**

## NAMES OF WELLS

BEER

**Numbers 21:16-17**

**From there they continued on to Beer, the well where the Lord said to Moses, "Gather the people together and I will give them water." Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well!"**

BEER-ELIM

**Exodus 15:27**

**Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.**

BEER-IAHAI-ROI (well of the Living One who sees me)

**Genesis 16:14**

**She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi. (well of the Living One who sees me).**

BEER-SHEBA (well of seven and well of the oath)

**Genesis 21:30, 31**

**He replied, "Accept these seven lambs from my hand as a witness that I dug this well." So that place was called Beersheba (well of seven and well of the oath), because the two men swore an oath there.**

BEEROTH

**Deuteronomy 10:6**

**And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera; there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.**

ESEK (dispute)

**Genesis 26:20**

**But the herders of Gerar quarreled with those of Isaac and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek (dispute), because they disputed with him.**

HAGAR

**Genesis 21:19**

**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.**

JACOB

**John 4:6**

**Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.**

REHEBOTH (room)

**Genesis 26:22**

**He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth (room), saying, "Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land."**

SITNAH (opposition)

**Genesis 26:21**

**Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also, so he named it Sitnah (opposition).**

WELLS CAN BE FIGURATIVE OF

One's wife

**Proverbs 5:15**

**Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.**

Mouth of the righteous

**Proverbs 10:11**

**The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life.**

Wisdom

**Proverbs 16:22**

**Prudence is the fountain of life to the prudent.**

Salvation

**Isaiah 12:3**

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

Rich blessings

**Jeremiah 2:13**

**My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water (the fountain of living waters), and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.**

False teaching

**2 Peter 2:17**

**These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.**

The Holy Spirit

**John 4:10**

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

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## WHAT ANGELS DO

PRAISE GOD AND HIS NAME

**Psalm 148:2, 5**

**Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts... let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.**

**Psalm 103:20-21**

**Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.**

RETURN WITH JESUS TO EARTH

**Matthew 25:31 KJV**

**When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.**

OBEY THE LORD, DO HIS BIDDING AND DO HIS WILL

**Psalm 103:20-21**

**Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.**

DISPUTE WITH THE DEVIL

**Jude 9**

**But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"**

STOOD IN A ROAD WITH A DRAWN SWORD

**Numbers 22:22-31**

**The angel of the Lord stood in the road to oppose him... The donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road... she turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat her...Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn.**

REJOICE

**Luke 15:10**

**In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.**

LONG TO LOOK INTO THINGS

**1 Peter 1:12**

**Even angels long to look into these things.**

SOME COMMIT ERROR

**Job 4:18**

**If God places no trust in his servants, if he charges his angels with error, how much more those who live in houses of clay.**

FLY, PRAISE GOD

**Isaiah 6:2-4**

**Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.**

APPEAR IN DREAMS

**Matthew 1:20**

**After he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."**

**Matthew 2:13, 19**

**When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."**

**After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."**

BRING MESSAGES TO PEOPLE

**Luke 2:10-12**

**But the angel said to them [shepherds], "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."**

ATTENDED JESUS, STRENGTHENED JESUS

**Matthew 4:11**

**Then the devil left him and angels came and attended him [in the wilderness].**

**Luke 22:43**

**An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. (Jesus in the garden)**

ROLLED BACK STONE FROM JESUS' TOMB

**Matthew 28:5-7**

**An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it...The angel said to the woman, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples."**

SPOKE TO PEOPLE ABOUT WHERE JESUS WENT

**Acts 1:9-11**

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

GIVE MESSAGES, SERVE GOD

**Psalms 104:4**

**He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.**

SERVE THOSE WHO WILL INHERIT SALVATION

**Hebrews 1:14**

**Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?**

APPEAR TO PEOPLE IN HUMAN FORM

**Genesis 19:1**

**The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city.**

**Luke 1:26**

**In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. The virgin's name was Mary.**

**John 20:12**

**As she [Mary Magdalene] wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.**

RELEASE PEOPLE FROM PRISON  
OPEN JAIL DOORS

**Acts 5:19**

**During the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.**

**Acts 12:7-10**

**Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists." ...The iron gate opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.**

AT JESUS' DISPOSAL

**Matthew 26:53**

**Do you not think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? (At that time a Roman legion comprised between 3,000 and 6,000 men.)**

ASSEMBLE BY THOUSANDS IN HEAVEN

**Hebrews 12:22**

**But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.**

ENCIRCLE THE THRONE AND LIVING CREATURES AND ELDERS

**Revelation 5:11**

**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.**

PUT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO DEATH

**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.**

WORSHIP GOD

**Revelation 7:11**

**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.**

ENCAMP AROUND PEOPLE

**Psalm 34:7**

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

GUARD PEOPLE

**Psalm 91:11-12**

**For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**

SHUT THE MOUTHS OF LIONS

**Daniel 6:22**

**My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king.**

OBSERVE PEOPLE

**1 Corinthians 4:9**

**For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men.**

ACCOMPANY CHRIST IN HIS SECOND ADVENT

**Matthew 25:31-32**

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

WEED OUT OF GOD'S KINGDOM EVERYTHING THAT  
CAUSES SIN AND ALL WHO DO EVIL AND  
THROW THEM INTO THE BLAZING FURNACE

**Matthew 13:39, 41-42**

**The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels...The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**



