

TOPICAL STUDY

PART ONE

Over many years of studying the Word of God I have searched out various topics on which to do a deeper study. This book gives you the benefits of that study. May it bless you as you read it, and may you be encouraged to dig deeply into the Word of God in your own study.

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ABIDING

ABIDE - To continue in a place, to stay, or to dwell. Jesus urged his followers to abide in him. (John 15:4)

SCRIPTURES ON ABIDING

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

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell (abide) 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. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me. (Psalm 27:4-6)

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

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

Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. (Psalm 65:4)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1)

The fear of the Lord leads to life; and he who has it rests (abides) satisfied; he will not be visited by harm. (Proverbs 19:23)

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. (John 14:16)

Abide in me, and I in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. (John 15:4-7)

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain (abide) in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain (abide) in his love. (John 15:9-10)

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### **I AM THE LORD WHO WANTS YOU TO ABIDE IN ME**

*Abiding in Me, Joan, is one of the great secrets of the kingdom. If you abide in Me, then I will abide in you. If you abide in Me, then I will give you rest. If you abide in Me, I will keep you safe. Abiding in Me is living with Me and dwelling with Me - all the time, day and night, night and day. It is the place where you pray without ceasing, where you rejoice in Me always, and where you give me thanks in all things. It is in your mind, in your thinking, in your heart, that you abide with Me. Abiding in Me, in My dwelling place, is a wondrous place to be.*

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You are accepting who you are in Me. So be content in who you are. It pleases Me and it is what I want for you – and what you want for yourself inwardly. This is called “abiding in the shadow of the Almighty”. This is living in the “shelter of the Most High”. That’s why I have you read that Psalm (91) so often, so you can see and know the life I’ve called you to live. You are My living example of that Psalm. Every promise in that Psalm is yours.

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I can go as far as I can see in my “vision.” I can see in my vision spending more and more time listening to the Lord, sitting at His feet (as Mary did) and learning from Him. As I hear the secret desires of His heart, I can share in those dreams and pray for them. This is what I am to spend my time doing rather than “things” (like giving out tracts, soup kitchen, etc). My call is to build a deep and abiding relationship with the Lord.

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You got to sing it, teach it, write it, dramatize it, and encourage others – to know about Me and who I was and am. This was your life’s work and that’s what you did. That’s what you came to earth to do. And in this whole process you drew closer and closer to Me every day until you came into My secret place, My shelter, My fellowship, like you are now – and you have been abiding there and dwelling there.

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Abiding in Christ -

*It’s a place of being, a place of resting in Me.*

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You ARE abiding there right now, and that is where I want you every day and every hour of every day. Be there right now. I will show you the way. Do not worry or fret - just watch and see what I am doing and join Me.

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(From Bob Sorge's book *Secrets of the Secret Place* p. 209)

"Friendship with God comes not from striving after faith but from resting in the faithful one."

How you come to abide in Christ will be different from all others. We all abide differently because we are all unique creations of God.

We all have to find our own way to abiding in Christ. When all is said and done, we must shut the door, get into the secret place with God, and discover what an abiding relationship with Christ will look like for ourselves.

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(From *Secrets of the Secret Place* by Bob Sorge, p 211-212)

"Press into God like you never have in all your life. Allow the desperation of your soul to help you pursue God with absolute abandonment. The secret is this: If you seek Him with all your heart, He will guide you to the ancient river that runs deep in the heart of God."

"If you drink of this river everything in you and around you will begin to shake and shudder under the ground swell of God's power released."

"Joseph kept sinking his spiritual roots deeper and deeper into the Spirit of God -- until one day he found the river! There is a river, dear friend, that makes glad the city of God. This subterranean river runs so deep that most don't find it."

"When Joseph found this river, he found a life source in God that goes deeper than the seasons of life. Whether it's flood season or drought season, there is a river available to the saint providing a constant source of divine life and Spirit empowerment. Very few seem to find this great underground river, but when you find it, it is called **"abiding in Christ."**

ANGELS

ANGEL - A heavenly being sent as a messenger from God to man. (Luke 1:30)

SCRIPTURES ON ANGELS

Genesis 28:12

He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

Genesis 48:15-16

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

1 Kings 19:3, 5, 7

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life...Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."...The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said. "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you."

Nehemiah 9:6

You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

Job 25:3

Can his [God's] forces be numbered?

Job 38:4, 7

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

Psalm 34:7

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

Psalm 68:17

The chariots of God are tens of thousands and thousands of thousands.

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.

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.

Psalm 104:4

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

Psalm 148:2

Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts

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.

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.

Matthew 4:11

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

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.

Matthew 16:27

For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

Matthew 18:10

See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

Matthew 22:30

At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

Matthew 24:30-31

At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

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.

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.)

Mark 8:38

If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.

Mark 13:26-27

At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

Luke 1:11

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.

Luke 1:26-28

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.

Luke 2:8-12

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:13

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Luke 15:7

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 16:22

The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side.

Luke 22:43

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

John 1:51

He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

Acts 7:53

And now you have betrayed and murdered him - you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it.

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.

Acts 27:23

Last night an angel of the God, whose I am and whom I serve, stood beside me and said, "Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar, and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you."

1 Corinthians 6:3

Do you not know that we will judge angels?

1 Corinthians 13:1

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

Galatians 3:19

The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator.

Ephesians 1:19-21

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Philippians 2:9-11

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

Colossians 1:16

For by him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Colossians 2:9-10

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

2 Thessalonians 1:7

This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.

1 Timothy 3:16

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 5:21

I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.

Hebrews 1:6-7

And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him. In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire."

Hebrews 1:14

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

Hebrews 2:2

For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?

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.

Hebrews 13:2

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

1 Peter 1:12

Even angels long to look into these things.

1 Peter 3:22

It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

2 Peter 2:4-9

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment, if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others, if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly, and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men...if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

2 Peter 2:11

Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord.

Jude 6

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home - these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

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!"

Revelation 5:2

And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"

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.

Revelation 7:1

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.

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.

Revelation 8:2-3

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar.

Revelation 9:11

They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).

Revelation 12:7-9

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down - that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth - to every nation, tribe, language and people. 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."

Revelation 14:17

Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle.

Revelation 19:9-10

Then the angel said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

Revelation 22:6

The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

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**ANGELS WATCHING OVER ME**

(A song) εεε

All night, all day  
Angels watching over me, my Lord.  
All night, all day  
Angels watching over me.

In this quiet time He talked to me a lot about angels. He said there were millions of angels and that he created them to help Him run the universe. He said that man is in charge of running the earth, but the angels work for Him to run the universe.

He said there are myriad's of them around me and around MF and Beth all the time "having charge over us." And He said they were around those in my prayer bundle too.

I asked Him if He would let me hear the angels singing and He said yes. So I look forward to that.

I remembered reading a story one time of a couple walking in the woods and hearing and seeing some angels flying above them singing and talking as they flew by overhead.

And I remember hearing angels sing along with Michael Danforth as he led worship at CTC during a Kevin Basconi conference.

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And I remember another time at OCF when I could hear "other voices" singing along with us during worship.

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I will continue to lead you all into total salvation, in whatever level you are in that process: unbeliever, new believer, maturing believer, cleansing believer, learning believer, until you are perfect and holy, as I am holy. (all my prayer bundle, Lord?) Yes, all your prayer bundle. I will continue to work in each one, individually, on this salvation process until all who will choose Me, are perfected. And you WILL be with them in heaven eventually. It is done. It is My promise to you. It is completed already in My eyes.

But you know they get to choose, and they will, each one, choose for Me or against Me. It will be very clear and it will be their choice.

I am sending My angels to do that very thing right now. They are with every person in your prayer bundle and they will continue to be with them until their very last day on this earth. This is My promise to you for your faithful prayers for them day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year. I have stored your prayers in My prayer storage room/place here in heaven. They are not lost or wasted. I have every prayer you have ever prayed stored up here, and they are many. Your cup overflows.

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*I am here. Now pray for My angels to protect you and have charge over you. Know that I am with you always, so do not fear. My angels have great power.*

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As I was singing "His banner over me is love", and thinking back to singing such songs at CFO camp, He brought this thought to my mind:

It's no coincidence that you got that vision while singing together with the congregation worshipping Me.

This refers to the vision where I saw Jesus and three angels three times while singing songs.

I wondered if we are to send angels, dispatch angels, or ask the Lord to send angels - or none of these. Today He said this:

Look up angels and see if anyone sent them - or asked Me to send them.

I looked up many, many scriptures (and there were yet many I didn't look up) and didn't find any scripture which did that. I was amazed at how many scriptures there were about angels. I also

wondered about what the heavenly hosts were, as it seemed they were different than angels. Several scriptures talked about angels AND the heavenly host(s).

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## **YOU ARE IN THE HARVEST TIME RIGHT NOW**

This morning my bible was lying open to Matthew 13:37 and I read it. It was the parable about the wheat and the weeds. I was impressed to place here in my journal the explanation of the parable (Matthew 13:24-30) of the wheat and the weeds.

**The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.**

**As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 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. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear. (Matthew 13:24-30)**

*This is really about the church, Joan. They are the sowing of the good seed. But, notice, it is a mixture until the harvest time.*

*You are in the "harvest time" right now. It is the end of the age. I am now having My angels tie the weeds together in bundles. That is what is happening in the world right now and it is a time of great stirring and moving around and forming opinions/sides.*

*You see it on the TV news. You see some of the "bundles" out in the streets causing havoc. Some of those "weeds" THINK they are church members. Some of those "weeds" THINK they are Christians. But they are not.*

*The church has been such a mixture, Joan, and that is what has caused so many problems in the church. But now it is time to clean out and purify My church and get her ready to shine in My kingdom. That is what I am doing right now in the world.*

**Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn. (Matthew 13:30)**

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(From note on Angels in my New Scofield Study Bible, pg. 1538)

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Man is made "a little lower than the angels," and in incarnation Christ took "for a little while" this lower place (Psalm 8:4-5; Hebrews. 2:7) that He might lift the Christian into His own sphere above angels (Hebrews 2:9-10)

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Kari Browning: "The Appointed Time Has Come"  
June 9, 2006

On Mother's Day weekend this year, we experienced an unusual outpouring in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. We hosted a "Glory Explosion" conference with Jeff Jansen, David Herzog, and Joshua Mills. During this time, we witnessed many healings, some received gold crowns or fillings in their teeth, several experienced instant weight loss, one man had hair grow on his head, a few were covered in gold dust, and some saw angels with their open eyes! It was amazing and glorious.

I realized that May 7, was another important date on God's calendar. William Branham had been commissioned to the healing ministry on that date by an angel in 1946.

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ANGELS AND THE GIFT OF TONGUES
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New revelation has come this week. Here are some highlights. (There is a video online)

Finally, our Lord has made sense of the gift of tongues in a way that is plain as the nose on your face; however, the vast majority of us have been missing this incredible truth. In fact, this new revelation is stretching boundaries that once existed but now are gone; the mysteries of His Kingdom are being slowly unveiled. Each day a little more is uncovered for all to know.

"If you could see in the spirit while you are praying in the spirit, you would see one angel after another stepping up to receive their marching orders."

I have gone before our Lord and asked if He would show me what happens when we begin to pray in our spirit language. Here is what the Holy Spirit began to show me. When we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit to speak through us is when it basically happens. As the Holy Spirit uses us to speak through, He is essentially speaking to our angels that are appointed to minister for us according to Hebrews 1:14, "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?"

Sending out angels to do our bidding is not as simple as to talk to them like you would a human. In fact, we cannot make them do anything but the Holy Spirit can speak through us to have them do whatever He desires.

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If you will ask the Holy Spirit to make your mind fruitful (knowledgeable) of the things being said that you do not understand, you'll learn a lot. You may see things happening like stepping into a vision, but having all your bodily functions intact. You may hear things and feel things that relate to the events that are to take place. When you understand that it is the Holy Spirit directing the angels in what they are to do, it all makes sense.

Therefore, let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. (Corinthians 14:13-15)

Spiritual tongues change. Why?

This too is new revelation! When you are being used by the Holy Spirit who is speaking through you in an unknown language, you may sense that it sounds a lot like Chinese or Norwegian and then it abruptly changes to a totally different sound like American-Indian or maybe Swahili.

"What's up with this? I asked the Holy Spirit.

This is what I received.

If you could see in the spirit while you are praying in the spirit, you would see one angel after another stepping up to receive their marching orders. God is sending them out to be busy about doing what has been commanded of them. It's a lot like when you are prophesying; with each word that you speak an angel is being dispatched to do whatever the Holy Spirit has commanded. Through your voice speaking in your heavenly language, you can now know what you can expect.

Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His work, heeding the voice of His word. (Psalm 103:20)

Each spiritual language is designed to address a different angel. Say you were praying in your regular spiritual tongue, then suddenly you start hearing a language that sounds like the Holy Spirit is ordering a warring angel to go out and attack on your behalf.

