

LETTERS

From

GOD

Book One

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Jesus said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

Mark 10:14-16

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Psalm 50:7
Hear, O my people, and I will speak.
I am God, your God.

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DRAW NEAR TO ME

Draw near to Me, My child. I am here. I want to draw near to you so we can communicate with each other as you read this book. Draw near to Me and I will draw near to you.

How do you do that? Watch and I will show you. Read on and you will learn how.

Come away, My beloved. Be still and know that I am God. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Come near to God and he will come near to you. 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.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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. Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near. In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength. Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

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

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.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

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

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I SEEK YOU, LORD

You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. I will be found by you. But you must seek Me sincerely and wholeheartedly or you will not come into My presence. I know your heart, and I know when you are sincere. So seek Me with a sincere and single-minded heart, and you will find Me. I want to be found by you.

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 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.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. Speak, for your servant is listening.

(#1 and #2 from Psalm 27:4 Song of Solomon 8:14 Psalm 46:10 James 4:8 Hebrews 10:22 James 4:10 Psalm 25:9 James 4:7 Habakkuk 2:1 Proverbs 8:34 Psalm 27:14 Psalm 51:7 1 Samuel 3:10 Matthew 6:12 Matthew 4:17 John 15:7 Jeremiah 29:12 Jeremiah 29:13 Psalm 27:8 Matthew 7:7-8 Psalm 46:10 Psalm 37:7 Psalm 100:4 Matthew 22:37 Psalm 103:1 Psalm 150:6 1 Chronicles 16:24-25 Psalm 123:1 2 Chronicles 20:12 Hebrews 12:2 Isaiah 55:6 Psalm 145:18 Luke 22:19 Psalm 5:3 Proverbs 3:5-6 Matthew 11:28-29 Isaiah 30:15 Psalm 25:12 Psalm 25:14)

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LEARN TO BE PATIENT WITH ME

I will speak when it is time for Me to speak. I will act when it is time for Me to act. So trust Me with all your heart and wait for Me. Be patient and you will see My mighty holy works carried out in your own life.

Hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

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

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

We pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

(From Proverbs 19:11 Romans 8:25 Romans 12:12 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Galatians 5:22-24 Ephesians 4:1-2
Colossians 1:10-11 Colossians 3:12-14)

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PRAISE ME, MY CHILDREN

Praise is the key to My heart. Use that key to unlock the door to Me when you want to come close to Me and hear from Me.

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips...Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God; the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. 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.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

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

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers.

(From Psalm 34:1, 3 Psalm 95:1-7 Psalm 96:1-4 Psalm 100 Psalm 103:1-5 Psalm 104:33-34 Psalm 105:1-5 Daniel 2:20-23)

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RESTORE

I will restore those who come to Me. Come to Me, My children, for I am loving and kind and gracious, and I will restore you to the person you are meant to be. Look to Me and keep your eyes on Me, for I am the One who is able and can restore you.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old.

Restore us, O Lord God Almighty, make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved. Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us...Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

He [Jesus] must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

(From Psalm 23:3 Psalm 51:10 Psalm 51:12 Psalm 80:19 Psalm 85:4 Isaiah 40:31 Lamentations 5:21 Acts 3:21 2 Corinthians 4:16)

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MULTIPLICATION AND PROVISION

I will multiply what My people have and need. Notice what I did with the loaves and fishes. Notice the story about the gold coin in a fish's mouth. Notice how I multiplied oil. I will take care of My people. There are many ways I provide for My people.

ELIJAH FED BY RAVENS

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

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

WIDOW'S OIL INCREASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ANGELS FEED JESUS

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The

tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

FIVE THOUSAND FED

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

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

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

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

TRIBUTE MONEY PROVIDED WITH COIN

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

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

(From 1 Kings 17:4-7 2 Kings 4:1-7 Matthew 4:1-4, 11 Matthew 14:15-21 Matthew 17:24-27)

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IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE I WILL KEEP YOU

Do not be afraid, My children, for I am All Mighty. I will rescue when you are in trouble. I will keep you from it or through it, whichever is My best for you. So trust in My Word.

In the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me.

Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress protecting me from danger—so why should I tremble?