SUPPORTED DANIEL

**Daniel 10:13, 21**

**But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia... no one supports me against them except Michael.**

PROTECT GOD'S PROPLE

**Daniel 12:1-2**

**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.**

TELL MEANING OF VISIONS

**Daniel 8:15-16**

**While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man. And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision."**

GIVE INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING

**Daniel 9:21-22**

**While I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding."**

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## WHAT DOES THE LORD ASK AND REQUIRE OF YOU

**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)**

**Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. (Isaiah 1:17)**

**Maintain justice and do what is right. (Isaiah 56:1)**

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

**Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. (Amos 5:14-15)**

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

**Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? (Isaiah 58:6-7)**

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## WHAT GOD IS LIKE

### **Exodus 34:6-7**

**And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.**

### **Isaiah 57:15**

**For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."**

### **Jeremiah 10:12-13**

**But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. When he thunders, the waters in the heavens roar; he makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.**

### **Jeremiah 10:16**

**He who is the Portion of Jacob is not like these, for he is the Maker of all things, including Israel, the tribe of his inheritance—the Lord Almighty is his name.**

### **Jeremiah 9:24**

**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.**

### **Jeremiah 10:10**

**But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King.**

### **Zephaniah 3:17**

**The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.**

### **Psalms 33:4-5**

**For 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.**

### **Psalms 33:6-7**

**By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.**

**Psalm 33:8-9**

**Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

**Psalm 33:10-11**

**The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.**

## NAMES OF GOD

Adonai - Genesis 15:2  
Adonai Jehovah - Genesis 15:2  
El Elyon - Genesis 15:2  
El Olam - Genesis 21:33  
El Shaddai - Genesis 17:1  
Elohim - Genesis 1:1  
Eternal God - Genesis 21:33  
God Almighty - Genesis 17:1  
I AM - Exodus 3:14  
Jehovah - Exodus 34:6  
Jehovah Elohim - Exodus 34:6  
Jehovah-jireh - Exodus 34:6  
Jehovah-nissi - Exodus 34:6  
Jehovah-rapha - Exodus 34:6  
Jehovah Sabaoth - 1 Samuel 1:3  
Jehovah-shalom - Exodus 34:6  
Jehovah-shammah - Exodus 34:6  
Jehovah-tsidkeny - Exodus 34:6  
Lord, God - Genesis 15:2  
Lord Almighty - 1 Samuel 1:3  
Lord God - Exodus 34:6  
Most High - Genesis 14:18  
Sovereign - Genesis 15:2  
A Trinity - Matthew 28:19  
Visible in Christ - John 1:18

## WHAT GOD CAN DO

God created the heavens and the earth - Genesis 1:1  
With God all things are possible - Matthew 19:26  
Nothing is impossible with God - Luke 1:37  
Part the Red Sea - Exodus 14:15-22  
Come down in a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire - Exodus 13:21-22  
Cause the mountain to tremble like an earthquake - Exodus 19:16-19  
Caused water to come from rock - Exodus 17:1-7

Cause a barren woman to have a child in old age - Genesis 17:15-19; 18:10  
Cause the priests to fall down (Solomon dedicating the temple) 1 Kings 8:10-11  
Cause Jonah to be saved by a whale - Jonah 1:17  
Save Lot from destruction - Genesis 19:1-29  
Save Noah through the ark - Genesis 6-8  
Elijah - caused fire to burn up sacrifice and rain to stop and start - 1 Kings 18:16-46  
Joseph - told him how to keep Mary and baby safe - Matthew 2:13  
Mary - caused her to conceive by the Holy Spirit - Luke 1:26-35  
Annaias and Sophira - caused them to die - Acts 5:1-11  
120 in upper room - sent his Holy Spirit on them - Acts 2:1-4  
Enoch - caught up into heaven without dying - Genesis 5:24  
Elijah - the Lord came to him as a still small voice - 1 Kings 19:11-13  
David - caused his stone to kill Goliath - 1 Samuel 17  
Paul and Silas - set free from prison while singing and worshiping God - Acts 16:25-28  
Peter - set free from prison - Acts 12:1-18  
Passover night - saved the Jews - Exodus 12  
Samuel - God spoke to him and called him - 1 Samuel 3  
Gideon - spoke to him, led him in victory - Judges 6:11-7:22  
Flooded earth - Genesis 6-8  
Samson - gave him supernatural strength - Judges 13-16  
Wise men - sent a star to guide them to the newborn child - Matthew 2:1-12  
Jesus - gave us salvation through Him - Acts 4:10-12  
John given vision of Revelation - Revelation 1 through 22  
Saints - will rapture them - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
God will destroy the old earth - Matthew 24:35; 2 Peter 3:10-12  
God will create a new heaven and a new earth - 2 Peter 3:13  
Methusala died, then flood came. His name means that - Genesis 5:27  
Saves believers from wrath - Romans 5:9. 1 Thessalonians 5:9, Revelation 3:10  
Saved Hagar - Genesis 21:9-21  
Picked Esther to be queen and save her people - Esther 2-10  
Reveals His existence through His creation - Romans 1:18-20  
Caused the sun to stand still - Joshua 10:12-14  
Jesus came as a human to save us - John 12:44-50; Luke 19:5-10; John 3:16-18  
Many dead holy people were raised to life when Jesus died. - Matthew 27:51-53  
Jesus will reign from Jerusalem - Jeremiah 3:17; Luke 1:30-33; Matthew 5:35  
Satan - Jesus saw him to fall after sinning - Luke 10:18  
God prepared hell for Satan and his angels - Matthew 25:41  
Wins victory over the devil - Romans 16:20; Hebrews 2:14; John 16:11; Matthew 4:1-11  
Will live with saints in New Jerusalem on new earth - Revelation 21  
Transported Philip from desert to city of Azotus - Acts 8:26-40  
Spoke to Cornelius, brought Peter to tell them about salvation, saved them - Acts 10:1-48  
Called Paul and Barnabas through prophetic word - Acts 13:1-3