Then you sense another change and your tongue shifts to a third command; sounding much calmer and peaceful. Then you feel really smoothed over with a comforting unction that breaks out into a lovely fragrance. The order is coming through you to make peace with the fragrance and knowledge of Christ Jesus. Then the order of events stops as you know you have prayed through.

Now thanks be to God Who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. (2 Corinthians 2:14)

ASSURANCE AND SECURITY

Assurance - a statement or condition that inspires confidence, freedom from doubt, certainty

SCRIPTURES ON ASSURANCE AND SECURITY

Psalm 23:1

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

Psalm 32:7

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye upon you.

Psalm 91:1

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

Psalm 91:2

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalm 91:9-11

If you say, "The Lord is my refuge" and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

Psalm 91:15

He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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

Proverbs 3:26

The Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.

Proverbs 4:10-11

I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

Isaiah 30:15

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.

Isaiah 32:17

The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.

Jeremiah 33:6

Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.

Acts 17:31

He has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all men by raising him from the dead.

Philippians 4:19

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

1 Timothy 3:13

Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 10:22

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

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

1 John 5:14

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.

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**I AM THE LORD WHO GIVES YOU ASSURANCE AND SECURITY**

*Know that this is true, Joan. I, the Lord, give you assurance and security. I give you many, many scriptures that tell you this. Believe My scriptures. They are true. I am your assurance and I am your security. Rest in Me and trust in Me, for I am faithful.*

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HE MAKES HIS STEPS FIRM

If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. (Psalm 37:23-24 NIV 1984 version)

Now I want to talk to you about this scripture. What does it promise you?

It promises me that You will make my steps firm - if You delight in my way.

Yes, and that's true. Do I delight in your way? That is the question. Ask Me.

Lord, do You delight in my way?

I surely, surely do, Joan. I want you to know that today. I DO DELIGHT IN YOUR WAY. You listen to Me, talk to Me, focus on Me, and write what I tell you to write. I truly delight in your way. SO, you have that promise - I will MAKE your steps firm.

Now what else does this scripture promise you?

That though I stumble, I will not fall, for You uphold me with Your hand.

Yes, and that promise is true also. Even if you "stumble" or make a mistake without realizing it, or do something innocently that you wish you hadn't - even then you will not fall. I make your way firm and I uphold you with My hand. Those are My promises to you today. Do you receive them?

Yes, Lord, I receive them - with thanksgiving for Your goodness and kindness to me.

Thank You, Lord!

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. (Psalm 37:23-24 KJV)

The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand. (Psalm 37:23-24 NLT)

The steps of a man are from the Lord, and he establishes him in whose way he delights; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord is the stay of his hand. (Psalm 37:23-24 RSV)

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. (Psalm 37:23-24 NIV 2011 version)

I am amazed at how different these translations are from the NIV bible I usually read from. Even the newer NIV version is different, having been updated and changed through the years. I can see that it is good to read and study in several different translations. Perhaps that will get for me a fuller range of the possible meanings of the Word. I can see why a person would want to study the Word in the original language.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SCRIPTURES ON BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Mark 1:8

And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:4-5

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, 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."

Acts 2:4

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

Acts 8:5, 12, 14-17

Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there...But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women....When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:1-6

Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. 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 11:15-16

As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Luke 3:16

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Ephesians 5:18

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

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*Now I want you to know this...it is a VERY SHORT TIME now until the rapture and the changing of the bodies of all who belong to Me - those who truly belong to Me, not those who just think they belong to Me, but really don't. The filling with My Spirit is the key to this. The Spirit is the "deposit" that seals our commitment to each other. Those who have My Spirit (like the 5 virgins with plenty of oil) are the ones who will come with Me when I return for My bride.*

Because those who are FILLED with Your Spirit deny themselves, take up their crosses and follow You. (Luke 9:23). Those who have just enough of Your Spirit to ask You to be their Savior, but are not filled with Your Spirit, they do not deny themselves, pick up their crosses, and follow You. Is that it, Lord? Is that the difference between the five wise and five foolish virgins?

*Yes, that is it. Remember IF ANYONE WOULD COME AFTER ME, he must deny himself, pick up his cross daily, and follow Me. Remember that some would come to Me, would believe Me, but would not follow Me. They believed in who I was and what I said, but did not FOLLOW Me.*

**If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)**

*Those who don't follow after Me, will not be raptured. And it takes the filling of My Holy Spirit to follow after Me.*

I see that according to these scriptures there were believers who believed in Jesus who were not filled with the Holy Spirit. They had not even been taught about the Holy Spirit. When they were taught and believed, and prayed for, to receive the Holy Spirit, then they were filled with Him.

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The New Testament distinguishes between having the Spirit, which is true of all believers, and being filled with the Spirit, which is The Christians' privilege and duty (Compare Acts 2:4; with 4:29-31; Ephesians 1:13-14 with 5:18)

The New Testament indicates a threefold personal relationship of the Spirit to the believer: "with," "in," and "on." (See note for Acts 2:4 in the Scofield New Study Bible, page 1379)

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(Quote from the book *Experiencing Father's Embrace* by Jack Frost, p 207)

How can you position yourself to enter into God's rest and your spiritual man to rise above the outward man? (Outward man is the soul: mind, will, emotions and the physical body)

First of all, *agree with what the Word of God says about you.* You were created in God's image, and God is love. Every fiber of your being has been created for intimacy with God. We have learned throughout this book that God's unconditional love for you is never based upon your behavior but upon His character of perfect love and grace. Outer man should never be judge of whether you feel close to God or not. God's truth, love and grace are the only factors of proof of whether God is with you. You were born of the Spirit to be filled with the Spirit, to walk in the Spirit, to talk in the Spirit, to commune with the Spirit, to live as a spirit being and for your spirit to rule over strongholds. That is a greater reality than your outer man that is temporal and fading away.



## BE STILL, STAND, WAIT

STILL - quiet, silent, hushed, subdued, devoid of movement, being at rest

### SCRIPTURES ON BE STILL, STAND, WAIT

**Exodus 3:5**

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

**Exodus 13:13-14**

**Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.**

**2 Chronicles 20:17**

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

**Psalm 24:3-6**

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

**Psalm 27:14**

**Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart 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 46:10**

**Be still, and know that I am God.**

**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.**

**Isaiah 7:9b**

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

**Isaiah 30:18**

**Yet the Lord longs (waits) 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 40:8b**

**The word of our God stands forever.**

**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 2:20**

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

**Zechariah 2:13**

**Be still before the Lord, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.**

**Matthew 10:22**

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

**Luke 21:19**

**By standing firm you will gain life.**

**Acts 1:4**

**Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.**

**Romans 14:4**

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

**1 Corinthians 10:12-13**

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

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

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

**1 Corinthians 16:13**

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

**Galatians 5:1**

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

**Ephesians 6:13-14**

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

**2 Thessalonians 2:15**

**So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you.**

**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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And that's My message to you today, Joan. You need only to be still. You will not have to fight this battle. Go out and face them tomorrow. I will be with you. When the problems

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face you, they face Me. I will deal with them. You need only to be still...that is resting in the Lord. Think of Me with My sword raised ready to fight the battles you face.

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### **WAITING IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN WALKING**

(From *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, p. 317. Sunday School Times)

Waiting is much more difficult than walking, for waiting requires patience, and patience is a rare virtue. We enjoy knowing that God builds hedges around His people, when we look at the hedge from the aspect of protection. But when we see it growing higher and higher until we can no longer see over it, we wonder if we will ever get out of our little sphere of influence and service, where we feel trapped. Sometimes it is hard for us to understand why we do not have a larger area of service, and it becomes difficult for us to "brighten the corner" where we are. But God has a purpose in all of *His* delays. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." (Psalm 37:23 KJV)

## BEING HOLY

HOLY - Set apart for God; belonging to God; pure; godly; sacred, consecrated, set apart for the worship of God.

### SCRIPTURES ON BEING HOLY

**Exodus 3:5**

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

**Exodus 20:8**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**Leviticus 11:44-45**

I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy...I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.

**Leviticus 20:7**

Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the Lord your God.

**Leviticus 20:26**

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

**Deuteronomy 7:6**

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

**1 Samuel 2:2**

There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

**Psalm 30:4**

Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.

**Isaiah 6:3**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

**Isaiah 35:8**

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way.

**Zechariah 14:5**

**Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.**

**Romans 12:1**

**Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship.**

**Ephesians 1:4**

**For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.**

**1 Peter 1:15-16**

**But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do, for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."**

**Revelation 4:8**

**Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."**

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The Lord Can Go Anywhere and Do Anything

I have the capacity, Joan, to go anywhere and do anything. That is what I am like that I want to teach you today. Since you have waited on Me to hear Me teach you, I will do that.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power. (1 Chronicles 29:11)

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. (1 Chronicles 29:12)

Today I want to talk about My capacity to do ANYTHING that I choose to do. That is My great power. I am able to handle all that power because I am perfect in righteousness, so I won't misuse that power. And I know how to choose when and how to use that power rightly so I won't usurp the free will I have chosen to give to mankind.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power. (Psalm 147:5)

The Sovereign Lord comes with power. (Isaiah 40:10)

I can do ANYTHING, Joan. With Me "all things are possible." That's today's lesson.

All things are possible with God. (Mark 10:27)

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## GREATNESS

I saw this today in a quote from the book *Good to Great in God's Eyes* by Chip Ingram and thought it fit in with what the Lord was telling me today in Quiet Time about greatness. Interesting the Lord used that term today with me since He knew I would read Chip's quote.

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True greatness is serving others for the glory of God. In a nutshell, that's the way to higher standing in God's kingdom. We take our eyes off of ourselves and turn them to God and others. We become great in God's eyes by helping others become greater than ourselves.

Greatness comes through building others up, by aiming for their greatness more than we aim for our own...In God's economy, someone else's gain is our gain, and someone else's loss is our loss. The best way to greatness in an economy like that is to pursue greatness - for someone else.

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Good Christians live the Christian life. They love God, walk in integrity, demonstrate faithfulness to their mates, spend time in the Bible because they want to hear from God, make the effort to discover their spiritual gifts, use those gifts in their local church, give their tithes and offerings, go on mission trips, and help their kids grow up to be godly men and women. They do what God calls them to do, and they serve him well.

Great Christians, on the other hand, do all that and then pass it on. You can be a good Christian by obeying God and loving people, but if you haven't poured your life into others, your life ends with a period. Great Christians end with a comma. They live the life of faith in a way that takes God's grace to them and imparts it into the lives of others. They multiply themselves again and again and again. Good Christians "live the life;" great Christians "leave a legacy."

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Help many, train a few. You have to invest wisely...You can contribute to the lives of many, but you can't invest deeply in everyone. You have to choose....The first step is to pray..."Lord, I want to focus and invest my life in a few people, so I need to be discerning. Please guide me in this. And God, who is more interested in your becoming a great Christian than even you are, has promised to answer. (James 1:5)

Look under your own roof. Empowering great people starts with those for whom you are morally responsible....begin with those who live with you.

After praying and looking under your own roof, look for F.A.T. people: **F**aithful, **A**vailable, and **T**eachable...*Faithful* people are the ones who complete an assignment, who actually take care of a problem when they say they'll take care of it, and who call you later because they promised they would....He [God] looks at the heart. Those who are faithful have put themselves in a position to grow in maturity. Instead of listening to what people say, watch what they do with their responsibilities. When you see faithfulness, you see potential.

To invest your life wisely, you'll want to choose people who are *available* in addition to being faithful.

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Look also for people who are *teachable*. A person who thinks he or she has already mastered certain aspects of life is not going to be open to instruction or even subtle suggestions. There's no point in investing in someone who isn't aware that the investment is beneficial. People who are teachable are in position to grow and bear fruit.

You discover whether people are teachable by how they respond when confronted with hard things to hear. Do they hear constructive criticism with humility? Do they respond with character and demonstrate surrender and perseverance?...God chooses the lowly things of this world in order to shame our worldly standards (1 Cor. 1:27-29)...I encourage you to look beyond people's history and look at their heart....if they are faithful, available, and teachable, they can become who God really wants them to be.



## BEING PERFECT

PERFECT - the word implies full development, growth into maturity or godliness, complete.

### SCRIPTURES ON BEING PERFECT

**Psalm 18:30**

As for God, his way is perfect.

**Matthew 5:48**

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**Matthew 19:21**

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

**Romans 12:2**

Do not conform 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.

**1 Corinthians 13:10**

For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.

**Colossians 1:28**

We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

**Philippians 3:12**

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

**Hebrews 10:14**

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

**James 1:4 KJV**

But let patience have her perfect (complete) work, that ye may be perfect (mature) and entire (finished), wanting (lacking) nothing.