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. The Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

(From Psalm 27:5-6 Deuteronomy 33:12 Psalm 23:3-4 Psalm 27:1 Psalm 32:8 Psalm 32:10)

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I WILL TEACH YOU WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU

I am your Teacher. Listen to Me and follow Me. My Holy Spirit teaches you all that I lead Him to. Listen to My Spirit. He is your Guide, Teacher, and

Comforter. He will show you the holy way, the only way, to follow Me. If you follow Me, you will get to the best place for you to be - and at the right time too.

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

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you. I guide you in the way of wisdom, and lead you along straight paths.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.

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

(From Isaiah 48:17 Psalm 23:3 Psalm 24:9 Psalm 24:12 Psalm 32:8 Psalm 119:105 Proverbs 4:11)

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SELF-CONTROL

One thing that is very important for My children to learn is self-control. I will help you learn this important lesson. We will start with small things and progress to larger things. You will be a much happier person when you have this lesson accomplished.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

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

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

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

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

(From Galatians 5:23 1 Thessalonians 5:6 1 Thessalonians 5:8 Titus 2:11-13 1 Peter 1:13 1 Peter 4:7 1 Peter 5:8 2 Peter 1:5-8)

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I AM YOUR SHIELD

Would you like a shield to protect you? I am that shield and can and will protect you as you look to Me. Listen as I tell you what My Word says about shields.

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

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

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

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

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

(From Psalm 28:7 Psalm 7:10 Psalm 3:3 Ephesians 6:16 Psalm 91:3-4)

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SHINING

Those who follow Me will shine. Those who are righteous will shine. Those who lead others to Me will shine. I am the Shining One, and those who follow Me become like Me. So know, My little one, that you are, and will become, shining like Me as you listen to Me and follow Me. Do you want to shine? I want you to.

Commit your way unto the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

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

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

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

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

(From Psalm 37:5 Proverbs 4:18 Isaiah 60:1-3 Daniel 9:16 Matthew 5:14-16 Matthew 13:43 Philippians 2:14-16)

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SLEEP

Would you like to sleep well, My little child, like a baby sleeps, without worrying and without anxiety? Then I am your answer. I help My children sleep with a deep trusting rest that restores them and refreshes them like new. That is one of the gifts I have available for those who trust in Me and live in Me.

Remember, you are in Christ and He is in you. So trust in Him as He knows everything and He has all power and authority.

You will be protected and take your rest in safety. You will lie down, and none will make you afraid. He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. He grants sleep to those he loves. When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

(From Job 11:18 Job 11:19 Psalm 3:5 Psalm 121:4 Psalm 127:2)

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SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES

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

Would you like these spiritual blessings? There are many available. These spiritual blessings are more than you can know and count. Here are some of the blessings. You may look them up and read about them, and know they are available to all of My children.

Holy - Ephesians 1:4

Blameless - Ephesians 1:4

Chosen - Ephesians 1:4

Blessed - Ephesians 1:3

Predestined - Ephesians 1:5

Loved - Ephesians 1:4

Adopted - Ephesians 1:5

Grace - Ephesians 1:6

Life - Proverbs 8:34

Favor - Proverbs 8:34

New creation - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Righteousness of God - 2 Corinthians 5:21

Salt of the earth - Matthew 5:13

Light of the world - Matthew. 5:14

Eternal life - John 3:36

Streams of living water flow from within you - John 7:38

Set free by truth - John 8:32

Christ is in you - John 14:20

Peace - John 14:27

Bear much fruit - John 15:5

Joy – John 17:13
Protected from the evil one – John 17:15
Sanctified – John 17:17
Have God's glory – John 17:18
Forgiveness of sins – Acts 13:38
Called – Romans 1:6
Justified – Romans 5:1
Perseverance, character, hope – Romans 5:34
Saved from wrath of God – Romans 5; 9
Reign in life – Romans 5:17
Dead to sin – Romans 6:2
No condemnation – Romans 8:1-2
Child of God – Romans 8:16
Heir of God – Romans 8:17
All things – Romans 8:32
Spiritual gifts – Romans 12:6
Goodness, knowledge – Romans 15:14
Fellowship with Jesus – 1 Corinthians 1:9
Mind of Christ – 1 Corinthians. 2:16
His Spirit, sealed – 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
Transformed into likeness of Jesus - 2 Corinthians. 3:18
All sufficiency in everything – 2 Corinthians 9:8
Fruit of Spirit – Galatians 5:23
Every spiritual blessing – Ephesians 1:3
Power within me – Ephesians 3:20
Heart and mind guarded – Philippians 4:7
All my needs supplied – Philippians 4:19
In Jesus' kingdom – Colossians 1:13
Will meet the Lord in the air – 1 Thessalonians 4:17
Power, love, self-discipline – 2 Timothy 1:7
Crown of righteousness – 2 Timothy 4:8
Angels ministering to me – Hebrews 1:14
God's rest – Hebrews 4:9-10
High Priest - Jesus – Hebrews 4:15

