

TOPICAL STUDY

PART THREE

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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KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

COMMANDMENTS - An order given by God.

SCRIPTURES ON KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 19:3-6

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Exodus 20:5-6

I, the Lord your God, am...showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Exodus 20:3-17

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth below.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother

You shall not murder

You shall not commit adultery

You shall not steal

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet

Deuteronomy 6:5

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

Deuteronomy 10:12

And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deuteronomy 11:1

Love the Lord your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.

Joshua 22:5

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

Daniel 9:4

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

Proverbs 3:1-2

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Nehemiah 1:5

O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands.

Matthew 22:35-40

One of them...tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love you neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

John 14:15, 21

If you love me, you will obey what I command...whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

1 Corinthians 7:19

Keeping God's commands is what counts.

1 John 2:3-6

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him" but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

1 John 5:2-3

This is how we know that we love the children of God; by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands.

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**IT'S BASED ON LOVE**

**Psalm 119:165**

**Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.**

*And that's My Word for you today. Nothing can make you stumble because you love My law and that love causes you to desire to obey it.*

*Remember that I and my Word are one. If you love Me, you love My law. If you love My law, you love Me. If you love Me, you will obey My commands. Remember that I said that? And you DO love Me, Joan, because you obey My commands. It's based on love.*

# LIFE

LIFE - The total substance of a person's existence; can refer to both physical and spiritual existence.

## SCRIPTURES ON LIFE

### **Deuteronomy 30:19-20**

**This day I call heaven and 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 and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.**

### **Psalm 16:11**

**You have made known to me the path of life.**

### **Proverbs 4:20-22**

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

### **Proverbs 6:23**

**For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life.**

### **Proverbs 8:34-35**

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

### **Proverbs 11:30**

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

### **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.**

### **John 1:4**

**In him was life, and that life was the light of men.**

### **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 3:36**

**Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.**

**John 4:14**

**Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**

**John 5:24, 26**

**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...For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.**

**John 6:35**

**Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."**

**John 6:47-48**

**I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life.**

**John 6:68**

**Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."**

**John 10:10**

**I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

**John 10:28**

**My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.**

**John 11:25**

**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."**

**John 14:6**

**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

**John 20:30-31**

**Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

**Acts 13:48**

**When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.**

**Romans 6:13**

**Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.**

**Romans 6:22-23**

**But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**2 Corinthians 3:6**

**He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**

**Philippians 2:16**

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

**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.**

**2 Peter 1:3**

**His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.**

**Revelation 13:8**

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

**Revelation 20:11-12**

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



**Revelation 21:27**

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

**Revelation 22:1-2**

**Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month.**

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I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

I am the Way, Joan, and all who follow Me follow the way. I am the Truth, Joan, and all who follow Me follow the truth. I am the Life, Joan, and all who follow Me have life in Me - eternal life. So choose Me for the way, truth, and life.

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**LIKE PUTTING TOGETHER A PUZZLE**

During a listening time yesterday, the Lord showed me about how He works often in me, and likely in others too. These were the thoughts:

The Lord works in us like putting together a puzzle - a few pieces on the lower left, then a few pieces on the right, then in another area - and things begin to take shape and bring understanding.

He builds a foundation, then builds on that foundation. He doesn't complete it until the end of your life. You may not see the whole picture until He shows you in heaven.

I was thinking of how He has given me the words "follow Me" in different ways and times

**In all your ways acknowledge ME and I will direct your paths. (See Proverbs 3:6)**

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As I read page 172-3 in *The Call* by Rick Joyner, my attention was caught by these words by Rick.

As I read the words of Jesus to Rick in this book, I felt they matched my own experience, and Jesus' words in the Bible, and His truths in other books I read too...

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In His presence, I felt that thousands of fragments of information which I had accumulated over the years were all tied together to give a deep and comprehensive meaning to everything He said....His words did not just impart information, but *life*...The Lord did not just give information when He spoke, but somehow rearranged my mind and heart so that these truths would be the foundation for understanding, and the understanding released a love for the truth.

LIGHT

LIGHT - the form of energy that allows a person to see; in the Old Testament it symbolized life and blessing.

SCRIPTURES ON LIGHT

2 Samuel 22:29

You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light.

Psalm 4:6

Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

Psalm 19:8

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?

Psalm 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.

Psalm 76:4

You are resplendent with light, more majestic than mountains rich with game.

Psalm 119:105

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

Psalm 104:2

He wraps himself in light as with a garment

Psalm 119:130

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

Psalm 139:12

Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Isaiah 2:5

Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 9:2

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

Isaiah 42:6-7

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 45:7

I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.

Isaiah 49:6

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.

Matthew 4:16

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

Matthew 5:14-16

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

Luke 2:32

[Simeon] 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 11:33-36

No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness. See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and not part of it is dark, it will be completely lighted, as when the light of a lamp shines on you.