**James 3:2**

We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

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THE KITE AND THE WHEEL

This morning after I awoke but before I got up I saw a picture of a kite flying high up in the sky above the rooftops of the houses.

Last evening I was trying to put puzzle pieces together for a wheel. Then, during the night, I dreamed about a wheel. When I awoke, I heard this:

You are putting together in you the parts of a wheel. Ask Me what that means.

So this morning I am asking the Lord about the kite and about the wheel.

First the kite:

The thoughts that come to me regarding the picture of a kite I saw were these: the kite represents me. The four corners represent going out into the four corners of the earth. The wind caused the kite to arise and move around. That represents the Holy Spirit doing that. The kite goes wherever the wind of the Holy Spirit takes it. The string from the kite to the ground represents the silver cord that ties the physical me on the ground to the spiritual me flying in the heaven.

Lord, what do You want to tell me about the kite? Does it represent me?

Yes, My daughter, it represents you. And you have discerned rightly what it means. You will go forth in the power of My Holy Spirit into the four corners of the world via the internet to share the message I gave you to share. Now ask Me about the wheel.

What does the wheel stand for, Lord?

Wheel: eternity, never ending, life's cycle, spiritual activity, completion, following the Spirit, life, spiritual condition, covenant, authority, for transporting, perfection

You are putting together in you the parts of a wheel. What does this mean? It means all the parts that make up a wheel (which stands for perfection and completion) are being put together in you during your lifetime on this earth. It is almost finished, almost done. It is your spiritual self, which will be the self you will be and live in all during eternity. Therefore this is eternal. It is your life's cycle on earth represented by a wheel. You are putting together the last pieces or parts of this wheel. It represents perfection and maturity and completion of your life here on earth.

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The word "perfect," as the Bible uses it of men, does not refer to sinless perfection...the thought is usually either completeness in all details...or to reach a goal or achieve a purpose. Maturity is achieved progressively. (See Phil. 3:12 note in Scofield NIV Study Bible)

# BELIEVE

BELIEVE - rely, trust, to accept as true or real

## SCRIPTURES ON BELIEVE

**2 Chronicles 20:20**

**Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed.**

**Psalm 27:13**

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!**

**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."**

**Matthew 9:28-29**

**When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you;" and their sight was restored.**

**Mark 1:14-15**

**Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"**

**Mark 5:36**

**Jesus told them, "Don't be afraid; just believe."**

**Mark 9:23-24**

**"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"**

**Mark 11:24**

**Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.**

**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 2:11 (NLT)**

**This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.**

**John 2:21 (NLT)**

**But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said.**

**John 3:16 (NLT)**

**For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.**

**John 3:18**

**Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.**

**John 6:69**

**We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."**

**John 11:40**

**Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"**

**John 13:19**

**I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He.**

**John 14:1**

**Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.**

**John 16: 30**

**Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.**

**John 19:35**

**The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.**

**John 20:29**

**Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."**

**Acts 16: 31**

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

**Acts 27:25**

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

**Romans 3:25**

**For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.**

**Romans 10:9**

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

**Romans 10:14**

**But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?**

**Romans 14:23**

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

**Romans 16:26**

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

**1 Corinthians 1:21**

**Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, He has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.**

**1 Corinthians 15:2**

**It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you--unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. (or unless you never believed it in the first place)**

**Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)**

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—**

**Ephesians 2:8 (NLT)**

**God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:14**

**For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.**

**Hebrews 11:6**

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

**1 John 5:10**

**Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. 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.**

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Freely, freely you have received,
Freely, freely give.
Go in My name and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.

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**TEACHING ME ABOUT MY IMAGINATION**

*I created your imagination. And I can use that imagination for My use if it is dedicated/committed to Me. You have committed it to Me along with dedicating your whole life and self to Me. Therefore I have access to your imagination. That's where the power is - in your imagination.*

*Remember C taught them to "see the solution" when they were praying for someone, rather than seeing the problem. You "create" with your imagination as you "see the solution".*

*Remember I said (about the tower of Babel) that what mankind can think up, he can do? It is a beautiful and powerful gift I gave mankind. But, I want to use it for My kingdom work.*

**The Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."**

**So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it is called Babel - because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. (Genesis 11:5-9)**

*I use it to come to you, and speak to you, and talk to you. I use it to create through you. I am always creative. That is part of My essence - to create. And I made mankind in My image. Therefore, mankind is creative in his essence too. And we use this creative imagination to communicate with each other.*

*Why? Because you believe it is so. You were told (by Gordon Binning) that it was possible and real. He "gave his testimony" to the reality of hearing Me speak to you. And you **believed** what he said, and therefore were able to communicate. Believing enabled receiving it from Me. Just like believing in Me, and what I did on the cross for you, enables you to receive eternal life and forgiveness of sins.*

*Believing is the key. And you believe through your imagination. Because you believe, then you receive.*

*So dedicate/commit your imagination to Me and for serving Me daily, on a regular basis, and we will use it to create and communicate.*

Wow! That's a powerful thing - the imagination. And I have such an active one.

*Yes, you do. You "remember" and recreate in your mind many events, happenings, and things. You also "create" new ideas and thoughts.*

*The imagination can be used for good or for evil. That's what the devil wants to get a hold of in mankind - his imagination - and use it for evil, for his evil purposes. He knows how powerful the imagination is. You can see many examples of how he is using it for evil in your country/world right now.*

*This is one of the secrets of the kingdom.*

*You are a creator with your words now, so be very careful with your words. You don't want to create something with your words that you don't want created, or I don't want created. Careless words do that, and you don't want to do that now.*

These are some things the Lord talked to me about today as we communed for a long time this morning:

- He wants to give me (and has given me) an imagination that is God given, God cleansed, and God anointed.
- He wants me to have His actions, His words, and His thoughts.

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I AM THE LORD WHO CALLS YOU TO BELIEVE IN ME

If you believe, Joan. Those are precious words - if you believe. I came to save all people who will come to Me and believe in Me. So I call all to believe in Me so they will be saved from death and have eternal life in Me. But they must believe. Some do and some don't believe. All who believe in Me will have eternal life, because believing means obeying Me and following Me. It is not just some head knowledge, but it is believing with your whole heart and soul. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

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### **IF YOU WILL BE FAITHFUL TO BELIEVE HIM**

(From Perry Stone's book: *Purging Your House, Pruning Your Family Tree*)

P. 217

The Holy Spirit told him "Satan will use what you see and what you hear against you."

He read from Smith Wigglesworth, "I am not moved by what I see. I am not moved by what I feel. I am moved by what I believe."

He also learned that God will be faithful to deliver you if you will be faithful to believe Him.

1. God is not moved by your feelings but by your faith. (Hebrews. 11:6)
2. God is not moved by your circumstances but by His Word. (Jeremiah. 1:12)
3. God will deliver you from the attack if you will remain steadfast. (1 Corinthians. 10:13)

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A STORY ABOUT GEORGE MUELLER

(From *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, p. 318-319)

TOPICAL STUDY

A number of years ago I went to America with a steamship captain who was a very devoted Christian. When we were off the coast of Newfoundland, he said to me, "The last time I sailed here, which was five weeks ago, something happened that revolutionized my entire Christian life. I had been on the bridge for twenty-four straight hours when George Mueller of Bristol, England, who was a passenger on board, came to me and said, 'Captain, I need to tell you that I must be in Quebec on Saturday afternoon,' 'That is impossible,' I replied. 'Very well,' Mueller responded. 'if your ship cannot take me, God will find some other way, for I have never missed an engagement in fifty-seven years. Let's go down to the chartroom to pray.'

"I looked at this man of God and thought to myself, 'What lunatic asylum did he escape from?' I had never encountered someone like this. "Mr. Mueller,' I said, 'do you realize how dense the fog is?' "No,' he replied. *'My eye is not on the dense fog but on the living God, who controls every circumstance of my life.'*

"He then knelt down and prayed one of the most simple prayers I've ever heard. When he had finished, I started to pray, but he put his hand on my shoulder and told me *not* to pray. He said, 'First, you do not believe God will answer, and second, I BELIEVE HE HAS. Consequently, there is no need whatsoever for you to pray about it.'

"As I looked at him, he said, 'Captain, I have known my Lord for fifty-seven years, and there has never been even a single day that I have failed to get an audience with the King. Get up, Captain, and open the door, and you will see that the fog is gone.' I got up, and indeed the fog was gone. And on Saturday afternoon George Mueller was in Quebec for his meeting." (Selected)

BELIEVING VERSUS BORN AGAIN

SCRIPTURES ON BELIEVING VERSUS BORN AGAIN

John 3:3

I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.

John 3:5

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

John 3:6

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

John 3:8

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

John 3:14

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:18

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

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 6:17-18

But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Romans 10:9-10

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

Titus 3:4-7

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, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

James 1:18

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

1 Peter 1:23

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

Children/babes

1 Corinthians 3:1-2

Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly - mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it.

Hebrews 5:12-14

In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

1 Peter 2:2

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

Fruits of:

2 Corinthians 5:17

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

Romans 6:4-11

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.

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 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.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

1 John 2:29

If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

1 John 3:9, 10

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God, nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

1 John 5:4-5

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

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This is something which I am asking the Lord to explain more to me. Today the Spirit showed me that previous to the time around 1971 (when He told me to go to CFO camp where I made a deeper commitment to Him), I was not a "full" Christian. He called me an "immature Christian," or a "baby Christian." Until that time I was not fully committed to Him. I was intrigued by it, but I was also intrigued by other things. Therefore I made decisions regarding my relationships that I would not have made later when I became a true or full Christian.

Somewhere along that spiritual journey I became born again by the Spirit. But previous to that time I was still being drawn and led by the Spirit into seeking Him, the Truth.

I wondered if I would have gone to heaven if I had died as a child after making my profession of faith in Jesus Christ about the age of 10.

*The answer is yes, Joan. Because you believed in Me and spoke with your mouth telling others of your belief.*

Is being "born again of the Spirit" different than "believing in You, Jesus"?

*Yes.*

## TOPICAL STUDY

*There are lots of people who believe in Me, that I existed, was born as a baby in Bethlehem, and lived life on earth, but have not made a confession of that belief, and have not chosen to give their lives to Me. They did not ask Me to be their Savior or Lord. They therefore do not have My seed in them*

*You see, you could have heard that message over and over when you were a child at church and still never made the decision to ask Me to come into your life and be your Savior and Lord. But you did that, and I became that - but the Lordship part came later in your life - at the CFO camp time.*

*Then there are people who have made a confession of faith in Me and have accepted Me as their Savior, but have not made Me Lord of their lives so that I have the first say or first place in their thinking. That is where you were after you confessed Me as your Savior as a child. You always believed in Me, but you didn't know My Word. You had My seed in you, and therefore you grew up eventually into Me and let Me become Lord of your life - a little at a time.*

*You were "born again of My Spirit" when you gave your life to Me at CFO camp. Previous to that you had My Spirit in you, inside of you, because you belonged to Me. But to be "born again" you needed to make a life commitment to let Me rule and reign in your life - and you started that commitment at CFO camp. Therefore I led you to be re-baptized. It was the start of a new life in you - My life, even though you had My seed in you previous to that. Your born again life was a lifelong process including all of this.*

*You couldn't "see" My kingdom until you were born again. "Entering My kingdom" came along with "seeing My kingdom" when you were born again. Previous to that you knew there was such a thing but didn't seek it or adhere to it. I put the "seeking" inside of you with My seed in you, and I brought about that seeking at just the right time in your life. It was of My choosing.*

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BELIEVING VERSUS BORN AGAIN

First comes believing, then comes being born again, then comes the fruit of being born again of the Spirit. Being born again of the Spirit is when you make Jesus Lord of your life and commit to follow Him. It is when you give Him first place in your life. You did that at CFO camp, although you already "believed" in Me from childhood.

So was I "saved" from childhood?

Yes, you (1) believed in Me and made a profession of faith in Me publicly. You belonged to Me. But you weren't cleaned by Me yet and set apart wholly unto Me. THAT decision came later on in your life - at CFO camp after (2) seeking Me and reading about Me and growing up in the desire to relate in a new and more complete way to Me.

TOPICAL STUDY

After (3) being born again of the Spirit, then you grew to the place where you wanted a new, more (4) intimate and close relationship with Me, and I took you there (2000 on).

Then you came to the place of desiring (5) "union" with Me and wanting to become just like Me, and we did that together. This is when you became My bride.

- (1) Believed in Me
- (2) Growing in desire to relate to Me
- (3) Being born again of the Spirit
- (4) Growing in a more intimate, close relationship with Me
- (5) Union with Me

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(From the book *Total Recall* by Michael Danforth)

(p 65)

It's important to note that while someone can have the Spirit of God in them, it is not the same as having the Spirit of God *rule* in them.

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The object of our journey on the earth is for the mind of the soul and body to come under the influence of the mind of the spirit, which is the Spirit of God living within these earthen vessels. The mind of the spirit is where the power of "recall" resides, thus bringing our souls into remembrance of the intentions of God for our lives.