Cloud of witnesses surrounding me – Hebrews 12:1
He will never leave or forsake me – Hebrews 13:5
Mercy – 1 Peter 2:10
Part of family of God – 1 Peter 2:10
Healed – 1 Peter 2:24
Overcomer – 1 John 4:4
Goodness – Psalm 23:6
Instructed, taught, counseled, watched over – Psalm 8:32
My path is directed – Proverbs 3:5-6
Abide under His shadow – Psalm 91:1
Instructed tongue – Isaiah 50:4
Listening ear – Isaiah 50:4
Immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine – Ephesians 3:20
Safety – Psalm 4:8
Authority to trample on snakes and scorpions – Luke 10:19
Authority to overcome all the power of the enemy – Luke 10:19
Nothing will harm me – Luke 10:19
Drive out demons – Mark 16:17
Speak in new tongues – Mark 16:17
Deadly poison will not hurt me – Mark 16:17
Place hands on the sick and they will get well – Mark 16:17

(From Ephesians 1:3)

~ 14 ~

STEADFAST

Be steadfast, My children. I am coming soon for you to bring you to be with Me here in heaven. I will help hold you steadfast as you cling to Me. I know it is difficult to live on the earth right now, but, IN ME, you can be strong and steadfast. Look to Me to do this in you. You cannot do it by yourselves.

Steadfast: resolutely, or dutifully firm and unwavering, loyal, faithful, firmly fixed, to stand by, stand still, stand ready, stand firm, remain true
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Therefore, My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

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

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

(From 1 Corinthians 15:58 Ephesians 6:13 1 Peter 5:10)

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ON TEMPTATION

Temptation will come your way, My children, but I do not bring it. It comes from the enemy, the evil one, and you must resist it. I will help you do that, for I resisted it when I was on the earth. So I know how to help you in your time of temptation. Look to Me, and I will show you the way to have victory and be an overcomer.

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

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

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

(From John 16:33 1 Corinthians 10:13 Ephesians 6:13-14)

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SEEK ME - I WILL BE FOUND BY YOU

If you seek him, he will be found by you.

I want to be found by you. Did you see that? I want you to seek Me because then I know you truly want to know Me and be with Me. Seeking Me gives Me proof that you want a relationship with Me. So seek Me, My child. I want to be found by you.

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

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

God looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. Blessed are they who keep his statutes, and seek him with all their heart. The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him. Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

"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.

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

(From 1 Chronicles 28:9 2 Chronicles 7:14 Psalm 24:3-6 Psalm 53:2 Psalm 119:2 Lamentations 3:25 Isaiah 55:6 Jeremiah 29:11-14 Matthew 6:33 Luke 11:9)

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ON THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving opens your way into My heart. It opens a pathway between us so we can relate with each other. I want you to be thankful for many reasons, and one of them is so we can be closer to each other and have a loving, communing relationship. Thanksgiving opens the way.

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

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call upon him in the day of trouble; He will deliver you, and you will honor him. He who sacrifices thank offerings honors him,

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give

thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

(From 1 Chronicles 16:8 Psalm 34:3 Psalm 50:14, 23 Psalm 95:1-2 Psalm 100:4 Psalm 107:1 Psalm 107:8-9 1 Corinthians 15:57 Colossians 3:17 1 Thessalonians 5:18 1 Timothy 4:4)

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SECRET THINGS

There are secret things in this world and in the spiritual world that I know about. I sometimes share those with My children when they are very close to Me. I want you to know that, so that if you begin to hear things from Me that you have not heard before, stop and ask Me if that is a secret thing I am sharing with you. In Matthew chapter 13 I talk about the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven.

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

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant. His secret is with the righteous. Surely the Lord God does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

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

The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables. So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.