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## WHAT THE LORD TOLD THE SEVEN CHURCHES TO DO

### Revelation 2:4-6

I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. But you have this in your favor: you hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

### Revelation 2:10

Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer... Be faithful even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

### Revelation 2:14-16

I have a few things against you: you have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

### Revelation 2:20-25

I have this against you: you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will strike her children dead. 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.

Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called secrets (I will not impose any other burden on you). Only hold on to what you have until I come.

### Revelation 3:1-3

You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

### Revelation 3:10-11

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. I am coming soon. **Hold on to what you have**, so that no one will take your crown.

**Revelation 3:15-20**

**You are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich, and with clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness, and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.**

**Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.**

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A SUMMARY

1. You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.
2. Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer... Be faithful even to the point of death
3. Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth (for the teachings of Balaam and the Nicolaitans)
4. I will make those who commit adultery with her (Jezebel) suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will strike her children dead. I will repay each of you according to your deeds. To the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called secrets - Only hold on to what you have until I come.
5. You are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent.
6. 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. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.
7. Because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich, and with clothes to wear, so you can

cover your shameful nakedness, and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock

1. Forsaken first love
2. Will suffer
3. Follow teachings of Balaam and Nicolaitans
4. Commit adultery with Jezebel
5. Are dead, deeds not complete
6. Kept from the hour of trial
7. Lukewarm, think they are rich, deceived



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## WHEAT

### **Matthew 13:8-9**

**Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.**

### FIGURATIVE OF SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

**But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you. (Psalm 81:16)**

### FIGURATIVE OF GOD'S WORD

**Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? Says the Lord. (Jeremiah 23:28 RSV)**

### FIGURATIVE OF CHRISTIANS

**His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire. (Matthew 3:12)**

### FIGURATIVE OF CHRIST'S DEATH

**I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. (John 12:24)**

### FIGURATIVE OF RESURRECTION

**When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. (1 Corinthians 15:37)**

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## WHO I AM IN CHRIST

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

**1. I am a new creation in Christ.**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor. 5:17)

**2. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.**

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

**3. I am the salt of the earth.**

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.” (Matt 5:13)

**4. I am the light of the world.**

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matt 5:14)

**5. What I say in faith without doubt, I get.**

“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” (Mark 11: 22-24)

**6. I ask and receive; I seek and find; I knock and the door is opened to me.**

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Luke 11:9-10)

**7. I have eternal life.**

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him. (John 3:36)

**8. I have passed from death into life.**

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

**9. Streams of living water flow from within me.**

“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” (John 7:38)

**10. The truth has set me free.**

Jesus said, “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)

**11. If I ask anything in Jesus’ name, He will do it.**

“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” (John 14:13-14)

**12. I am in Christ, and Christ is in me.**

“On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.” (John 14:20)

**13. I have peace.**

“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)

**14. I will bear much fruit.**

“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.” (John 15:5)

**15. I am loved by Jesus.**

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love...” (John 15:9)

**16. I am loved by the Father.**

“The Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.” (John 16:27)

**17. I belong to God.**

“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.” (John 17:9)

**18. I have the full joy of Jesus.**

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.” (John 17:13)

**19. I am protected from the evil one.**

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.” (John 17:15)

**20. I am sanctified in the truth of God’s Word.**

“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” (John 17:17)

**21. I have been sent into the world.**

“As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.” (John 17:18)

**22. I have God’s glory.**

“I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one...” (John 17:22)

**23. I have forgiveness of sins through Christ.**

Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (Acts 13:38)

**24. I have been freed from all sins.**

Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses. (Acts 13:39)

**25. I am among the called of Jesus Christ.**

And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:6)

**26. I am loved by God, a saint.**

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints... (Romans 1:7)

**27. I have been justified by faith and I have peace with God.**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... (Romans 5:1)

**28. I have grace through faith.**

(Jesus Christ)...through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. (Romans 5:2)

**29. I have perseverance, character, and hope.**

We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. (Romans 5:3-4)

**30. The love of God has been poured out in my heart through the Holy Spirit.**

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

**31. I have been justified by His blood and saved from the wrath of God.**

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! (Romans 5:9)

**32. I reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.**

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:17)

**33. I have been made righteous through the obedience of Christ.**

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19)

**34. I have died to sin.**

We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? (Romans 6:2)