## BLESSING AND PROSPERITY

BLESSING - favor, grace, fortunate, enviable, happy, joyous

PROSPERITY - to fare well, flourish, thrive, well-off

### SCRIPTURES ON BLESSING AND PROSPERITY

**Genesis 12:3**

**I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse.**

**Genesis 22:14**

**So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide (Jehovah Jirah). And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."**

**Genesis 22:17-18**

**I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.**

**Leviticus 26:9 TLB**

**I will look after you, and multiply you, and fulfill my covenant with you.**

**Deuteronomy 11:13-15**

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

**Deuteronomy 12:7, 18b, 19**

**There (the place where God wants you to worship Him) in the presence of the Lord your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the Lord your God has blessed you....and you are to rejoice before the Lord your God in everything you put your hand to. Be careful not to neglect the Levites (who have no allotment or inheritance of their own) as long as you live in your land.**

**Deuteronomy 28:8**

**The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.**

**Deuteronomy 28:12-13**

**The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.**

**1 Kings 17:14-16**

**For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord gives rain on the land." She went away and did as Elijah had told her (THAT'S THE KEY!). So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.**

**Job 8:5-7**

**But if you will look to God and plead with the Almighty, if you are pure and upright, even now he will rouse himself on your behalf and restore you to your rightful place. Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be.**

**Job 22:21-22, 25**

**Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you. Accept instruction from his mouth and lay up his words in your heart.....the Almighty will be your gold , the choicest silver for you.**

**Job 22:28 KJV**

**Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways.**

**Job 22:28 NIV**

**What you decide on will be done, and light will shine on your ways.**

**Job 42:12**

**The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first.**

**Psalm 1:1, 3**

**Blessed is the man...whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. 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 5:12**

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



**Psalm 16:6**

**Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

**Psalm 23:1-3**

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

**Psalm 23:5-6**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Psalm 29:11**

**The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

**Psalm 34:9-10**

**Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

**Psalm 37:3-4**

**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.**

**Psalm 37:25-26**

**I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.**

**Psalm 103:2-5**

**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.**

**Psalm 111:5**

**He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.**

**Psalm 112:1, 3, 7**

**Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. (Psalm 112:1,3,7)**

**Psalm 115:14**

**The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.**

**Psalm 121:1-8**

**I lift up my eyes to the hills--where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip--he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you--the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm--he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

**Psalm 128:1-2**

**Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.**

**Psalm 132:15**

**I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor will I satisfy with food.**

**Proverbs 2:1-8**

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

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

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

**Proverbs 3:24**

**Long life is in her (Wisdom's) right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is the tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed.**

**Proverbs 8:17-21**

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

**Proverbs 10:6**

**Blessings crown the head of the righteous.**

**Proverbs 10:22**

**The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.**

**Proverbs 10:24**

**What the righteous desire will be granted.**

**Proverbs 11:5**

**The righteousness of the blameless makes a straight way for them.**

**Proverbs 11:18**

**He who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.**

**Proverbs 12:2**

**A good man obtains favor of the Lord.**

**Proverbs 13:9, 21**

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

**Proverbs 13:22**

**A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.**

**Proverbs 15:6**

**The house of the righteous contains great treasure.**

**Proverbs 21:21**

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

**Proverbs 22:4**

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

**Proverbs 28:20**

**A faithful man shall abound with blessings.**

**Ecclesiastes 2:26**

**To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:12-13**

**I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil-- this is the gift of God.**

**Ecclesiastes 5:18-19**

**Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him--for this is his lot. Moreover, 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. He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.**

**Isaiah 3:10**

**Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds.**

**Isaiah 5:16-17**

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

**Isaiah 65:21-23**

**They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord.**

**Joel 2:25**

**I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten.**

**Matthew 6:25-27**

**Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?**

**Matthew 6:31-33**

**So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

**Matthew 14:15-21**

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

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

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

"Bring them here to me," (THAT'S THE KEY!) 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.

**Luke 6:38**

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

**John 12:26**

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

**Romans 8:32**

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?

**Galatians 3:6-9**

Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

**Philippians 4:12-13**

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

**Philippians 4:19**

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

**1 Timothy 6:17**

God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

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MOLD ME AND MAKE ME AFTER THY WILL

(A song) εεε

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way,
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

That is exactly where I want you to be - waiting and willing and listening.

Oh, Joan, I love you so much you cannot even imagine it. I am eager to demonstrate My love for you to you when you come up here. Then you will be able to discern and understand many more things, including My great love for you and for those who believe in Me and belong to Me.

Enjoy this time in your life when you get to meet with Me and talk with Me. It is a peaceful time for you. That is My great blessing.

Those whom I love, and those I have called to great things, I put through a lot to grow them and prepare them.

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## I AM THE LORD WHO GIVES YOU BLESSINGS AND PROSPERITY

*Yes, I am the God who gives you blessings and prosperity. I give freely. I give because I love. I give because I care. I give because I am faithful. I give to those who love Me and to those who don't love Me. I grant my blessings to the rich and the poor. To all who follow Me I give these promises of My blessings and prosperity.*

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(From the book *Faith: The Link With God's Power* by by Reinhard Bonnke)

Some believe that simply having faith is an entitlement to blessing and prosperity. Others believe that faith in oneself is all that is needed in life. Still others contend that faith is a cosmic force that breeds superhuman, super-spiritual, invincible.

It is none of these. Faith is not believing what you know is not true, nor is it believing something for which there is no evidence. The Bible is a book all about faith, and provides the evidence that makes faith so vital, so important and so astounding.

TOPICAL STUDY

In *Faith: The Link With God's Power*, international evangelist Reinhard Bonnke draws from his years of personal study and vibrant ministry to millions to reveal that:

- **Faith is like a wiring system that carries power into our lives. Faith itself is not the power, but it links us to the power source. There is no link to God's power without faith.**
- **What we believe will happen tomorrow, comes from what we already know happened yesterday.**
- **It is not the size of your faith, but the size of the God you believe in that determines the results.**

BLESSING THE LORD

SCRIPTURES ON BLESSING THE LORD

Psalm 103:1-5 RSV

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Judges 5:2

That the leaders took the lead in Israel, that the people offered themselves willingly, bless the Lord!

1 Kings 8:56

Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he uttered by Moses his servant.

1 Chronicles 16:36

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

2 Chronicles 20:26

On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah (blessing), for there they blessed the Lord; therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Beracah to this day.

Nehemiah 9:5

Then the Levites...said, "Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed by thy glorious name which is exalted above all blessing and praise."

Job 1:20-21

Then Job arose, and rent his robe, and shaved his head, and fell upon the ground, and worshiped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Psalm 34:1

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 66:8

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

Psalm 66:20

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Daniel 2:19

Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Daniel 2:20

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

Matthew 21:9

And the crowds that went before him (Jesus) and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Mark 11:9

And those who went before and those who followed (Jesus) cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest."

Luke 1:64

And immediately his (Zechariah's) mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God.

Luke 1:67-68

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people."

Luke 2:28

And it had been revealed to him (Simeon) that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou has prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel."

Luke 13:35

(Jesus said) O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

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**DO TO ME WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO DO TO YOU**

*This is a marvelous day. I made it. And I made it for you and all the others who love Me and follow Me. I have a purpose and plan for this day, and it is a good one. I will reveal that plan to you minute by minute as you and I walk through it together.*

*And this is My proclamation to you today: Bless Me and I will bless you. Thank Me and I will thank you. Do to Me what you would like Me to do to you. Talk to Me and I will talk to you. Laugh with Me and I will laugh with you. Proclaim what I give you to proclaim and I will do it with you - and what I proclaim comes true/manifests. Remember, all authority has been given to Me. (Matthew 28:18-20)*

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BLESS THE LORD

This morning the song coming to me is:

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Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Therefore, guided by this song, I knew the Father was calling me to prayer. As I talked with Him I was guided to read from the New Century Bible which I had open to Psalm 103 in the family room where I was at the time. I read through that Psalm and felt led to place certain verses here in my journal. I especially like these verses (Psalm 103:2-5) in this translation because it makes them personal (using the word "my").

My whole being, praise the Lord and do not forget all his kindnesses. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He saves my life from the grave

and loads me with love and mercy. He satisfies me with good things and makes me young again, like the eagle. (Psalm 103:2-5 NCV)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-5 RSV)

Song based on this verse:

(A song) εεε
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Bless the Lord, O my soul
And all that is within me
Bless His Holy Name.

As I thought about this translation of these verses and the song I learned based on the RSV translation (using the words "Bless the Lord") the idea came to me to do a scripture study on "blessing the Lord" today. So I plan to do that.

Blessing the Lord is the great privilege of My people Israel, and of My people, the sons of the kingdom. I hear those words when you bless Me. I treasure those words of blessing towards Me. I want you to know this, My child. Blessing Me does things that you know not of. So bless Me whenever it comes into your heart and mind to do that.

BODY FORMED BY GOD IN THE SECRET PLACE

SCRIPTURES ON BODY FORMED BY GOD IN THE SECRET PLACE

Job 10:8-11 KJV

Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay...Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews.

Job 10:8-11 NIV

Your hands shaped me and made me. Will you now turn and destroy me? Remember that you molded me like clay. Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese, clothe me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews? (Job 10:8-11 NIV)

Job 10:8-11 RSV

Thy hands fashioned and made me; and now thou dost turn about and destroy me. Remember that thou has made me of clay; and wilt thou turn me to dust again? ... Thou didst clothe me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews.

Job 10:8-11 NLT

You formed me with your hands, you made me, yet now you completely destroy me. Remember that you made me from dust - will you turn me back to dust so soon? You guided my conception and formed me in the womb. You clothed me with skin and flesh, and you knit my bones and sinews together.

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#### **Psalm 139:15-18 NIV**

**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.**

#### **Psalm 139:15-16 KJV**

**My substance was not hid from thee when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.**

#### **Psalm 139:15-16 RSV**

**My frame was not hidden from thee, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth. Thy eyes beheld my unformed**

substance; in thy book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

**Psalm 139:15-16 NLT**

You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

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Ecclesiastes 11:5 NIV

As you do not know the path of the wind or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 NLT

Just as you cannot understand the path of the wind or the mystery of a tiny baby growing in its mother's womb, so you cannot understand the activity of God, who does all things.

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The Lord is Aware of Every Tiny Thing

*The Lord is teaching me today that He is aware of every tiny thing in my life and even in my body. For instance, He says He is aware of every cell in my body and reminds me that it says in His Word that He is aware of every hair on our heads. That is absolutely amazing to me. How can He do that? But He can and He does. That is what He is like...He knows EVERYTHING.*

*He is aware of the tiniest seed He has placed inside of me...seeds of love, seeds of ministry, seeds of caring, seeds of comprehending, seeds of giving to others, seeds of understanding Him...all these seeds came from Him and were planted in me before the foundation of the world when I was still "in Christ".*

## BREAKING INTIMIDATION

INTIMIDATION - To make timid, to frighten, to inhibit or discourage by or as if by threats.

### SCRIPTURES ON BREAKING INTIMIDATION

#### **Matthew 28:18-20**

**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**

#### **Luke 10:19**

**Behold, I give you the authority...over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."**

#### **Ephesians 1:19-20**

**(Paul prayed we would know) What is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe...which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.**

#### **Ephesians 1:21-23**

**Far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body.**

#### **Ephesians 2:2, 6**

**And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins...and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**

#### **Ephesians 4:27**

**Do not give place to the devil**

#### **1 John 4:18**

**There is no fear in love. but perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.**

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I AM WANT YOU TO ASK OF ME

Asking is very important, Joan. I want you to know this and understand this today. Ask Me. Ask Me. And ask Me.

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I will listen to you and answer you. I do hear when you ask Me. I do hear. If I do not send your answer immediately, it does not mean I didn't hear you. And it does not mean I will not answer what you ask for.

It MAY mean you asked with wrong motives, but not necessarily so. It also MAY mean it is just not the right timing to answer. It will be answered - in due time. In its time I will do it swiftly.

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(Sections from John Bevere's book *Breaking Intimidation*)

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Countless Christians battle intimidation, yet most wrestle with its effects rather than battling the source.

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(a prophecy God gave John regarding this book): Son, there are many called to my great end-time army of believers who are bound by intimidation. They have pure hearts toward God and man; however, like Gideon of old, they are held captive by the fear of man (Judges. 6-8). The gifts I placed in them are dormant. I will anoint the message of this book to liberate multitudes of them. They will step out and fearlessly obey Me. They shall be valiant warriors and shall bring forth great victories in the strength of their God.

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Walk in your God-given authority, or someone will take it and use it against you.

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This is how intimidation will change your focus. The reason: The root of intimidation is fear, and fear causes people to focus on themselves. Perfect love casts out fear because love puts the focus on God and others and denies itself (1 John 4:18)

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Satan seeks to displace us in order to regain the authority Jesus stripped from him.