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.

(From Deuteronomy 29:29 Psalm 25:15 Proverbs 3:32 Amos 3:7 Matthew 13:11-13 Mark 4:11 1 Corinthians 4:1 Colossians 2:2-3)

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THOSE CUT OFF FROM THE LORD

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

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

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

This will help you understand, so read what comes next.

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!

Those who did not "remain" in Me were like those (#2 and #3) who had the seed sown into them and followed Me for a while, but didn't "remain" in Me.

This will explain it further:

The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word.

The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced.

This will also help explain it:

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.

So those who “listen to My teaching” are contrasted here with those who “are not listening”. Those who “are not listening” will have what understanding they have taken away from them.

LISTENING to Me and My teaching is the key.

There are those who listen and continue to listen, and continue to listen. And there are those who listened for awhile, and gained a little understanding, but stopped listening.

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

He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.

To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

(From John 15:5-6 John 15:1-4 Matthew 13:3-8 Matthew 13:20-22 Matthew 13:11-12 John 15:2 John 15:6 Matthew 25:29-30)

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TIME

Time is very important to Me. So listen to what My Word says about time, and ask Me to show you how My timing affects your life. I have a special and specific timing for everything.

So if you try to go before it is My time, it will not go well. If you wait until it is after My time, it will not go well either. I can give you a second chance sometimes, but sometimes there is no second chance.

So seek Me daily for My timing for your day and all that I want to do with you that day.

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

For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter. And who knows but that you have come to your position for such a time as this?

I am the Lord; in its time I will do this swiftly. For the revelation awaits an appointed time. Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.

I will extol the Lord at all times. My times are in your hands.

(From Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Ecclesiastes 8:6 Esther 4:14 Isaiah 60:22 Habakkuk 2:3 Ephesians 5:15-16 Colossians 4:5 Psalm 31:15 Psalm 34:1)

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TODOLIST-BYGOD

Remember how you make a "to do" list for things you want to remember to do? Well, I have a "to do" list also for those who follow Me. The things on My list are found in My Word. Here are some of them for you to ponder, and think about, and pray about.

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

- Call on the Lord's name (1 Chronicles 16:8)
- Make known among the nations what the Lord has done (1 Chronicles 16:8)
- Sing to the Lord, sing praise to Him (1 Chronicles 16:9)
- Glory in the Lord's name and rejoice (1 Chronicles 16:10)
- Look to the Lord and His strength (1 Chronicles 16:11)
- Seek the Lord's face always (1 Chronicles 16:11)
- Remember the wonders, miracles the Lord has done, and the judgments the Lord has pronounced (1 Chronicles 16:12)
- Proclaim the Lord's salvation day after day. (1 Chronicles 16:23)
- Look after widows and orphans (James 1:27)
- Fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith (Hebrews 12:2)
- Throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles (Hebrews 12:1)
- Run with perseverance the race marked out for you (Hebrews 12:1)
- Consider Him (Jesus) who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart (Hebrews 12:3)
- Do not be wise in your own eyes (Proverbs 3:7)
- Repent and believe the good news (Mark 1:15)
- Believe all that the prophets have spoken (Luke 24:25)
- Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved - you and your household (Acts 16:31)
- Stop doubting and believe (John 20:27)
- Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9)
- Believe that God exists (Hebrews 11:6)
- Believe God rewards those who earnestly seek him (Hebrews 11:6)
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart (Proverbs 3:5)
- Don't lean on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5)
- In all your ways acknowledge the Lord (Proverbs 3:6)
- Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1)
- Do not conform to this world (Romans 12:2)
- Be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2)
- Be patient until the Lord's coming (James 5:7)

- Do not swear by heaven or earth or anything else (James 5:12)
- Let your yes be yes and your no be no. (James 5:12)
- If you lack wisdom, ask God for it (James 1:5)
- When you ask for wisdom, believe and not doubt (James 1:5)
- Give a cup of cold water in Jesus' name (Matthew 10:42)
- Feed the hungry (Matthew 25:35)
- Invite in strangers (Matthew 25:35)
- Give clothes to those in need (Matthew 25:35)
- Help the needy (Proverbs 14:21, 31)
- Visit those in prison (Matthew 25:35)
- Look after the sick (Matthew 25:35)
- Fear the Lord your God and serve Him only (Deuteronomy 10:20)
- Hold fast the Lord your God and take your oaths in His name (Deuteronomy 10:20)
- Watch because you do not know the day or hour of His return (Matthew 25:13)
- Feed My lambs (John 21:15)
- Feed My sheep (John 21:17)

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UNBELIEF

Unbelief is your enemy which you must overcome and which you must fight against. I have much to say in My Word about unbelief. Read what I say, and consider it, and ponder it carefully, and pray this prayer when you need to -

Help me overcome my unbelief!