**35. I have been baptized into Christ's death.**

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? (Romans 6:3)

**36. I have been raised from the dead to walk in newness of life.**

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)

**37. I am no longer a slave of sin.**

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. (Romans 6:6)

**38. I am dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:11)

**39. I am not under law, but under grace.**

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

**40. I am a slave of righteousness.**

You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. (Romans 6:18)

**41. I have now no condemnation.**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)

**42. I have been set free from the law of sin and of death.**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)

**43. I have life in my mortal body through His Spirit who dwells in me.**

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Romans 8:11)

**44. I am a child of God.**

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. (Romans 8:16)

**45. I am an heir of God and fellow heir with Christ.**

Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. (Romans 8:17)

**46. All things are working together for my good.**

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

**47. I have all things.**

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:32)

**48. No power can separate me from the love of God.**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

**49. I have a measure of faith.**

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: 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)

**50. I have been given gifts.**

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. (Romans 12:6)

**51. Whether I live or die, I am the Lord's.**

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. (Romans 14:8)

**52. I am full of goodness and filled with all knowledge.**

I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another. (Romans 15:14)

**53. I am sanctified in Jesus Christ.**

To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy... (1 Corinthians 1:2)

**54. I have been given the grace of God in Christ Jesus.**

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

**55. I do not lack any spiritual gift.**

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. (1 Corinthians 1:7)

**56. I am called into fellowship with Jesus Christ my Lord.**

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

**57. I have the mind of Christ.**

But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:16)

**58. I am God's fellow-worker; I am God's field, God's building.**

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. (1 Corinthians 3:9)

**59. I am a temple of God in which the Spirit of God dwells.**

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16)

**60. I have been bought with a price.**

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

**61. I will be raised from the dead imperishable and put on immortality.**

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. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)

**62. I am comforted by God so I can comfort others.**

...God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

**63. I am delivered from the peril of death.**

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. (2 Corinthians 1:10)

**64. I am sealed in Christ, and have been given his Spirit as a deposit.**

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

**65. I am being transformed into the likeness of the Lord.**

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

**66. My inner man is being renewed day by day.**

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

**67. I have a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. (2 Corinthians 5:1)

**68. I walk by faith, not by sight.**

We live by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

**69. I am a new creation in Christ, old things have gone, the new has come.**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

**70. I have the ministry of reconciliation.**

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

**71. I am an ambassador for Christ.**

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

**72. I have all sufficiency in everything.**

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

**73. I am crucified with Christ.**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. (Galatians 2:20)

**74. I have the fruit of the Spirit.**



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:23)

**75. I am blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

**76. I am chosen in Him, holy and blameless before Him.**

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

**77. I am a son through Jesus Christ.**

In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will... (Ephesians 1:5)

**78. I have been raised up and seated with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:6)

**79. I am saved by grace through faith.**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8)

**80. I have a power source within me which is able to do immeasurably more than all I ask or imagine.**

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 3:20)

**81. I am confident that He who began a good work in me will carry it on to completion.**

...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6)

**82. God is at work in me to will and to act according to his good purpose.**

...for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (Philippians 2:13)

**83. The peace of God guards my heart and mind.**

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

**84. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.**

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)

- 85. God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**  
And God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.  
(Philippians 4:19)
- 86. I have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the kingdom of the Son.**  
For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
(Colossians 1:13)
- 87. All my sin debt was paid in full at the cross.**  
He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.  
(Colossians 2:13-14)
- 88. I will meet the Lord in the air.**  
After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thessalonians 4:17)
- 89. God has not given me a spirit of timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline.**  
For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- 90. I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him.**  
I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. (2 Timothy 1:12)
- 91. The Lord has laid up for me the crown of righteousness.**  
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. (2 Timothy 4:8)
- 92. Angels have been sent out to minister to me.**  
Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?  
(Hebrews 1:14)
- 93. As I enter God's rest I rest from my own work.**  
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. (Hebrews 4:9-10)
- 94. I have a high priest who can sympathize with my weaknesses.**  
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. (Hebrews 4:15)

**95. I have a great cloud of witnesses surrounding me.**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (Hebrews 12:1)

**96. God disciplines me for my good that I may share His holiness.**

God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. (Hebrews 12:10)

**97. I have received a kingdom which cannot be shaken.**

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful... (Hebrews 12:28)

**98. God will never leave me or forsake me.**

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

**99. I am a chosen person, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, belonging to God.**

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)

**100. I am a part of the family of God and I have received mercy.**

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:10)

**101. By His wounds I am healed.**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

**102. I am an overcomer because the one who is in me is greater than the one who is in the world.**

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (1 John 4:4)

**103. I have confidence before Him if I ask anything according to His will.**

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him. (1 John 5:14-15)

**104. He is able to keep me from falling and to present me before his presence.**

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy-- (Jude 24)

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**Revelation 3:7-8**

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

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

**Psalm 23:6**

**Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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

**Psalm 27:4**

**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.**

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

**Psalm 139:13**

**You knit me together in my mother's womb**

(He made me.)