John 1:4

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

John 1:9

The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

John 3:19-21

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

John 8:12

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

John 9:4-5

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

John 12:35-36

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

2 Corinthians 4:6

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

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness.

Ephesians 1:18

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called - his holy people who are his right and glorious inheritance.

Ephesians 5:8-9

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

1 Thessalonians 5:5

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

1 Timothy 6:16

...the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

1 Peter 2:9

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

1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:7

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 2:8

Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

1 John 2:9

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

Rev. 21:23

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

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As I looked OUT in the distance at the sky this morning, it looked like gray cloud cover. But as I looked UP at the sky, I saw there were light fluffy clouds close together, but with enough opening space in between to see blue sky. The sun was shining on the edges of the fluffy clouds and

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revealing the space in between. The Lord reminded me that He is the Light of the world, and when He shines on the world, He reveals things as they really are, not as they look from a distance.

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I asked the Lord to heal me from the many possibilities of old age happening in my body. I prayed the Scripture from Psalm 103:1-3 which says:

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgives all my sin, who heals all my diseases, who saves me from the pit, who crowns me with love and compassion, who fulfills my desires with good things so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-3)

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

As I listened, He said the Scripture about being the light of the world. I am to meditate on that and what it means to me, so I am searching the Scriptures for references to His being light.

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I asked Him to show me where I am deceived and the level of my present deception. He said He would show me if I asked Him.

*You ARE deceived in several places and ways. I DO want to reveal them to you so you can be free and walk in the truth. Walking in the truth is walking in the light. Ask Me to do this.*

I ask You, Lord.

*Ok. This will take awhile as I don't want to show you all at once. So just be watching for ways I will show you where you might be deceived, and we will tackle them one by one. As you become free from them, you will walk in greater and greater truth - and the truth shall set you free - free from wrong thoughts, wrong attitudes, wrong words, and from bodily illnesses.*

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(Matthew 17:1-2) After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

That's what I'm going to do to you, take you up on a high mountain. And there I will transform you, heal you, anoint you, and commission you for what I am soon assigning you to do. I have prepared you for all these days of your life for this I assignment, and it is now time to finish getting you ready for it. Will you go with Me?

Yes, Lord.

Ok, it will be soon. Watch for it. It will come this week. That's why I am having you stay home this week - it is set apart unto Me. Do not go out shopping or anywhere today. This day is Mine. This week is Mine. Trust Me.

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Lord, am I walking in the light?

*Yes, but I want to open up a greater degree of light to you now. Keep studying the light and I will keep teaching you about Me.*

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CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

(Luke 2:29-32) Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant [Simeon] 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.

(John 1:4-5) In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

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

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

(John 12:35) Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light."

(Rev. 21:23) The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

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(1 Timothy 6:15-16) ...God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

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

CHILDREN OF LIGHT, DISCIPLES OF LIGHT

(Ephesians 5:8-10, 13) For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord... For everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible.

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

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

LIGHT CREATED BY GOD

(Gen. 1:3) And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

(Jeremiah 31:35) This is what the Lord says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar--the Lord Almighty is his name...

LIGHT AS A TYPE OF GOD'S FAVOR

(Exodus 10:22-23) So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. No one could see anyone else or leave his place for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

(Psalm 4:6) Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

(Psalm 27:1) The Lord is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear?

(Psalm 97:11) Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

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

(Isaiah 60:19) The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

GOD'S WORD PRODUCES LIGHT

(Psalm 19:8) The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. the commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

(Psalm 119:105, 130, 133) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path...The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple...Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

(Proverbs 6:20-23) My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life...

INSTANCES OF MIRACULOUS LIGHT

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

(Acts 9:3-4) As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

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### **WALKING IN THE TRUTH IS WALKING IN THE LIGHT**

(From *The Final Quest*, by Rick Joyner, p. 130)

"You have asked for My grace and you shall have it. The first grace that will keep you on the path of life is to know the level of your present deception. Deception involves anything that you do not understand as I do. Knowing the level of your present deception brings humility, and I give My grace to the humble."

# LOVE

LOVE - Wanting good to come to another person; being concerned and willing to work for another person's benefit.