I want you to know that unbelief is sin.

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. 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.

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

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.

What is the source of unbelief? These scriptures will help you understand that.

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

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.

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

How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! You do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice.

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

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.

These are some of the effects of unbelief. You will see these effects in the world you live in. Watch for them. Be sure you understand and do not follow them.

- They abandoned the Lord's commands and followed the idols
- They spoke against God
- They despised the pleasant land
- They did not believe his promise.
- They grumbled and did not obey the Lord
- Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.
- Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him
- But those who refused to believe stirred up others and poisoned their minds against the brothers
- They were broken off because of unbelief

(From Mark 9:24)

(From Hebrews 3:18-19 1 John 5:10 Hebrews 3:12 John 16:9 Titus 1:15-16)

(From 2 Corinthians 4:4 Hebrews 3:12 Acts 19:9 2 Thessalonians 2:10b-12 Luke 8:12 Luke 24:25 John 10:26-27 John 8:43-47 John 5:38)

(From 1 Kings 17:18 2 Kings 7:2 Psalm 78:19 Psalm 106:24-25 Matthew 24:11 John 12:37 Acts 14:2 Romans 11:20)

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WHO IS THE SON?

Come to Me, My child. I mean by that to draw even nearer to Me now and listen for what I want you to do next.

I want you to go to My Word now. Where? Where is the treasure place for you today?

Yes, it's Hebrews. That is the treasure spot for you today.

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

Who is the Son, My child? Who is the Son - according to My Word.

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Notice I speak to you by My Son through whom the universe was made.

SUMMARY OF - WHO IS THE SON?

- The Son is the radiance of God's glory
- He is the exact representation of God's being
- He sustains all things by His powerful word
- The Son is the One who is appointed heir of all things
- He is the One through whom God has spoken in these last days
- He is the One through whom God made the universe
- The Son provided purification for sins
- He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven
- He is much superior to the angels
- His name is superior to the angels

- He became the Son of our Father
- He is God's firstborn
- He is the One whom the Father told the angels to worship
- God says His Son's throne will last for ever and ever
- God says righteousness will be the scepter of His Son's kingdom
- The Son has loved righteousness and hated wickedness
- God has set Him above His companions by anointing Him with the oil of joy
- He laid the foundations of the earth
- The heavens are the work of His hands.
- They will perish, but He will remain.
- He will remain the same, and His years will never end.
- God told Him to sit at His right hand until He makes His enemies a footstool for His feet.
- God made Him, as Son of man, a little lower than the angels, but now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that He might, by the grace of God, taste death for everyone
- God made His Son, the author of salvation, perfect through suffering.
- The Son makes us holy, and we, who are made holy, are of the same family
- He is not ashamed to call us brothers
- He became a merciful and faithful High Priest in service to God
- He made atonement for the sins of the people
- He suffered when He was tempted, so is able to help us when we are tempted
- He is the Apostle and High Priest whom we confess
- He was faithful to God
- The Son has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses
- Christ is faithful as a Son over God's house. And we are His house
- His work has been finished since the creation of the world.

(From Hebrews 1:1 to 4:3)

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DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil

Deliver us from evil - is that My will?

Yes - as I gave you that prayer Myself.

If it is My will, and you know that, and ask - then you know that you have what you asked.

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.

(From Matthew 6:9-13 1 John 5:14-15)

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MY PRESENCE WILL GO WITH YOU

My presence will go with you all the time you live on the earth. Ask Me for that. I want to GO with you and BE with you all the days of your life. My Word tells you this over and over, so know that it is true as I, the Lord, do not lie.

My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest. I will be with you.

By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord. In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. 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; your right hand will hold me fast.

Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

(From Exodus 33:14 Exodus 3:12 Exodus 13:21 Psalm 31:20 Psalm 89:15 Psalm 139:7 Matthew 18:20
Matthew 28:20 Hebrews 13:5)

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STAY INSIDE WITH ME

"Outside" refers to outside the secret place, the house of the Lord, the bubble of your protection. Stay inside My bubble, My child, and I will keep you warm and safe.

He who dwells in the shelter (secret place) of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

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

(From Psalm 91:1-2 Psalm 27:4-5 Psalm 23:6)

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RECEIVE MORE UNDERSTANDING

Understanding comes from My Word. I will give you understanding in that way. Read My Word and expect to receive more understanding through it.

I gain understanding from your precepts. The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

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

(From Psalm 119:104 Psalm 119:130 Luke 24:45)

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PRIDE, REBELLION AND SUBMISSION

My children, listen to Me. This is a very important teaching for you today. Learn about pride and rebellion now.

Rebellion is part of the world system you live in right now. You will see it all around you every day in every conceivable venue. It is in families, in marriages, in schools, in work places, in the political arena, and in all walks of life - even in My church. Watch for it, because it is not of Me.

My way involves the opposite of rebellion - which is submission. Rebellion was the way of Satan when he sinned against Me and was thrown out of My heaven. It was part of the first sin. And it came from that first sin - pride. Pride is the root of rebellion.

So watch for pride and watch for rebellion. It is not of Me. And it is not My way.

Rebellion is part of the sin nature you were born with. Submission is the opposite of rebellion. That is why you are called into submission to the Lord - to cancel the effect of that sin nature.

Some people submit to a higher authority out of patriotism, some because it is a good thing to do. Some submit because it is logical.

But you are called into submission out of love - the same kind of submission I gave unto My Father. It involves denying yourself.

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

I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

I praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Do not rebel against the Lord. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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

(From Luke 9:23 Proverbs 8:13 Proverbs 16:18 Daniel 4:37 Numbers 14:9 Daniel 4:37 Numbers 14:9 Ephesians 5:21 Ephesians 5:21 James 3:17 James 4:7)

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TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, LORD

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

I want you to know that I am a Teacher also. I can teach you My ways. If I couldn't do that I would not have put that in My Word, the Bible. So you may ask Me to teach you My ways, My children. I like to do that, and I like it when My children ask Me to do that. Here is My answer -

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

Therefore, here is My instruction for you in order for Me to teach you -

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.

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

(From Exodus 33:12, 13 Psalm 32:8 Habakkuk 2:1 Proverbs 8:34)

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I KNOW YOU BY NAME

And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

Did you realize that I know you by name? All who belong to Me I know by name. I know who you are. I know what you are doing. And I know what you think and

feel each moment of each day. I know you by name. That is very important. You are known by Me.

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

My Word tells you in various places that I know you.

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. The sheep listen to my voice. I call my own sheep by name and lead them out.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

(From Exodus 33:17 John 10:14 -15 John 10:3-4 Psalm 139:1-4; Psalm 139:13-16)

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I AM WATCHING TO SEE THAT MY WORD IS FULFILLED

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

This is so important for you to understand, My children, that I am watching to see that My Word is fulfilled. My Word is powerful. It is fulfilled when you pray it back to Me - and when it is My will to fulfill it at the time I choose. I want you to understand how My will and My Word work together. Notice this scripture which talks about that.

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.

Read My Word every day and pray My Word back to Me. I hear you when you pray My Word. Your prayers and requests will be fulfilled much faster if you pray My Word to Me. I love My Word and I love to hear My children speaking and praying My Word.

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

(From Jeremiah 1:12 Isaiah 55:10-11 1 John 5:14-15 Hebrews 4:12)

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I WORK ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR YOUR GOOD

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

Notice there are two conditions here that allow Me to work for good in your life: (1) those who love Me, and (2) those who have been called according to My purpose.

So, first of all, see that you meet these two conditions.

Secondly, know that I work for your good, My children, in everything that happens in your life - if you allow Me to do that.

How do you allow Me to do that? By praising Me and thanking Me in everything that happens to you. Even if it seems bad to you from your earthly perspective, I can turn it into good from My perspective.

So trust in Me that I can do this and praise Me in anticipation of how I will use it for good.

(From Romans 8:28)

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SEARCH ME, O GOD

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

Sometimes you don't even know what is going on inside of you. But I do. So it is good to ask Me to search you and tell you what is going on. I will do that for you as you look to Me and ask Me and trust Me to do it.