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

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

(I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus)

**Isaiah 30:15**

**In quietness and confidence is your strength.**

(My strength is in quietness and confidence in Him)

**Psalm 8:32**

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

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

**Matthew 28:20**

**And Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.**

(Jesus is always with me)

**Luke 2:19**

**But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.**

(I keep things and ponder them)

**Jeremiah 1:5**

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

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

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

**Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “Now, I have put my words in your mouth.”**

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

#### **Habakkuk 2:2**

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

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

#### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

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

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

#### **Psalms 27:4**

**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.**

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

#### **Psalms 91:1**

**He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

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

#### **Revelation 14:4**

**They follow the Lamb wherever he goes.**

(I follow Jesus wherever He goes)

#### **Isaiah 50:4**

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

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

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A SUMMARY

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## WILL OF THE FATHER

**This then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." - Matthew 6:9-10**

**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." - Matthew 12:49, 50**

**Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. - Romans 12:2**

## IRRESISTIBLE

**The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of men. - Daniel 4:17**

**Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. - John 1:13**

**One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" - Romans 9:19**

**In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. - Ephesians 1:5**

**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**

## FULFILLED BY CHRIST

**He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." - Matthew 26:42**

**"Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." - Mark 14:36**

**Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.  
- Luke 22:42**

**"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."  
- John 4:34**

**By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me. - John 5:30**

**Then I said, "Here I am - it is written about me in the scroll - I have come to do your will, O God." - Hebrews 10:7**

#### HOW PERFORMED

**If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. - John 7:17**

**Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. - Ephesians 6:6**

**Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. - Colossians 4:12**

**It is God's will that you should be sanctified. - 1 Thessalonians 4:3**

**Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**May the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ. - Hebrews 13:21**

**For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish man. - 1 Peter 2:15**

**As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. - 1 Peter 4:2**

**The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. - 1 John 2:17**

**Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. - 1 John 3:21-23**



TO BE SUBMITTED TO

**You ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." - James 4:15**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. - Matthew 6:10**

**When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done." - Acts 21:14**

**I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. - Romans 1:10**

**Pray that I may be rescued... so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed. - Romans 15:32**

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## WINE

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

The master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." - John 2:6-10

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 new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom. - Matthew 26:27-28

And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins. - Mark 2:22

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

[He makes]... wine that gladdens the heart of man. - Psalm 104:15

A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes life merry. - Ecclesiastes 10:19

Do not get drunk on wine which leads to debauchery. Instead be filled with the Spirit... 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. - Ephesians 5:18-20

Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses. - 1 Timothy 5:23

**Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. - Isaiah 55:1**

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## WINGS AND FEATHERS

**Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God and I trust in Him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. - Psalm 91:1-4 NLT**

**Those who go to God Most High for safety will be protected by the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "You are my place of safety and protection. You are my God and I trust you." God will save you from hidden traps and from deadly diseases. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you can hide. His truth will be your shield and protection. - Psalm 91:1-4 NCV**

**Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself.'" - Exodus 19:3-4**

**Make an atonement cover of pure gold...and make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover... the cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them... There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites. - Exodus 25:20**

**The cherubim had their wings spread upward overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim faced each other, looking toward the cover. - Exodus 37:9**

**He placed the cherubim inside the innermost room of the temple, with their wings spread out. The wing of one cherub touched one wall, while the wing of the other touched the other wall, and their wings touched each other in the middle of the room. - 1 Kings 6:27**

**The priests then brought the ark of the Lord's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim. The cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark and overshadowed the ark and its carrying poles. - 1 Kings 8:6-7**

**May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge. - Ruth 2:12**

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

**Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. - Psalm 36:7**

**I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest." - Psalm 55:6**

**Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. - Psalm 57:1**

**I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. - Psalm 61:4**

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

**Even while you sleep among the campfires, the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold. - Psalm 68:13**

**If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me. - Psalm 139:9**

**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. - Isaiah 6:1-2**

**But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31**

**Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. - Isaiah 6:2**

**But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. - Malachi 4:2**

**O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! - Luke 13:34**

**Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. - Revelation 4:8**

**When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. 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. - Revelation 12:13-14

**In the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was that of a man, but each of them had four faces and four wings. Their legs were straight; their feet were like those of a calf and gleamed like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had the hands of a man. All four of them had faces and wings, and their wings touched one another... Their wings were spread out upwards; each had two wings, one touching the wing of another creature on either side, and two wings covering its body... When the creatures moved, I heard the sound of their wings, like the roar of rushing waters, like the voice of the Almighty, like the tumult of an army. When they stood still, they lowered their wings. - Ezekiel 1:5-9, 11, 24**

**Spread out above the heads of the living creatures was what looked like an expanse, sparkling like ice and awesome... There came a voice from above the expanse over their heads as they stood with lowered wings. Above the expanse over their heads was what looked like a throne of sapphire, and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man... this was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. - Ezekiel 1:22, 25-26, 28**

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## WISDOM

**Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt. - 1 Kings 4:30**

**Oh, how I wish that God would speak, that he would open his lips against you and disclose to you the secrets of wisdom, for true wisdom has two sides. - Job 11:6**

**But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding come from? Man does not comprehend its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living...It cannot be bought with the finest gold, nor can its price be weighed in silver... God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells...The fear of the Lord - that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding. (Job 28:12-13, 15, 23, 28)**

**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; and in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed. (Proverbs 3:13-18)**