## SCRIPTURES ON LOVE

### **Exodus 20:5-6**

**I, the Lord your God, am...showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.**

### **Deuteronomy 6:5**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**

### **Deuteronomy 10:12**

**And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**

### **Deuteronomy 11:1**

**Love the Lord your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.**

### **Joshua 22:5**

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

### **Nehemiah 1:5**

**O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands.**

### **Ps 23:6**

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

### **Psalm 31:25**

**Love the Lord, all his saints!**

### **Psalm 57:2-3**

**I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me. He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; God sends his love and his faithfulness.**

**Psalm 127:2**

**He grants sleep to those he loves.**

**Psalm 136:1**

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

**Psalm 145:20**

**The Lord watches over all who love him.**

**Proverbs 21:21**

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

**Song of Songs 2:4**

**He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love.**

**Daniel 9:4**

**O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands.**

**Matthew 3:16-17**

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

**Matthew 5:44**

**I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.**

**Matthew 10:37-38**

**Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.**

**Matthew 22:37-40**

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

**John 13:34-35**

**A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**

**John 15:12-13**

**My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.**

**Romans 12:9-10**

**Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.**

**Romans 13:9-10**

**Love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.**

**1 Corinthians 2:9**

**No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.**

**1 Corinthians 8:3**

**But the man who loves God is known by God.**

**Galatians 5:22**

**The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.**

**Ephesians 1:4-5**

**For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will - to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.**

**Ephesians 5:2**

**Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

**1 John 3:10**

**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 God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their the brother and sister.**

**1 John 4:7-10**

**Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he**

**sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

**1 John 4:16**

**And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.**

**1 John 4:17**

**This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.**

**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.**

**1 John 4:19**

**We love because he first loved us.**

**1 John 4:20**

**Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.**

**1 John 4:21**

**And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.**

**Revelation 1:5**

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

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These are precious love songs I like to sing to the Lord to let Him know I love Him:

(A song) εεε

For God so loved the world
He gave His only Son
To die on Calvary's tree
From sin to set me free
Someday he's coming back
What glory that will be
Wonderful His love to me.

TOPICAL STUDY

(A song) εεε

I love you Lord, and I lift my voice,
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice,
Take joy, My King, in what you hear;
Let it be a sweet, sweet song in Your ear.

(A song) εεε

In my heart there rings a melody,
There rings a melody, with heaven's harmony.
In my heart there rings a melody,
There rings a melody of love.

Verse:

I have a song that Jesus gave me
It was sent from heaven above
There never was a sweeter melody,
It's a melody of love.

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This is what I learned today about love through prayer time with my prayer partner - as we met together with the Lord and talked about what love is.

*There is a distinction between those who love and those who don't love*

What is that distinction?

*They have carried their crosses*

Why the difference?

*Because to them they have paid the sacrifice to learn who I am*

*To My sons and daughters the ultimate sacrifice is love - a love that knows no bounds.*

*An endless love*

Endless meaning - having no limit

*Yes, that is what My love is like*

The fear of the Lord and loving the Lord go together.

When you have the fear of the Lord in you, you will obey

*My prophets must learn to love My people*

*The end times march requires love*

*I cannot be satisfied until you are completely filled with My love*

*Love is the way.*

*Love holds up all things*

*You were created in love*

*Love is My principle based on My design of creation*

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LOVE PUTS THE FOCUS ON GOD

(From the book *Breaking Intimidation* by John Bevere, p. 19)

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)

MORNING STAR/STARS

Stars - Any of the celestial bodies that can be seen from Earth as twinkling points of light.

Morning star - To the believer who overcomes, Christ promises to give "the morning star" (Revelation 22:28) apparently symbolic of eternal life in heaven, and perhaps of Christ himself.

SCRIPTURES ON MORNING STAR/STARS

Job 38:4, 7

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

Isaiah 14:12

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

Daniel 12:3

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

Matthew 2:2

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

1 Corinthians 15:41

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

2 Peter 1:19

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Jude 13

(These ungodly people) They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

Revelation 1:16

In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Revelation 1:20

The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Rev. 2:26, 28

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations - I will also give that one the morning star.

Revelation 12:1

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

Rev. 22:16

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

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## **YOU HAVE SET YOUR GLORY IN THE HEAVENS**

**Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? (Psalm 8:1, 3-4)**

As I watched the webshots pictures scroll through on my computer screen, I saw two pictures of outer space galaxies, which were just beautiful. I marveled at the immensity of the Universe and how tiny we mortals are on our little planet Earth. And I marveled at the Lord who created all of this. So this scripture especially means a lot to me today.

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STARS ARE

- Objects of God's creation (Genesis 1:14-19)
- Signaling transcendence (Job 22:12)
- Evidence of God's artistry (Psalm 8:3)
- Cheerful at creation (Job 38:7)
- Shining stars (Psalm 148:3)
- Images of glory (1 Corinthians 15:41)
- Seem to be wanderers in space (Jude 13)
- Have names given by God (Psalm 147:4)
- Can be symbols of people (Daniel 12:3; Philippians 2:15)

TOPICAL STUDY

- Actors in God's cosmic drama of the end of history (Isaiah 13:10; Joel 2:10; Matthew 24:29)
- Angels of the seven churches (Revelation 1:20)
- Israel is identified as woman with twelve stars (Revelation 12:1)
- Christ - as morning star (2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 22:16)
- *The star of the Bible that led the wise men* (Matthew 2:2, 7, 9-10)
- Held in Christ's hand (Revelation 1:16; 2:1)
- Given as "the morning star" to believers who overcome (Revelation 2:28)

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

MOUTH AND TONGUE

TONGUE - The organ of speech in the mouth; a language.