Then listen until I reveal to you what I want you to know and understand. I want you to walk in a pure clean way with a pure clean heart. I am the One who knows your every thought and motive and desire, and I can reveal that to you as you seek Me.

(From Psalm 139:23-24)

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LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

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

The greatest thing I can share with you is to love the Lord your God with ALL your heart, mind, soul, and strength. What does that mean? Let Me explain that to you.

It depends on what love means. What does love mean?

- *Love means CARING in the deepest sense you can imagine, and then more.*
- *Love means having a heart set on doing the most good for the loved one.*
- *Love means putting the benefit of the loved one above your own benefit.*
- *Love means giving up what YOU want for the sake of the loved one.*

When the loved one is God - it means worshiping Him, honoring Him, extolling Him, praising Him, and thanking Him. It means searching until you find what He wants and then doing that for Him. It means giving up your self totally for His sake. It means listening to Him and following Him.

(From Matthew 22:37-40)

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THE GREATEST AMONG YOU WILL BE YOUR SERVANT

The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

What does this mean for you? A servant serves others and does it well. You are My servant and you are to be a servant, for Me, to others as I lead you.

A servant looks after the needs and wants of his Master. I am your Master and you serve Me.

But HOW do you serve Me? You serve Me by serving others. I demonstrated this when I washed My disciples' feet.

Jesus got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciple's feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him...

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

(From Matthew 23:11 John 13:4-5, 12-17)

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I HUMBLE YOU AND TEST YOU

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

I test those who belong to Me to show ME what is in them, and also to show THEM what is in them.

(From Deuteronomy 8:2)

~ 37 ~

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

My little children, nothing is impossible when you are with Me. With Me all things ARE possible. I want you to remember that. ALL THINGS.

I know that is quite a statement for you to believe, but it is true. I tell you the truth, remember? I always tell you the truth. I never lie. I cannot lie. It is not in Me to lie.

I tell you the truth, and the truth is that with Me all things are possible. Listen to My Word about that:

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God."

Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

(From Mark 10:27 Luke 1:34-37 Luke 18:27)

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BECOME MATURE AND COMPLETE

My heart's desire is that all My children become mature and complete, filled with all of Me and fully prepared for the good works I have for each one to do for Me.

Each child of Mine has his own unique place and ministry that I am preparing him for. It is the dream, the desire, that I have planted in his heart.

Fullness is what I'm after - My fullness in each of My children.

It is 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.

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to

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

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

(From Ephesians 4:11-13 Ephesians 3:17-19 Ephesians 2:10)

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YOUR JOY WILL BE COMPLETE

What does it feel like when your joy is complete? It feels like heaven, for in heaven you have complete joy. You can come close to that while on earth for short periods of time, but the full demonstration of complete joy is here in heaven with Me. I know complete joy, and I experience complete joy here. Ask, and you will receive, and you will have complete joy too, when you come up here. Until then, remain in My love so My joy may be in you.

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

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

(From John 15:10-11 John 16:23-24)

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IN MY NAME

Ask in My name. My name has power. It is the name above all names. My name expresses all that I am. I am all that you will ever need, and My name expresses that. So ask in My name. My name is Love. My name is Joy. My name is Peace.

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

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

I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name - ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

Father, protect them by the power of your name - the name you gave me - so that they may be one as we are one.

(From Philippians 2:9-11 Colossians 2:17 John 17:11 John 16:23-24)

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RENEWAL

Renewal is what I am after in your life day after day. I want to renew you and regenerate you so you will keep growing more and more like Me. I am the pattern you are to look to and follow day after day. I want you to become like Me. Then you will become perfect and ready to come to heaven when you pass from this earth into eternity.

So ask Me, My children. Ask Me to renew you. Pray these words from these scriptures over yourselves and your loved ones for renewal and regeneration in your lives. Then you will keep becoming like Me day after day. I am your life.

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

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all this benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with

love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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

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

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 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.

(From Psalm 51:10 Psalm 103:2-5 Isaiah 40:31 Romans 12:2 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

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WAITING FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

My children, waiting is an important part of your relationship with Me. I teach you and grow you in strength while you wait for Me. So learn the lesson of waiting patiently on Me.