**My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble; when you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. (Proverbs 3:21-24)**

**Lay hold on my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live. Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. (Proverbs 4:4-7)**

**Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life. (Proverbs 4:13)**

**My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight, that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge. (Proverbs 5:1-2)**

**My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. (Proverbs 7:1-3)**

**Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. (Proverbs 8:10-11)**

**My [wisdom's] fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. (Proverbs 8:19)**

**Listen to the words of the wise; apply your heart to my instruction. For it is good to keep these sayings in your heart and always ready on your lips. I am teaching you today - yes, you - so you will trust in the Lord. (Proverbs 22:17-19 NLT)**

**Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves those who have it. - Ecclesiastes 7:12**

**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 13:44)**

**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 13:45-46)**

**Every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old. (Matthew 13:52)**

**For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. - 1 Corinthians 1:21**

**We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. - 1 Corinthians 2:6**

**No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. - 1 Corinthians 2:7**

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



WISDOM OF GOD MADE KNOWN

THROUGH THE CHURCH



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

THROUGH THE FEAR OF THE LORD

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

THROUGH CREATION OF THE WORLD

**God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. - Jeremiah 10:12**

THROUGH ACTIONS

**But wisdom is proved right by her actions. - Matthew 11:19**

THROUGH JESUS

**And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. - Luke 2:52**

THROUGH HIDDEN TREASURES IN CHRIST

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THROUGH ASKING FOR IT

**If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. - James 1:5**

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## WITNESS

### **Proverbs 14:5**

**A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.**

### **Proverbs 14:25**

**A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.**

### **Isaiah 43:10**

**"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me."**

### **Isaiah 44:8**

**Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other rock; I know not one.**

### **Isaiah 55:3-4**

**I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples.**

### **Luke 24:46-49**

**He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witness of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised, but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."**

### **John 1:6-8**

**There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.**

### **John 15:26-27 RSV**

**But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning.**

### **Acts 1:8**

**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**

**Acts 2:32**

**God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witness of the fact.**

**Acts 5:32**

**We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.**

**Acts 10:39-41**

**We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen - by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.**

**Acts 22:14-15**

**Then he said: "The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard."**

**Acts 26:15-16**

**Then I [Paul] asked, "Who are you, Lord?"**

**"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," the Lord replied. "Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you."**

**Romans 8:16 RSV**

**It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.**

**Hebrews 12:1**

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

**Revelation 1:1-2**

**The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants what must soon take place; and he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.**

**Revelation 1:4-5**

**Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.**

**Revelation 3:14**

**To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: "These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation."**

**Revelation 11:3**

**And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.**

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## WITNESSING WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD

### **Luke 2:20**

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

### **Luke 7:21-22**

**At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John [the Baptist] what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."**

### **Luke 8:38-39**

**The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.**

### **John 3:31-36**

**[John the Baptist witnessing about Jesus] "The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. The man who has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."**

### **John 8:28-33**

**Then they [Pharisees] hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."**

**The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."**

### **Acts 1:4-8**

**On one occasion, while he [Jesus] was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."**

So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**Acts 4:18-20**

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

**Acts 22:14-15**

Then he [Ananias] said: "The God of our fathers has chosen you [Paul] to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard."

**1 John 1:1-3**

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.

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

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## WORD OF GOD

**Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no one else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. (Isaiah 45:22 KJV)**

**Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Psalm 119:11 KJV)**

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

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:1, 14)**

**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)**

## 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

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LAMP

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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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## WORK

**Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work. - Exodus 23:12**

**Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work. - Deuteronomy 5:14**

**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 of God. -Ecclesiastes 5:19**

**For according to the work of a man he will requite him, and according to his ways he will make it befall him. - Job 34:11 RSV**

**He repays a man for what he has done; he brings upon him what his conduct deserves. - Job 34:11 NIV**

**Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. - John 6:27**

**They asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." - John 6:28-29**

**Jesus said, "This happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." John 9:3-4**

**If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, this 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. - 1 Corinthians 3:13**

**Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. - Philippians 1:6**

**Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. - Philippians 2:12-13**

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

**Now I ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. - 1 Thessalonians 5:12**

**For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." - 2 Thessalonians 3:10**

**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. - Hebrews 6:10**

**Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. - 1 Peter 1:17**

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## WORSHIP

### **Hebrews 12:22-24**

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

### **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."**

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## WORSHIP

WHAT IS WORSHIP FOR US?  
HOW DO WE WORSHIP YOU, LORD?