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First, it is important to understand there is a dwelling place or position in the spirit that we hold as believers in Jesus. With this position comes authority. This authority is what the enemy wants. If he can get us to yield our God-given authority, he will take it and use it against us. This not only affects us but also those entrusted to our care. There are several scriptures pertaining to our place of authority in the spirit...

(Psalm 91:1) He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

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(Psalm 18:19) He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.

(Psalm 26:12) My foot stands in an even place; in the congregations I will bless the Lord.

(Matthew 28:18-20) Before He returned to His Father, Jesus declared, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

(Ephesians 1:19-20) (Paul prayed we would know) "what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe...which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places."

(Ephesians 2:2, 6) And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins...and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

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These places are where His redeemed children are to dwell. Now the question, Where are these dwelling places, and what position do they hold? The answer is found in Ephesians 1:21: "far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."

A redeemed man hidden in Christ is now given a position in the spirit above the devil. Jesus boldly declared, "Behold, I give you the authority...over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." (Luke 10:19)

Jesus understood the authority He was entrusting to believers. Our rebirth rights have positioned us in those heavenly places far above the enemy's authority and power.

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Just as he did with Adam in the Garden of Eden, Satan now seeks to displace us in the spirit in order to regain the authority Jesus stripped from him. If Satan can steal or cause individuals to lay down their position of authority, then he once again has authority to operate. Paul says so clearly, "Do not give place to the devil" (Eph. 4:27) We believers must not forfeit our place in the spirit.

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The first step to breaking intimidation is to confront the matters in your own heart.

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Revelation is of no value without the wisdom and character to live it out.

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When the Holy Spirit led me through the scriptures about confronting intimidation, He showed me two extremes that will throw a believer's life out of balance; The first extreme is pursuing power; the second is false humility.



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As Christians, character should be our first priority and pursuit. What our Father looks for is not power, but character...1 Corinthians 14:1 instructs us to "pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts. "However, we have perverted that command. We *pursue* the gifts and the anointing and just *wish* for the fruit of love in our lives. God is love, and until we walk in love we will not attain His nature.

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The Lord said to John: "The goal of the high call of Christianity is not the power of God or ministry; it is to know Me." (see Philippians. 3:10-15)

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Paul measured Timothy's virtues by the purity of his heart and the faithfulness of his service. We must also set this standard before us and allow the Holy Spirit to accurately weigh us. This extremely important prerequisite cannot be overemphasized as we go into battle with the spirit of intimidation. Without this undergirding, the truth in this message will not set you free and could possibly do you more damage than good. For it is not the words themselves that carry the power to liberate, but it is the spirit and substance behind them.

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God gives a place, or position, in the spirit to each believer. Paul explained that God has "raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6) Its location is "far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body" (Ephesians 1:21-23).

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1 Peter 4:10: As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Ephesians 4:7: "But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

1 Corinthians 7:7: For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.

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The point is, we are not here to take a vacation. Our lives are not even our own, for even they were purchased and given back to us for stewardship. We're sojourners, not permanent residents. Too many people act as if this life were their final destination!

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God's gifts are not for our excess. God will test us with His goodness. We are to use the ability of God in our life to serve those who are weak, young, or unable that the body might be whole.

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1 Peter 4:11: If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies."

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Paul explains, "No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor." (1 Corinthians 12:22-23) This elevates the importance of the unnoticed. God made the unseen even more crucial than the seen. You can live without a voice but not without a liver or heart. Without these there would be no walking or talking.

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What an amazing fact. Men serving widows cause the word of God to spread and the disciples to greatly multiply!

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It is the joint operation of these gifts the enemy wants to stop. When successful he can severely hinder our growth! He knows he cannot stop God from giving these gifts, so he is after our freedom to exercise them. Intimidation is the primary way he hinders this.

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Prayer:

*Father, in the name of Jesus I ask You to strengthen me through Your love and wisdom. Forgive me for drawing back in times of difficulty in order to preserve my own comfort and security. Lord Jesus, this day I choose to deny myself, take up my cross and follow You. I am Your servant; I receive Your grace that empowers so I might speak Your word and perform Your will with all boldness and love.*

Now address the spirit of fear and control:

*I break the words of intimidation and control spoken over my life by myself or others. I break the grip of the fear of man off my life. You unclean spirits of darkness, I submit myself to God and I resist you. I will give you no place in my life, so go in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Jude 24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

# CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS - Celebrated by Christians as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus

## SCRIPTURES ON CHRISTMAS

### **Isaiah 9:6-7**

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

### **Luke 1:28-38**

**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, a descendent of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."**

**Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."**

**"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."**

**"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.**

### **Luke 1:45**

**Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!**

### **Luke 2:4-7**

**So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in**

cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**Luke 2:8-14**

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

**Luke 2:19 KJV**

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

**Luke 2:29-32**

Simeon: “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

**Luke 2:34-35**

Simeon: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.”

**Luke 2:40**

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

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(A song) εεε

Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God,
The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
For unto us a child is born
Unto us a child is born
Unto us a son is given
And the government shall be upon His shoulder
Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God,
The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

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**I AM THE LORD WHO CAME TO EARTH AS A HUMAN BEING**

*This is the wonder, Joan, the marvelous wonder...that I, Lord of the Universe, came to earth as a human being so that I could save and redeem all those who belong to Me. Even the story of My birth is marvelous to behold. I was conceived by a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit and grew as a child on the earth until it came time for My ministry to begin. This is the story of My birth.*

## CLOUD OF GLORY AND PILLAR OF CLOUD

### SCRIPTURES ON CLOUD OF GLORY AND PILLAR OF CLOUD

#### **Exodus 13:21**

**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.**

#### **Exodus 14:19**

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

#### **Exodus 24:15-17**

**When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.**

#### **Exodus 34:5**

**Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses.**

#### **Leviticus 16:2**

**The Lord said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die. For I will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover.**

#### **Numbers 11:25**

**Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied - but did not do so again.**

#### **Numbers 12:5**

**Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam.**

#### **1 Kings 8:10-12**

**When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the Lord. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled his temple. Then Solomon said, "The Lord has said that he would dwell in a dark cloud."**

**Nehemiah 9:19**

**Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take.**

**Psalm 78:14**

**He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night.**

**Psalm 105:39**

**He spread out a cloud as a covering, and a fire to give light at night.**

**Isaiah 19:1**

**See, the Lord rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt.**

**Ezekiel 10:4**

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

**Matthew 17:5**

**While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered 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 21:27**

**At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.**

**1 Corinthians 10:1**

**For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.**

**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.**

**Revelation 14:14**

**I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.**

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I had a dream during the morning hours and one thing I remember from it was about a “cloud of glory” which seems like it was where a person went to get his provision.

During my set apart time with the Lord the Lord led me to find out what the “cloud of glory” idea from the dream meant. He had me look up “cloud” in the “Selected Topics” section of my Scofield Study Bible and read all the scriptures from Exodus, Nehemiah, etc. about the cloud with the Israelites. I saw that the cloud was:

- Leading them,
- Showing them the way,
- Providing light for them during the night,
- Protecting them from their enemy,
- He provided all they needed during this time.

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*And that's where you come with Me. When you come into My presence, you come into My "cloud of glory" like Moses did. Remember I said he was My friend? And you are My friend too. Right now you are "in" My cloud of glory as you listen to Me and talk with Me - as Moses did - in the cloud, and in the "tent of meeting."*



## COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

COMFORT - consolation, console, encourage, to sooth in time of grief or fear

ENCOURAGEMENT - to be comforted and consoled, to inspire with hope or confidence

### SCRIPTURES ON COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

**2 Chronicles 15:7**

**But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.**

**Nehemiah 8:10**

**The joy of the Lord is your strength.**

**Psalm 32:8**

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

**Psalm 33:18**

**But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.**

**Psalm 50:15**

**Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.**

**Psalm 119:11**

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

**Psalm 119:105**

**Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.**

**Proverbs 2:6**

**For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.**

**Proverbs 2:7-8**

**He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.**

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

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

**Proverbs 3:9**

**The light of the righteous shines brightly.**

**Proverbs 14:30**

**A heart at peace gives life to the body.**

**Ecclesiastes 5:19**

**When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God.**

**Isaiah 26:3**

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

**Isaiah 32:17**

**The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.**

**Isaiah 40:29**

**He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.**

**Isaiah 40:31**

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

**Isaiah 54:17**

**No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me.**

**John 14:27**

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

**Romans 5:3-4**

**We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.**

**Galatians 5:22**

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

**Galatians 6:9**

**Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.**

**Ephesians 2:14**

**For he himself is our peace.**

**Philippians 4:6-7**

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**Colossians 1:11 TLB**

**We are praying, too, that you will be filled with his mighty, glorious strength so that you can keep going no matter what happens - always full of the joy of the Lord.**

**Colossians 3:15**

**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.**

**Philippians 4:6-7**

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**Philippians 4:19**

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

**1 Thessalonians 4:11-12**

**Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.**

**2 Thessalonians 3:16**

**Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.**

**1 Timothy 4:16**

**Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others.**

**James 1:2-4**

**Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)**

**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.**

**Hebrews 10:23**

**Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.**

**1 Peter 5:7**

**Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.**

**Revelation 12:11**

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

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I AM THE LORD WHO GIVES YOU COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

People need lots of encouragement, Joan, and these scriptures help with that. I am a God of comfort and encouragement for those who belong to Me. I will never leave them or forsake them.

I have every answer they need and I can communicate those answers to them as needed. I can communicate all things to you. I can always give you comfort as you look to Me and seek Me for that. I am the God of all comfort.

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**DREAM A LITTLE DREAM OF ME**

Last night I had a song floating through my mind. The song was "Dream a little dream of me". I felt it was in my mind so that I would ask the Lord to have me dream a dream of Him, so I asked that.

This morning as I browsed through various dream events I had during the night, I was led to conclude that the "little dream of Him" was the very last scene I dreamed. And it was a very short or little dream scene.

In that last scene I saw a man standing to my right. He was facing away from me (I could see his back) and He seemed to be looking off in the direction to my right. I knew he had something (maybe like a container about 4" in diameter) which had a compartment inside it that could hold a nickel-sized item. I was asking a woman if she wanted to be that nickel-sized item and be put in his container, and was waiting for her answer.

This morning as I pondered that scene and wondered if that was the "dream of Him" I was expecting, He showed me that it was, and that I was the woman I was asking if she wanted to become that item inside His container. When I realized that, I told the Lord, "Yes."

As I pondered that dream scene more I realized that the small circle shaped item referred to something:

- Round shaped - meaning spiritual
- Positioned on my right - authority, the power of God revealed through flesh, accepted
- Carried around on His person - go with Him wherever He goes (Revelation 14:1-5 the redeemed from the earth)
- I didn't see these things as much as I just "knew" them

He revealed to me that I "knew" rather than "saw" most of this dream scene, and this was significant. He wanted me to realize this. This means we are now communicating more by my "knowing" things from Him (in my "know-er") rather than actually "seeing" them.

This matches with what He revealed to me recently about my now "knowing" something without actually "hearing" the words from Him, just having the "knowing".

I realize from Rick Joyner's book *The Final Quest* that that is how communications mainly go on in heaven - by just "knowing" what the other person is communicating rather than it being spoken in words.

**It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings. (Proverbs 25:2)**

I looked up the scripture in Revelation about those who go with the Lamb wherever He goes. This scripture has meant a lot to me over the years. I have told the Lord I wanted to be one of those 144,000 redeemed from the earth and following Him wherever He goes. I feel like this dream may be referring to that desire in me.

**Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with woman, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless. (Revelation 14:1-5)**

## COMMUNION

COMMUNION - The Christian sacrament in which consecrated bread and wine are partaken of in celebration of Christ's last supper.

### SCRIPTURES ON COMMUNION

#### **Matthew 26:26**

**While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."**

#### **Mark 14:22**

**While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God."**

#### **Luke 22:19**

**And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."**

#### **Acts 2:42**

**They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

#### **Acts 20:7**

**On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.**

#### **1 Corinthians 10:16**

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

#### **1 Corinthians 10:21**

**You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.**

**1 Corinthians 11:23**

**For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: 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 11:27-29**

**Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.**

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ABOUT TAKING COMMUNION

Surely he took up our infirmities (sicknesses) and carried our sorrows (pains), yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5 (NIV))

You are praying that prayer (Isaiah 53:4-5) each morning when you take communion. I have been teaching you about communion the last couple of weeks, and what is really taking place when you take communion. As you know this and recognize this, it is effective in working that in your life.

I sent you to that teaching by Wade Taylor about taking communion so you would learn more about this. I will keep teaching you also and deepening your understanding of what is taking place when you take communion and "discern it rightly."