Waiting requires faith and without faith it is impossible to please God. So learn to wait.

How do you learn to wait? By practicing it every day. Therefore, come to Me every day for a personal quiet time with Me and wait before Me.

Sometimes I will speak to you and sometimes I won't, but wait anyway. Know that I am doing good things in your life as you wait. That's why I mention it so often in My Word.

Here are some examples from My Word:

Wait for the Lord. Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

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

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.

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

(From Psalm 27:14 Hebrews 11:6 Psalm 37:7 Proverbs 8:34 Isaiah 40:31)

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SHOW ME YOUR WAYS

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

That is a quest I want you to seek Me for every day, My children. My ways are the right ways to go. Therefore ask Me every day to "show you My ways, and teach you My paths."

And I will do that. Sometimes I will show you and teach you, and it will be very plain and clear to you.

Other times I will show you and teach you, and you will not even know that I am doing that - until later when you realize it happened that way.

I am with you all the time if you are one of My children. And I know your thoughts and motives at all times. So it is good for you to seek Me every day. Then things will go well with you.

(From Psalm 25:4)

COME UNTO ME

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

What does this mean? And how do you come unto Me? That is my lesson for you today, My child. Listen and I will share this secret with you. Notice that I am gentle and humble in heart. That IS the way I am - gentle and humble in heart. So you don't ever need to be afraid of Me.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

I know I have said "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" but that fear talks about respect and reverence and honor towards Me. You may have that towards Me and not be afraid of Me.

Come unto Me means come to Me with every problem you face, with every need you meet during each day, and with all your questions. It means when you get weary and tired and burdened for something or someone, come to Me. Talk to Me about it. Tell Me your concerns.

Then listen and seek Me for what I will tell you about it. Listening is twice as important as speaking. Listening involves being quiet before Me and trusting Me that I WILL speak to you.

Be still and know that I am God. Your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

It will not be in an audible voice, like a person speaks on earth, but in that still small voice inside of you which you can hear when you are quiet before Me. It will seem like a thought, or an impression, or an idea. It may seem like it comes from yourself, but it really comes from Me.

And you will find rest for your soul.

(From Matthew 11:28-29 Psalm 111:10 Psalm 46:10 Isaiah 30:21)

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CREATE IN ME

(A song)

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth
Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

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

Yes, I am your Creator, My child. I am the One who created you, and I am continuing to create you day by day as you seek Me and allow Me. The song I gave you this morning running through your mind said to "Follow Me." Do that, and I will create in you a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within you.

To follow Me you must seek Me and look to Me and listen to Me. That's what it takes to follow Me day by day. So put Me first each morning as soon as you awake, and then continue to look to Me and follow Me all day. I will "create in you" all that I want you to be - with Me and for Me. I love you, My child.

(From Psalm 51:10)

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WHOM SHALL I FEAR?

The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid.

"THE LORD is the stronghold of my life."

I am the Lord. I am the stronghold of your life. Hold on to Me, My child, when you go forth into life on earth each day you live.

I am your Light and your Salvation. I am the Stronghold of your life. Remember this. Remind yourself of this daily as needed.

You do not need to be afraid, as I am with you always.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

(From Psalm 27:1 Matthew 28:20)

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YOUR WORD

I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.

Because you have hidden My word in your heart - then if you even think about sinning, My word will convict you to not do that. My word is alive and active and sharper than a two-edged sword to convict the thoughts of your heart.

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

The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.

The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding give understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple.

Learning your words gives wisdom and understanding for the foolish.

The unfolding of My words give light. It gives you understanding as you stand in childlike faith before Me. It gives you wisdom in ways you do not know about or understand.

You have little understanding or wisdom in the ways of the world, and in that sense, you are simple (lack understanding). But as you learn My words, those words enter you and unfold understanding and wisdom in you about how to live My way.

For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

(From Psalm 119:11 Psalm 119:130 Proverbs 6:23 Psalm 19:7)

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IF ANYONE LOVES ME, HE WILL OBEY MY TEACHING

If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching.

My children, I want you to know this. This is how you can tell if someone loves Me or not.

Some will say they love Me, but will not obey Me, so you can know that they really don't love Me.

You can tell if YOU love Me also, by whether you obey Me or not. Many will love Me AND obey Me.

(From John 14:23-24)