### **Romans 12:1**

**Therefore I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.**

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### **Genesis 8:20**

**Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man.**

**Genesis 12:7**

**The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land," So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.**

**Genesis 22:9**

**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!"**

**Genesis 24:26**

**Then the man bowed down and worshiped the Lord, saying, "Praise be to the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey to the house of my master's relatives.**

**Exodus 4:31**

**And when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.**

**Exodus 12:25**

**When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.' Then the people bowed down and worshiped.**

**Deuteronomy 6:13**

**Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.**

**1 Samuel 1:19**

**Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah.**

**2 Samuel 12:20**

**Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped.**

**2 Kings 17:36**

**But the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt with mighty power and outstretched arm, is the one you must worship. To him you shall bow down and to him offer sacrifices.**

**1 Chronicles 16:29**

**Bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

**1 Chronicles 29:20**

**Then David said to the whole assembly, "Praise the Lord your God." So they all praised the Lord, the God of their fathers; they bowed low and fell prostrate before the Lord and the King. The next day they made sacrifices to the Lord and presented burnt offerings to him.**

**2 Chronicles 6:12-14**

**Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands...He stood on the platform and then knelt down before the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven.**

**2 Chronicles 20:21**

**Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."**

**Job 1:20**

**At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."**

**Psalm 5:7**

**But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple.**

**Psalm 29:2**

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

**Psalm 95:6**

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

**Psalm 99:5**

**Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.**

**Psalm 100:1-2, 4**

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

**Psalm 132:7**

**Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool.**

**Psalm 138:2**

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

**Ecclesiastes 5:1-2**

**Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.**

**Matthew 2:11**

**On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and myrrh.**

**Matthew 28:9**

**Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.**

**Matthew 28:17**

**Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted.**

**Luke 2:37**

**There was also a prophetess, Anna. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.**

**Luke 4:8**

**Jesus answered, "It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."**

**John 4:23-24**

**Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.**

**Philippians 3:3**

**For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh.**



**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 4:10-11**

The twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever 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 5:13-14**

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

**Revelation 11:16**

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."

**Revelation 14:7**

He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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## WRATH OF GOD

**(Psalm 91:7-8)**

**A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.**

**(Matthew 3:7)**

**But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?”**

**(John 5:24)**

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

**(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!**

**(1 Corinthians 11:32)**

**When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.**

**(1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)**

**They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.**

**(2 Thessalonians 2:7)**

**For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.**

**(1 Thessalonians 5:9)**

**For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**(Rev. 3:10)**

**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.**

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## WRITE

**These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. - Deuteronomy 6:6-9**

**When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees. - Deuteronomy 17:18-19**

**When you have crossed the Jordan into the land the Lord your God is giving you, set up some large stones and coat them with plaster. Write upon them all the words of this law when you have crossed over to enter the land the Lord your God is giving you. - Deuteronomy 27:3**

**"All this," David said, "I have in writing from the hand of the Lord upon me, and he gave me understanding in all the details of the plan." - 1 Chronicles 28:19**

**Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. - Proverbs 3:3**

**My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. - Proverbs 7:3**

**Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you. - Jeremiah 30:2**

**"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33**

**Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah and all the other nations from the time I began speaking to you in the reign of Josiah till now. - Jeremiah 36:2**

**Then the Lord replied, "Write the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end, and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay." - Habakkuk 2:2-3**

**"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time," says the Lord. "I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." - Hebrews 10:16**

**I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. - 1 John 5:13**

**Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. - Revelation 1:19**

**I will write on them 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 also will write on him my new name. - Revelation 3:12**

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## YOU ARE

### WHO GOD AND JESUS ARE TO ME

You are my strength (Exodus 15:2 song of Moses) (Philippians 4:13)  
You are my song (Exodus 15:2)  
You are my fortress that I run into and am safe (Psalm 18:2)  
You are my rock (Psalm 18:2)  
You are my deliverer (Psalm 18:2)  
You are my shield (Psalm 18:2)  
You are my guide (Isaiah 58:11)  
You are my instructor (Psalm 32:8)  
You are my teacher (Psalm 32:8)  
You are my counselor (Psalm 32:8)  
You are the One who watches over me (Psalm 32:8)  
You are the One who directs my path (Proverbs 3:5-6)  
You are the One who draws near to me (James 4:8)  
You are my joy (Psalm 43:4)  
You are my delight (Psalm 43:4)  
You are my life (John 14:6)  
You are my way (John 14:6)  
You are my truth (John 14:6)  
You are my secret place and shelter (Psalm 91:1)  
You are the One who never leaves me or forsakes me (Hebrews 13:5)  
You are the One whose love endures forever (2 Chronicles 5:13)  
You are the light of the world (John 8:12)  
You are the Bright Morning Star (Revelation 22:16)  
You are the One who strengthens those whose hearts are fully committed to You (2  
Chronicles 16:9)  
You are the Prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6)  
You are the Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)  
You are Mighty God (Isaiah 9:6)  
You are the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6)  
You are Jesus (Luke 1:31)  
You are Christ the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16)  
You are Immanuel - God with us (Isaiah 7:14)  
You are the Messiah of Israel (John 1:41, John 4:25-26)  
You are the Bread of Life (John 6:35)  
You are my peace (Romans 5:1)  
You are my healer (Isaiah 53:5)  
You are my salvation (Exodus 15:2)  
You are my redeemer (Galatians 3:13)  
You are my kinsman redeemer (Ruth 3:9)