This is one of the "secrets of the kingdom" that I said I would give you - and that you have asked to learn. It is one of the "treasures of darkness" - meaning hidden from many except the ones I reveal it to.

For the life of a creature is in the blood. (Leviticus 17:11)

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## **SPIRITUAL UNION**

*The Song Of The Bride* by Jeanne Guyon (pg 1-2)

### **Let Him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth. (Song of Solomon 1:1)**

What is this kiss? It is complete spiritual union: a real, permanent, and lasting experience of God's nature. The kiss is the union of God's spirit to your spirit.

When a person is first converted, he is united to God but he has not yet come to experience Him deeply. There is a deep and abiding union with Christ that you can come to know. The height and breadth and depth of God will take an eternity to know. Here is what this woman, the bride of Christ, cries out to know.

There are two kinds of union with God. One is to feel a sense of His presence for a few moments or hours. Deep and lasting union, however, continues in the midst of any circumstance. Let me try to explain. When you first come to experience the Lord you do not know Him very well. There is much in you that is not like Him and you do not understand the purpose of your Lord. This time is like an engagement period. God stirs up your love for Him, you present each other with tokens of your mutual affection, but you still do not fully know or enjoy your Beloved.

But there is a deeper union with God that can be thought of in terms of a spiritual marriage. Your spirit is fully united to Him. You are His without reservation. There is a communication of substance: God unites Himself with your spirit, and you are able to begin to explore the fullness of God.

The journey toward this complete union is what is being described in the *Song of Songs*: It is a place where your spirit is completely possessed by God. Barrenness and unfruitfulness are not known here. The "kiss of His mouth" is nothing less than the vital communication of the Word of God to you.

Consider that God is called "the Word." His touch to the spirit is the perfect enjoyment and consummation of spiritual union. God communicates Himself, and His Word, to your spirit.



## CONTENTMENT

CONTENTMENT - the state of being contented, satisfied with things as they are

### SCRIPTURES ON CONTENTMENT

**Luke 3:14**

**Be content with your wages.**

**2 Corinthians 12:10**

**For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong. RSV**

**Philippians 4:11-13**

**I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.**

**1 Timothy 6:6-8**

**Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.**

**Hebrews 13:5**

**Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."**

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QUIET IS ONE OF YOUR BEST FRIENDS

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:14)

Today, Joan, if you will write what I say, I will tell you some things you will want to know. So listen often, listen well, listen as though every word is important to you - which it is.

Today is a day of revelation.

Do not fret because of evildoers. There are many evildoers in the world now - MANY. You know this as you watch the news each night. You see this portrayed each day in multiple ways. That is part of the end times. It is not an easy time to be living.

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But you are growing stronger every day. And you have My shield and hedge around you and your loved ones each day. Thank Me for this.

Quiet is one of your best friends, Joan. Quiet and peace rule and reign in your house and in your life. This is good. This is progress along My Way.

You have waited patiently and now it is time for your healing from ME. I will bring it gradually and spontaneously as I desire and as I please. Wait patiently for Me, but KNOW it is coming.

Waiting on Me is part of getting to know Me. It is the way I am. It is the way I function. I have good reason for asking My children to wait on Me. You will understand better after you come up here. Until then, just know that that is the way I am and the way I function with you.

Learn to be content.

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### **I AM THE LORD WHO WANTS YOU TO BE CONTENT**

*Contentment is very important in a Godly life. When I was on earth I was content with having very little in the way of earthly goods. I was content to not have a home of My own to live in. I was content to live on whatever My Father brought to Me. I was content to be humble and not famous. I was content with My relationships with My Father and with others around Me. I want you to be content with what I give you also.*

## COUNSEL REGARDING SALVATION AND BEING IN THE RAPTURE

SALVATION - Deliverance from the power and penalty of sin.

RAPTURE - The event where Jesus returns for His bride and takes her to heaven to be with Him

### SCRIPTURES ON SALVATION AND RAPTURE

**Matthew 6:13**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.**

**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 13:42**

**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.**

**Matthew 22:2, 11-13**

**The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son...when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. "Friend," he asked, "how did you get in here without wedding clothes?" The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, "Tie him hand and foot and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."**

**Matthew 24:13**

**But the one who endures to the end will be saved.**

**Matthew 24:42, 44**

**Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come....So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.**

**Matthew 24:45, 48-51**

**Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? Suppose that servant is wicked...and begins to beat his fellow servants...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 25:10**

**But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast and the door was locked.**

**Matthew 25:28-30**

**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.**

**Mark 3:28-29**

**I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.**

**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.**

**Luke 22:40**

**He said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."**

**John 14:6**

**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me.**

**1 Corinthians 5:5**

**Hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.**

**Galatians 5:19**

**The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord; jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

**Hebrews 2:1**

**Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.**

**Hebrews 12:12-13 NCV**

**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 12:14**

**Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.**

**1 John 5:16**

**If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that.**

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You spend your time seeking Me, talking to Me, listening to Me, and doing just as I lead you. Remember I said once that it might be harder to "do nothing" if that is what I said to do, than "do something" like hand out tracts. I am training you to listen to Me and follow Me.

You ARE one of God's elect. You ARE passing the tests being given you, since you are listening to Me and following Me. That's what I counseled you many years ago - to "follow Me." That is another way you "buy gold". You listen to Me and follow Me. That is another way to "store up oil" - to always listen to Me and follow Me. You are doing all three of the things Derek mentioned: prayer, Bible reading, and waiting on God. Be assured you are among the elect, that you have extra oil, and that you have already bought gold from Me...you have paid the price and are still paying it every day.

Do not be afraid you are listening to the wrong voice and following it. I am your seal. I assure you that you have eternal salvation. I am the Holy Spirit. Why else would you have such a desire to follow the Lord, worship Him, read His Word, and seek after the Truth? Yes, there are many who are deceived, but you are not among them.

Lord, I guess I sometimes question You about what I am doing is because I love to do it so much: the Bible reading, the prayer, the waiting on You. It is the sincere desire of my heart. Therefore it is not a hardship for me to do it, but a great delight and blessing.

Yes, it IS a hardship whenever it comes to worldly things - like having fun, having material things more money could buy, having fame, wealth, power, etc. These are things which you have voluntarily given up. These are things which are the price you have paid to

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follow Me. There are more "prices" you have paid than you realize (for instance, your marriage and the worldly comforts it held).

Because You love Me so much, and desire to be with Me so much, these prices seem small and insignificant to you. But, to Me, they are not small and insignificant. You are like those disciples who gave up all to follow Me. You are receiving back 100-fold while on this earth in the delight and joy you are receiving in being in right relationship with Me and seeing this relationship grow day by day. You will receive many treasures in heaven which are, even now, being stored up there for you.

And realize that you are under great attack, even now, as you question over and over if what you are doing for Me is sufficient for buying gold and receiving extra oil. That attack is part of the price you are paying. Counter those attacks, whenever you have them, with the truth from My Word, and from what I tell you in our private conversations (which NEVER conflicts with My Word - if you think it does at any time, be sure to ask Me about that so I can explain it).

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(Quotes from Derek Prince's book *Prophetic Guide to the End Times*.)

### Regarding Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth p 102-104

Then He [Jesus] says, "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Jesus uses that phrase about five times in the New Testament for a certain category of people: those who have known all about Him, who have heard all the truth, who have been close to it perhaps all their lives, but never really committed themselves. And there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth because they will suddenly realize they were so close all their lives, they could have stepped in at any moment. But they never did, and now they are shut out forever.

1. Jesus first use of this phrase, found in Matthew 8:12, refers to "the sons of the kingdom." Jesus is speaking to His fellow Jews and saying, "You are rejecting Me, but the Gentiles will come. They will enter the Kingdom, and you will be shut out. And there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." These are people who have known it all, who had every opportunity but never availed themselves.
2. In Matthew 13:42 this phrase is used of the people who are the tares in the wheat field, looking exactly like the wheat but never producing fruit. Jesus says the angels will come and root them up and "cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." All their lives these people have been close to it, right in the middle of it, but they never entered into it.
3. In Matthew 22:12-13, in the parable of the wedding feast, there is one guest who comes in without a wedding garment. Actually, he did not even have to buy his wedding garment -- the host provided it. So it is sheer audacity and presumption to walk in without one. When the master of the feast sees him, he says, "How did you come in here without a wedding garment?" The man is speechless. The master says, "Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Again, we see that this is

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somebody who knows all about it. He had received an invitation to the feast but he did not bother to put on the appropriate garment, which is the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

4. In Matthew 25:30, we find the "one talent" servant, and again it involves weeping and gnashing of teeth.
5. Finally, in Luke 13:26-28, there are people who say to Jesus, "We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets." And Jesus says to them, "I do not know you...Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity." And outside there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

### Regarding The Ten Virgins p. 104-105

In the Bible, ten is the representative number of a congregation...My thought here is that these virgins basically represent churchgoers.

Here are three points about those ten virgins that are common to them all:

- They all expect the bridegroom. They all know the bridegroom is coming. They are not unbelievers.
- They all have lamps and oil. Almost always, oil is a type of the Holy Spirit. They all have the Holy Spirit in their lives.
- All of them slumber, both the wise and the foolish.

There is only one difference: *the amount of oil they have*. The wise have oil enough and some to spare. The foolish do not have a reserve of oil. We need to note again that there is no middle category - either we are wise or we are foolish...

We have to be filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit continually. All of these ten virgins have the initial filling, but because they do not all have the continual refilling, some are not ready.

It is interesting to note that the wise virgins say to the foolish: "Go and buy oil" It has to be bought; it is not a gift. Initially, the Holy Spirit is a gift. But if we want to remain filled with the Holy Spirit, there is a price to pay.

### Regarding buying gold: The church at Laodicea, p. 106-107

Jesus said to them (Revelation 3:15-18): "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed."

But Jesus give us some advice. "I'm not going to give the gold to you; you have to buy it from Me."...Gold represents here faith that has stood the test of fire. Jesus says, "You'll have to pay for it by endurance. You'll have to hold out under the test." Not everything in the Christian life is free. There are things we have to pay for.

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The foolish virgins who have to go buy oil find that it is too late. When they return, the door is shut, and Jesus says, "I never knew you." I understand that to mean they were never among God's elect. They had come in, but God knew they would never pass the test.

How do we buy oil? By prayer, by Bible reading, by waiting on God. It takes time and it takes effort. It does not just happen. We have to make the decision. Have we bought our oil?

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(Quote from the book *Answers To 200 Of Life's Most Probing Questions* by Pat Robertson. p 111)

Obviously, the unpardonable sin is not merely saying an unkind thing about the Holy Spirit. The religious leaders involved had turned totally against the revelation of god. They were so far into their own wickedness that they rejected not only Jesus Christ but also the Holy Spirit. They were saying that good was evil and evil was good. They called the Spirit of God, Satan!

They had rejected spiritual understanding and so could never come to Jesus, the one source of forgiveness. If a person does not accept Jesus, he cannot have forgiveness. If he rejects the Holy Spirit and turns away from Jesus Christ, he can receive no forgiveness. That is what these so-called "religious leaders" had done.

If you want to obey God but are concerned that you may have committed the unpardonable sin, you have not committed it. If anyone today has committed this sin, it would be one who is hard-hearted, who has turned against Jesus, reviled Him, and become so depraved that he would claim that God's Spirit is Satan.

CROSS

CROSS - A tall beam with a cross-bar on which a criminal was hung or tied to die.

SCRIPTURES ON CROSS

Luke 9:23

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:27

And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

1 Corinthians 1:18

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

Galatians 6:14

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Philippians 2:8

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Philippians 3:18

Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ

Colossians 2:13-14

He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:15

And having disarmed the powers and authorities he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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**I AM THE LORD WHO FORGIVES**

*I am the Lord who forgives, Joan. I forgave, while on the cross, all those who crucified Me. I am the One who forgives your sins, because I paid the penalty for them on the cross. I died in your place, for you. I forgave, and so I want you to forgive also. Do this in remembrance of Me. Forgive as I forgave.*

# CROWNS

CROWN - A headpiece worn to symbolize glory, honor and victory

## SCRIPTURES ON CROWNS

### **Proverbs 4:9**

**She (wisdom) will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown.**

### **Isaiah 28:5**

**In that day the Lord Almighty will be a glorious crown, a beautiful wreath for the remnant of his people.**

### **Isaiah 62:3**

**You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.**

### **1 Corinthians 9:25**

**Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.**

### **2 Timothy 2:5**

**Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules.**

### **2 Timothy 4:8**

**Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on the Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.**

### **James 1:12**

**Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.**

### **1 Peter 5:2-4**

**Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.**

### **Revelation 2:10**

**Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.**

**Revelation 3:11**

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

**Revelation 14:14**

**I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.**

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I AM THE LORD WHO GIVES CROWNS TO MY BELOVED

Yes, Joan, there are crowns. There are many crowns available to those who believe in Me and follow Me. I want you to have the crowns that rightfully belong to you, and there are several. A crown of righteousness is due for everyone who believes in Me because I am your righteousness, and you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. And there are many other crowns especially suited to each individual person. And I have MANY CROWNS on My head, many crowns.