You are the LORD God of hosts (Psalm 46:11 NKJV)  
You are the Lord, the spring of living water (Jeremiah 17:13)  
You are my refuge in the day of disaster (Jeremiah 17:17)  
You are the God of Jacob who is our refuge. (Psalm 46:11 NKJV)  
You are my hope and anchor (Hebrews 6:19)  
You are the one who keeps me from all harm. (Psalm 121:7)  
You are the Lord who watches over my coming and going. (Psalm 121:8)  
You are a warrior (Exodus 15:3)  
You are my best friend (John 15:13, Proverbs 17:17)  
You are the One who lives inside me (John 14:20) (1 Corinthians 3:16) (Galatians 2:20)  
You are my blood sacrifice (Hebrews 9:12)  
You are the One I love (Psalm 116:1)  
You are the One I choose (Joshua 24:15)  
You are the One I believe (John 11:27)  
You are the One who loves me (John 15:9) (Romans 1:7)  
You are the One I belong to (John 17:9)  
You are the One who protects me (John 17:15)  
You are my glory (John 17:22)  
You are my crown.(Revelation 2:10)  
You are the One who forgives my sins (Acts 13:38)  
You are the One who calls me (Romans 1:6)  
You are the One who saves me from God's wrath (Romans 5:9)  
You are the One who makes me righteous (Romans 5:19)  
You are my Father (Romans 8:16)  
You are the One who gives me faith (Romans 12:3)  
You are the One who gives me gifts (Romans 12:6)  
You are the One who gives me grace (Romans 12:6)  
You are the One I belong to (Romans 14:8)  
You are the One who calls me into fellowship (1 Corinthians 1:9)  
You are my deliverer (2 Corinthians 1:10)  
You are the One who renews me day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16)  
You are the One who chose me (Ephesians 1:4)  
You are the One who adopted me as Your son (Ephesians 1:5)  
You are the One who works in me to will and act according to Your good purpose  
(Philippians 2:13)  
You are the One who meets all my needs (Philippians 4:19)  
You are the one who rescued me from darkness (Colossians 1:13)  
You are my High Priest (Hebrews 4:15)  
You are the One who disciplines me (Hebrews 12:10)  
You are the One who is able to keep me from falling (Jude 24)  
You are my intercessor (Hebrews 7:25)

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## YOU WILL CALL & HE WILL HEAR YOU

**Job 22:27**

**You will pray to him, and he will hear you.**

**Isaiah 65:24**

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

**Isaiah 30:19**

**How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.**

**Isaiah 55:6**

**Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.**

**Psalm 50:15**

**Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.**

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## YOUR WORDS

### **Matthew 12:34-37**

**You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.**

### **Proverbs 10:11**

**The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life.**

### **Proverbs 10:13**

**Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning.**

### **Proverbs 10:19-21**

**He who holds his tongue is wise. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver. The lips of the righteous nourish many.**

### **Proverbs 10:31**

**The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom.**

### **Proverbs 12:25**

**An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.**

### **Proverbs 13:2**

**From the fruit of his lips a man enjoys good things.**

### **Proverbs 13:14**

**The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.**

### **Proverbs 15:23**

**A man finds joy in giving an apt reply - and how good is a timely word!**

### **Proverbs 25:11**

**A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.**

### **Ecclesiastes 5:2**

**Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.**

### **Ecclesiastes 10:12**



**Words from a wise man's mouth are gracious.**

**Isaiah 50:4**

**The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.**

**Jeremiah 23:30-32**

**"Therefore," declares the Lord, "I am against the prophets who steal from one another words supposedly from me. Yes," declares the Lord, "I am against the prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare, 'The Lord declares.' Indeed, I am against those who prophesy false dreams," declares the Lord. "They tell them and lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them."**

**Matthew 6:7-8**

**And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.**

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## THE ZEAL OF THE LORD ALMIGHTY

**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 9:7**

**O Lord, your hand is lifted high, but they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for your people and be put to shame; let the fire reserved for your enemies consume them. - Isaiah 26:11**

**Once more a remnant of the house of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above. For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. - Isaiah 37:32**

**The Lord will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies. - Isaiah 42:13**

**He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. - Isaiah 59:17**

**I endure scorn for your sake, and shame covers my face. I am a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my own mother's sons; for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me. - Psalm 69:9**

**His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."  
- John 2:17**

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## ZION

**Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion, the City of David. (1 Chronicles 11:5)**

Zion, the ancient Jebusite stronghold, was on the south part of the eastern hill of Jerusalem. It is called "the City of David" and is associated with the Davidic royalty both historically and prophetically (1 Chronicles 11:5, 7; Psalm 2:6). The name "Zion" is often used of the whole city of Jerusalem, considered as the city of God (Psalm 48:2-3); especially in passages referring to the future kingdom age (Isaiah 1:27; 2:3; 4:1-6; Joel 3:16; Zechariah 1:16-17; 8:3-8; Romans 11:26. In Hebrews 12:22 the word is used symbolically of heaven. (From NIV Scofield Study Bible note on 1 Chronicles 11:5)

**Zion will be redeemed with justice, her penitent ones with righteousness. (Isaiah 1:27)**

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

**The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. (Isaiah 2:2-4)**

**In that day...those who are left in Zion, who remain in Jerusalem, will be called holy; all who are recorded among the living in Jerusalem...Then the Lord will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night, over all the glory will be a canopy. It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain. (Isaiah 4:3, 5-6)**

**The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel. Then you will know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; never again will foreigners invade her. (Joel 3:16-17)**

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

**Proclaim further: This is what the Lord Almighty says: "My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem." (Zechariah 1:16-17)**

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

**This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God." (Zechariah 8:3, 7-8)**

**And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. (Romans 11:26)**

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