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#### **A LIST OF THE CROWNS**

Crown of splendor  
A crown that will last forever  
The victor's crown  
Crown of righteousness  
The crown of life  
The crown of glory

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(From *New Scofield Study Bible*, p 1458)

God, in the N. T. Scriptures, offers to the lost, salvation; and for the faithful service of the saved, He offers rewards. The passages are easily distinguished by remembering that salvation is invariably spoken of as a free gift, whereas rewards are earned by works. A further distinction is that salvation is a present possession, whereas rewards are a future attainment, to be given at the rapture.

DAY OF CHRIST

DAY OF CHRIST - is the period of reward and blessing for the Church beginning with the rapture.

SCRIPTURES ON THE DAY OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 1:8

He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 5:5

Hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 1:14

And I hope that, as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

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 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 2:16

And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

2 Timothy 4:8

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

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**I AM THE ONE THE SAINTS ARE TO BE CONFORMED TO**

*I am the One the saints are to be conformed to - while on earth, and later in heaven. You will become like Me more and more as you are continually cleansed and sanctified while on this earth. Then, when you come to heaven, either raised from the dead or raptured, you will be changed to be like Me.*

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1 Corinthians 1:8 note: The expression "**the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,**" identified with His coming, is the special period of blessing for the Church beginning with the rapture. This coming day is referred to as "the day of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 5:5), "the day of the Lord Jesus" (2 Corinthians 1:14), "the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6), and "the day of Christ" (Philippians 1:10; 2:16). In all six references in the New Testament this "day" relates to the reward and blessing of the Church at the rapture in contrast with the expression "**the day of the Lord**" (compare Isaiah 2:12, Joel 1:15, and Revelation 19:19) which is related to judgment upon unbelieving Jews and Gentiles, and blessing on millennial saints. (Zephaniah 3:8-20) (NIV New Scofield Study Bible, p.1455)

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(See page 485 *Every Prophecy Of The Bible* by John F. Walvoord  
For a chart showing this time line)

### **THE DAY OF THE LORD**

- Pentecost
- Church age
- Rapture
- Day of the Lord** (2 Peter 3:10-11)
  - Ten nations united
- Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week
  - Seven year covenant signed
  - 3 1/2 years of peace
  - Covenant broken
  - 3 1/2 years great tribulation
- Second coming of Christ
- Millennium
- Great white throne judgment
- Day of God** - Eternity (2 Peter 3:12)
  - New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem

## DAY OF THE LORD

DAY OF THE LORD - is a time of special divine visitation mentioned often in the Old and New Testaments. It will begin at the Rapture and will include the period of trouble preceding the second coming of Christ and the establishment of God's kingdom in the earth

### SCRIPTURES ON DAY OF THE LORD

**Isaiah 2:10**

**The Lord Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled).**

**Isaiah 10:20**

**In that day the remnant of Israel, the survivors of Jacob, will no longer rely on him who struck them down but will truly rely on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel.**

**Isaiah 13:6**

**Wail, for the day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty...See, the day of the Lord is coming - a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger - to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.**

**Isaiah 24:1**

**See, the Lord is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants.**

**Isaiah 26:20**

**Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by.**

**Isaiah 34:8**

**For the Lord has a day of vengeance, a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause.**

**Isaiah 63:1**

**Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? It is I, proclaiming victory, mighty to save.**

**Isaiah 66:15**

**See, the Lord is coming with fire, and his chariots are like a whirlwind; he will bring down his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For with fire and with his sword the Lord will execute judgment on all people, and many will be those slain by the Lord.**

**Jeremiah 25:29**

**See, I am beginning to bring disaster on the city that bears my Name, and will you indeed go unpunished? You will not go unpunished, for I am calling down a sword on all who live on the earth, declares the Lord Almighty.**

**Jeremiah 46:10**

**But that day belongs to the Lord, the Lord Almighty - a day of vengeance, for vengeance on his foes.**

**Ezekiel 20:34-38**

**As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I will reign over you with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath. I will bring you from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered - with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath. I will bring you into the wilderness of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgment upon you. As I judged your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will judge you, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will take note of you as you pass under my rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. I will purge you of those who revolt and rebel against me. although I will bring them out of the land where they are living, yet they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord.**

**Ezekiel 30:3**

**Wail and say, "Alas for that day!" For the day is near, the day of the Lord is near - a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations.**

**Ezekiel 38:14-16**

**In that day, when my people Israel are living in safety, will you not take notice of it? You will come from your place in the far north, you and many nations with you, all of them riding on horses, a great horde, a mighty army. You will advance against my people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. In days to come, Gog, I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may know me when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.**

**Joel 1:15**

**Alas for that day! For the day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.**

**Joel 2:1**

**Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming.**

**Joel 2:30-32**

**I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the**



coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

**Joel 3:14**

**Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.**

**Amos 2:14**

**The swift will not escape, the strong will not muster their strength, and the warrior will not save his life.**

**Amos 5:18**

**Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light.**

**Obadiah 15-21**

**The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.**

**Zephaniah 1:7**

**Be silent before the Sovereign Lord, for the day of the Lord is near.**

**Zechariah 12:2**

**I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling, Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem.**

**Zechariah 14:1-2**

**A day of the Lord is coming, Jerusalem, when your possessions will be plundered and divided up within your very walls. I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it.**

**Malachi 4:1**

**"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty.**

**Matthew 24:29-36**

**Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory."**

**Matthew 25:31-33**

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

**Luke 17:30-31**

**It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything.**

**Luke 21:27**

**At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**

**Luke 21:34-35**

**Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:2**

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

**2 Peter 3:10**

**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.**

**Jude 6**

**And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling - these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.**

**Revelation 6:17**

**For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?**

**Revelation 16:17**

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

**Revelation 19:19**

**Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast**

**was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf.**

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*I am your Rock that you stand on.
I am your Anchor that holds you in place and steady in the time of storms and turbulence.
I am the One who covers you with My wings and protects you.
I am your Refuge, your Fortress, your Covering, your Protection.
I am your Light to light the way, your Counselor, your Wisdom.
I am your Understanding, your Knowledge.
I am the Mighty One with all power to help you on the way.
I am the narrow Door leading to salvation and hope.
I am your Love, your Kindness, your Joy, your Hope.
I am Everything you need. Count on Me and lean on Me.
I want you to do this.
That's Who I Am and Who I want to be for you.*

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### **THE DAY OF THE LORD - SUMMARY**

(From *New Scofield Study Bible*, p 1601)

The order of events appears to be:

1. The rapture of the Church just preceding the beginning of the Day of the Lord.
2. The fulfillment of Daniel's seventieth "seven" week, the latter half of which is the great tribulation.
3. The return of the Lord in glory to establish the millennial kingdom.
4. The destruction of the beast, the false prophet, and their armies, which is the "great and dreadful" aspect of the day.
5. The judgment of individual Gentiles according to their treatment of Christ's brethren, the Jewish people, and the judgment of Israel (Ezekiel 20:34-38)
6. The millennial reign of Christ on earth.
7. The satanic revolt and its judgment.
8. The resurrection and final judgment of the wicked.
9. The destruction of the present earth and heaven by fire preparatory for the future "Day of God".
10. The creation of the new heavens and the new earth.

## DAY OF GOD

DAY OF GOD - The period of time after the Day of the Lord, after the Millennium, and begins eternity. It includes the New Heavens, the New Earth, and the New Jerusalem.

### SCRIPTURES ON DAY OF GOD

#### **Isaiah 65:17-19**

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

#### **Isaiah 66:22**

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

#### **2 Peter 3:10**

**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.**

#### **2 Peter 3:11-12**

**Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.**

#### **2 Peter 3:13**

**But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.**

#### **Revelation 20:11**

**Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.**

#### **Revelation 21:1**

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

#### **Revelation 21:2-3**

**I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.**

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How the Lord Can Know Everything at the Same Time

Today we're going to talk about Me - who I am, what I'm like, how I feel. Make notes of what I tell you so you can put it in the book. I want others to know Me better also through your books.

I am so different from what you think of Me, that you would be totally surprised if I told you. So I won't tell you everything, but just a few things I want you to note here. This revelation of who I am will continue for several weeks, so expect more revelation to come on other mornings and at various times when I speak about it. Start a new file called: "Revelation of what the Lord says He is like." Put all these bits and pieces together into that file as you receive them.

Today I just want to tell you about one area of who I am that you have pondered many times: how I can know everything at the same time. That continually astounds you, but it is very simple when you get outside the area/sphere of time. And you can hardly imagine or comprehend that. That's ok. You don't need to. Just know that I DO know everything, and that I see everything - past, present, and future. Know this, and take this into account as you commune with Me.

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(See page 512 *Every Prophecy Of The Bible* by John F. Walvoord)

### **2 Peter 3:10**

**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.**

This will occur at the end of the Day of the Lord which will be the end of the millennial kingdom (Rev. 20:11; 21:1). The description of the earth's being destroyed by fire is catastrophic and supports the conclusion that the new earth, created according to verse 1, will replace entirely our present earth. As scientists know, the earth is composed of atomic structure which is held together by the power of God. Just as God created it out of nothing, so He can dismiss it into nothing in preparation for the eternal state.

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One point of view is that the Day of the Lord, which begins at the Rapture and ends at the Millennium, will be followed by the Day of God which is the day of eternity.

### **2 Peter 3:12**

**That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.**

This description of the atomic destruction of the earth leads to the conclusion that the new earth will be entirely different with none of the geographic landmarks that relate to our present earth. There will be no more ocean, no more Red Sea, no more Jordan River, no sun or moon. The new earth will be entirely different as described in Revelation 21-22.

## DEATH AND LIFE

**DEATH** - The end of physical life. Also the penalty for sin

**LIFE** - The total substance of a person's existence. Can refer to both physical and spiritual existence.

### SCRIPTURES ON DEATH AND LIFE

**Genesis 2:7**

**Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.**

**Genesis 3:3**

**The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"**

**Deuteronomy 30:15**

**See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.**

**Deuteronomy 30:19**

**This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.**

**Deuteronomy 32:30**

**See now that I myself am he. There is no God besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.**

**Psalms 56:13**

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

**Psalms 116:15**

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.**

**Proverbs 8:35-36**

**For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death.**

**Proverbs 10:16**

**The wages of the righteous is life, but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death.**

**Proverbs 14:12**

**There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.**

**Proverbs 18:21**

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

**Ecclesiastes 7:1**

**A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth.**

**Ecclesiastes 7:2**

**It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart.**

**Isaiah 25:7-8**

**On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.**

**Isaiah 53:12**

**Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

**Jeremiah 21:8**

**Furthermore, tell the people, "This is what the Lord says: See, I am setting before you the way of life and the way of death.**

**John 3:16**

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

**John 3:18**

**Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.**

**John 5:24**

**Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.**

**John 11:25**



**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.**

**John 14:6**

**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life."**

**Romans 4:25**

**He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.**

**Romans 5:12**

**Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.**

**Romans 5:17**

**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 6:13**

**Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.**

**Romans 6:23**

**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.**

**Romans 8:1-2**

**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.**

**1 Corinthians 15:21-22**

**For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.**

**1 Corinthians 15:56-57**

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Revelation 1:18**

**And I hold the keys of death and Hades.**

**Revelation 20:6**

**Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.**

**Revelation 20:14**

**The lake of fire is the second death.**

**Revelation 21:4**

**There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.**

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BEING ASLEEP BUT NOT YET DEAD - THE VISITING PLACE

I read a dream I had had previously, with scenes in it the Lord said was in heaven. He said I could go there many times in dreams and in my quiet times. I didn't recognize that "conference" I was attending in the dream as heaven. The Lord explained this to me: that I have a concept of what heaven is like, but it is much more than what I realize, and has places I have not conceived of yet.

Then the Lord and I had a conversation. This is it:

Yes, there is a place in heaven of "being asleep but not yet dead" as you talked with Beth about this morning. It is "outside the pearly gates" as Bob Jones told about.

When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." They laughed at him knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. (Luke 9:51-55)

It is for those who come to visit, but are not to stay. They are to return back to earth for some purpose. THAT is where you will be going. You may call it THE VISITING PLACE.

The visiting place in heaven is the realm where you can go and visit, but not be dead, and you can return from there. That's where that girl went who visited there for 90 days while in a coma. That's where Bob Jones went, and Corbin, the little boy, went, etc. Those who go to heaven and are resuscitated go there. Don't think of this in terms of space like you have on earth. It is a "realm."

You are ready to enter that "realm."

That's where you go when you have visions. That's where you go when you have dreams of a certain kind. That's where Joseph went when an angel came to him and told him to take Mary as his wife, to go to Egypt, etc. It was into this heavenly "realm."

That's where Roland Buck went.

I can take anyone there whom I choose to take there, and whenever I choose to do that.

Do you want to go there?

Yes, Lord, I want to go there.

Are you afraid to go there?

No, I am not afraid to go there.

You see, you can go there multiple times...like James Durham. So you don't need to be afraid that you won't want to come back. You will be delighted to have gone there, and will know you can return there many times, as I lead you, whenever I lead you to.

John went there and wrote down what he saw there - all except what the 7 thunders said.

And Roland Buck went there and came back with a scroll, which gradually dissipated and disappeared.

And you can go wherever I take you, and you can write what you see and hear also, if I guide you to do that, and you can bring that back with you too, if I tell you to do that.

I like this, Lord.

I know you do. And you are ready. And it is time for this to come for you. So you accept it now?

Yes, Lord, I accept it now.

Ok. We are ready. I won't tell you when. It will just happen when it is My time to do that. Just know you are ready, and it will come - someday.

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

DELIVER - To rescue from evil; to set free from bondage

SCRIPTURES ON DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Exodus 3:8

So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

2 Samuel 22:17-18, 20

He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me...He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

1 Chronicles 16:34-35

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Cry out, "Save us, God our Savior: gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise."

Psalms 3:7-8

Arise, Lord! Deliver me, my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked. From the Lord comes deliverance.

Psalms 6:4

Turn, Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

Psalms 23:4

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.

Psalms 33:18-19

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

Psalms 34:4-7

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

Psalm 34:17

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

Psalm 34:19

The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all.

Psalm 37:39-40

The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord helps them and delivers them.

Psalm 44:26

Rise up and help us; rescue us because of your unfailing love.

Psalm 59:1

Deliver me from my enemies, O God; be my fortress against those who are attacking me.

Psalm 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

Isaiah 43:12-13

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God. Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

Isaiah 50:2

Was my arm too short to deliver you? Do I lack the strength to rescue you?

Jeremiah 1:8

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

Jeremiah 39:17

But I will rescue you on that day, declares the Lord; you will not be given into the hands of those you fear. I will save you; you will not fall by the sword but will escape with your life, because you trust in me, declares the Lord.

Matthew 6:13

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Romans 7:24

Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Galatians 1:4-5

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Colossians 1:13

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

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**HE REJECTED GOD AND WAS TURNED OVER TO A DEPRAVED MIND**

The thought that came to me today was about the man yesterday who shot men (Republican congressmen playing softball in Washington DC) just because they were Republicans, and he hated President Trump. He was subsequently shot by Capital Police and died. The thought was that he is now in hell and the "tormentors" were tormenting him due to his unforgiveness and sins from that.

The story that Jesus told came to my mind of the servant who was forgiven of a great debt he owed the master, and then he wouldn't forgive a small debt owed him by a fellow servant. Jesus said he would be put in prison and the "tormentors" would torment him. Matthew 18:23-35 - "handed him over to the jailers to be tortured"

As for those who were the targets of this shooting, I feel this scripture applies:

**And we know that God works all things together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)**

As I read Romans 8:28, I further noticed a very important scripture for me and read it also:

**For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. (Romans 8:29-30)**

Then I noticed the scripture that Beth and I talked about this morning, which I felt applied to the shooter...that he rejected God and was turned over to a depraved mind:

Matthew 18:23-35 portions

**The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal**

**power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.**

**For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.**

**Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator - who is forever praised. Amen.**

**Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts...**

**Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity.**

**They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice.**

**They are God-haters. They invent ways of doing evil.**

*Now I want to talk to you, Joan, about what you saw happening yesterday on TV about that shooter.*

*You cannot stop those with depraved minds from being depraved. This is not possible. They have made their choices and are reaping the consequences of those choices.*

*But you CAN pray for supernatural protection over all that I want to supernaturally protect. I did that yesterday. None of those targets of that man were killed, but all were dramatically affected by it. I WILL bring good out of that situation and I am already doing that.*

*When you pray in tongues for that, I choose what to bring forth from that situation, and it is all good. So pray now for what I WANT to do through this.*

## DEPOSIT OF HOLY SPIRIT

DEPOSIT - something pledged or given as part of the payment.

### SCRIPTURES ON DEPOSIT OF HOLY SPIRIT

#### **Ephesians 1:14-15**

**When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession - to the praise of his glory.**

#### **Ephesians 4:30**

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

#### **2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NIV**

**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 RSV**

**But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:1-5**

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

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Now I want you to know this...it is a VERY SHORT TIME now until the rapture and the changing of the bodies of all who belong to Me - those who truly belong to Me, not those who just think they belong to Me, but really don't. The filling with My Spirit is the key to this. The Spirit is the "deposit" that seals our commitment to each other. Those who have My Spirit (like the 5 virgins with plenty of oil) are the ones who will come with Me when I return for My bride.

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## THE SPIRIT IS THE DEPOSIT THAT SEALS OUR COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER

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Because those who are FILLED with Your Spirit deny themselves, take up their crosses and follow You. (Luke 9:23).

Those who have just enough of Your Spirit to ask You to be their Savior, but are not filled with Your Spirit, they do not deny themselves, pick up their crosses, and follow You.

Is that it, Lord? Is that the difference between the five wise and five foolish virgins?

*Yes, Joan, that is it. Remember IF ANYONE WOULD COME AFTER ME, he must deny himself, pick up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

*Remember that some would come to Me, would believe Me, but would not follow Me. They believed in who I was and what I said, but did not FOLLOW Me.*

**If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)**

*Those who don't follow after Me, will not be raptured. And it takes the filling of My Holy Spirit to follow after Me.*

**Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. 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 19:1-6)**

**Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there...But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women....When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the**

**word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:5, 12, 14-17)**

I see that according to these scriptures there were believers who believed in Jesus who were not filled with the Holy Spirit. They had not even been taught about the Holy Spirit. When they were taught and believed, and prayed for to receive the Holy Spirit, then they were filled with Him.

*Remember what James said -*

**Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it - they will be blessed in what they do.**

**Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. (James 1:22-26)**

## DON'T BE AFRAID

AFRAID - Filled with fear

### SCRIPTURES ON DON'T BE AFRAID

**Genesis 26:24**

**Do not be afraid, for I am with you.**

**Exodus 14:11-14**

**Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.**

**Exodus 20:20**

**Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.**

**Deuteronomy 1:21**

**See, the Lord your God has given you the land. Go up and take possession of it as the Lord, the God of your fathers, told you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”**

**Deuteronomy 3:22**

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

**Deuteronomy 4:24**

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

**Joshua 1:9**

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

**2 Chronicles 20:15, 17**

**This is what the Lord says to you: “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s...You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you...do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.”**

**Psalm 23:4-5**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You**

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

**Psalm 27:1, 3**

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

**Psalm 34:4**

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

**Psalm 46:1**

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

**Psalm 56:3**

**When I am afraid, I will trust in you.**

**Psalm 91:4-6**

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

**Proverbs 1:33**

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

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

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

**Proverbs 3:24**

**My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment...they will be life for you...When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.**

**Proverbs 3:25-26**

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

**Isaiah 41:10**

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

**Isaiah 41:13**

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

**Isaiah 43:1-2**

**But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.**

**Isaiah 54:4**

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

**Jeremiah 1:8**

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

**Matthew 10:28**

**Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.**

**Matthew 10:31**

**And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.**

**Matthew 28:20**

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

**Mark 5:36**

**Don't be afraid; just believe.**

**Luke 12:32**

**Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.**

**John 14:27**

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

**2 Timothy 1:7 NLT**

**For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline.**

**Hebrews 13:5-6**

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

**1 Peter 3:14**

**But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.**

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When you walk through a storm, keep your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark
At the end of the storm is a golden cloud
And the sweet silver song of the lark
Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain
Though the winds be tossed and blown.
Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone, you'll never walk alone.

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**TO GUARD YOU IN ALL YOUR WAYS**

As I sat before the Lord this morning He said He wanted to give me freedom from fears - fears that He doesn't want me to have. So I asked Him for that. I asked Him to erase those fears from me. He said the key is this:

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

The key is to keep my mind stayed on Him. He also gave me

**In quietness and confidence is your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)**

He told me He gave me many very large strong angels to protect me all the time, and that these angels have been with me since I was born. He reminded me of the time when my aunt was taking care of me when I was about 3 months old, and I rolled off the table and fell to the floor. He told me an angel caught me and laid me gently on the floor at that time.

He reminded me the time when we visited the city of Luang Prabang in Laos where I sat on a box of dynamite at the airport and we could hear gunfire in the distance.

He reminded me of the airplane flight between mountains into a small village in Laos where the plane flying the same route was shot at just two weeks prior to that. He indicated that my angels had been watching over me.

TOPICAL STUDY

**For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.  
(Psalm 91:11)**

## DOVE

DOVE - A bird belonging to the pigeon family. Because of its gentleness and purity it became a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

### SCRIPTURES ON DOVE

**Genesis 8:8**

**Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground.**

**Psalm 55:6**

**I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.**

**Psalm 68:13 NIV**

**Even while you sleep among the sheep pens, the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold.**

**Psalm 68:13 KJV**

**Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.**

**Psalm 68:13 NLT**

**Even those who lived among the sheepfolds found treasures - doves with wings of silver and feathers of gold.**

**SOS 2:14**

**My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.**

**SOS 6:9**

**But my dove, my perfect one, is unique.**

**Isaiah 60:8**

**Who are these that fly along like clouds, like doves to their nests?**

**Jeremiah 8:7**

**Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration.**

**Matthew 3:16**



**As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At the moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.**

**Matthew 10:16**

**I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.**

**Mark 1:9-10**

**At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.**

**Luke 3:21**

**When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove.**

**John 1:32**

**Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.**

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SOS 6:9

But my dove, my perfect one, is unique.

Lord, You are the one who is perfect and unique.

And you will be also, after you leave the earth and come up here with Me. Then you will be "like Me" and you, also, will be perfect and unique. Each one who is Mine is unique and perfect, and will be for all eternity.

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## **THE DOVE COMPANY**

Today Beth and I listened to Paul Keith Davis talking with an interviewer on the MorningStar partner conference. One thing Paul Keith mentioned is about the "dove company" which God is raising up. This dove company is a group of people who are really close to the Lord and know His heart. He mentioned the scripture about doves with silver on their wings and gold on their feathers - a scripture that has fascinated me for years.

**Even while you sleep among the campfires, the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold. (Psalm 68:13 NIV)**

## TOPICAL STUDY

I knew when I heard this that I am one of those doves who is close to God's heart. They come close to the heart of God. That's why He gave me the dove sign on the roof many years ago, and why He led me to call my web site DoveMinistry.net.

As I talked to the Lord about this, He prompted me to do a scripture study on "dove."

*You are one of My doves, Joan. Your wings are sheathed with silver and your feathers with shining gold. You are beautiful to behold by Me. I created you to be this. That is what you came to earth for - to become one of My dove company as Paul Keith Davis calls it. Just know this.*

## EYES OF THE LORD

EYES OF THE LORD - God's seeing leads to protection of those whom he loves.

### SCRIPTURES ON EYES OF THE LORD

**Genesis 6:8**

**But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.**

**Deuteronomy 11:12**

**It is the land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.**

**1 Kings 8:29**

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

**1 Kings 15:11**

**Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, as his father David had done.**

**2 Chronicles 6:40**

**Now, my God, may your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.**

**2 Chronicles 16:9**

**For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.**

**Ezra 5:5**

**But the eye of their God was watching over the elders of the Jews.**

**Nehemiah 1:6**

**Lord, - let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel.**

**Psalms 32:8**

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.**

**Psalms 33:18-19**

**But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.**

**Psalm 34:15**

**The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry.**

**Psalm 139:16**

**Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

**Proverbs 15:3**

**The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.**

**Proverbs 22:12**

**The eyes of the Lord keep watch over knowledge, but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.**

**Isaiah 37:17**

**Give ear, Lord, and hear; open your eyes, Lord, and see; listen to all the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God.**

**Jeremiah 24:6**

**My eyes will watch over them for their good, and I will bring them back to this land.**

**Amos 9:8**

**Surely the eyes of the Sovereign Lord are on the sinful kingdom.**

**Habakkuk 1:13**

**Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.**

**Hebrews 4:13**

**Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**

**1 Peter 3:12**

**For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.**

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The Lord is Creator and Resides in His Holy Temple

The Lord is One who resides in His holy temple - a place high and lifted up above all else. He is mighty in power and mighty in thoughts. He thinks of things our minds can't even conceive of. He speaks a word, and that which was thought becomes real, it comes into

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being. No human being is as great as that, nor any angel, nor any other creature - because all of these were created out of His creative thoughts. And the "created" is not greater than the "Creator." So He is high and lifted up in His holy temple, His place of being.

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

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