SCRIPTURES ON MOUTH AND TONGUE (WORDS)

Isaiah 50:4

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

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

Psalm 35:28

My tongue will proclaim your righteousness, your praises all day long.

Psalm 39:1

I said, "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth while in the presence of the wicked."

Psalm 45:1

My tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.

Psalm 141:3

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

Proverbs 12:14

From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things.

Proverbs 12:18

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 13:2

From the fruit of their lips people enjoy good things.

Proverbs 13:3

Those who guard their lips preserve their lives

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Acts 2:1-4

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

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 acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

James 1:26

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

James 3:5

The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire.

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**WATCH YOUR TONGUE**

*Do you know you have authority with Me, Joan? Do you know what authority is? I want to talk to you about authority.*

*It is power. It is power to back up anything you say. So you must be very careful what you say, as it has power and authority behind it. That's why I had to teach you to be very careful with your tongue, because I was going to give you this authority. So watch your tongue, at all times, because it has power and authority behind it. And you want to send forth, speak forth, just the right things - the things of God only.*

*Jesus had that authority. What He said had My eternal power behind it. He knew that. That is why He said He spoke ONLY what the Father gave Him to speak. And I want it to be that way with you from now on. Speak only what I give you to speak. Then My authority won't be used wrongly.*

**He who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.  
(John 8:26)**

**I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. (John 8:28)**

**I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence. (John 8:38)**

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ORAL ROBERTS

I realized through listening to Oral Roberts on TBN Classics PRAISE THE LORD programs from May 1, 1986 (or 1989) that when I hear something from the Lord it *may* be an interpretation from the times I pray in tongues, which I do throughout the day as He leads me.

The teaching by Oral Roberts was exceptionally good. He taught about speaking in tongues:

- How it happens physically and spiritually,
- How he got started doing that,
- How he was taught to ask God for the interpretation,
- How his wife first started doing that,
- The story about God calling him to build a university,
- And how God gave him the vision for that university with revelation while praying in tongues.

It was most remarkable and inspiring. I want us to keep that recording so Beth can listen to it too, and perhaps for others to view also.

MY MINISTRY AND PROVISION

MINISTRY - To serve; to give care or attention to, to serve others as God directs.

SCRIPTURES ON MY MINISTRY AND PROVISION

GOD'S WORD TO DECLARE ABOUT MY MINISTRY

I trust in the name of the Lord my God even though some people trust in other things. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. (Psalm 20:7)

I am kept in perfect peace by the Lord as my mind is focused on Him and I trust in Him. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee. (Isaiah 26:3 KJV)

My salvation is in returning and resting in God, and my strength is in quietness and trust. In repentance (returning) and rest is your salvation (includes provision), in quietness and trust is your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)

God is a God of justice and He is gracious to me and shows me compassion.

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice (method, order, system, law, God has His own way and time for doing things). (Isaiah 30:18)

I am being led by the Lord by ways I have not known and along unfamiliar paths. He is turning darkness into light before me and making rough places smooth. I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. (Isaiah 42:16)

I am listening to the Lord and paying attention both now and in time to come. Which of you will listen to this or pay close attention in time to come? (Isaiah 42:23)

I am not fearing because the Lord has called me by name and I belong to Him. When I go through difficult times, He is with me and saves me because He is my Savior. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned (called) 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. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1-3b)

I am a witness that the Lord is God, and His servant whom He has chosen, so that I may know and believe and understand that He is Lord. 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. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart

from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed--I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses, declares the Lord, that I am God. (Isaiah 43:10-12)

I can depend on the consistency of the Lord because He does not change. I the Lord do not change. (Malachi 3:6)

(From *Prayer Strategy Resource Book* by Ruth Shinness)

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### ENDLESSLY CREATIVE

*You can't give to someone else the relationship you have with Me, Joan. You can only give testimony to what it is, but they must seek it for themselves with Me. It is unique and different with each person, because each person is different and unique.*

*I like it that way. I made it that way. There is nothing boring about relating to human beings, Joan, as each one is different.*

*Just like I made each flower different, even though some are similar, and just as I have made each animal different, even though some are similar, it is the same with human beings.*

*I, the Lord, am endlessly creative - endlessly. I never reach the end of My creativeness, and neither do you. You may wear out and stop creating, but the potential is still there as long as you are alive on this earth.*

*BUT, when you come to heaven, that creativity doesn't end, it only expands and grows. Therefore, heaven will be a delight for you. I made My people like Me, like Us, so they are creative too.*

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BY THE EAST WINDOW

In the dream I "saw" myself sitting by the east window in the sunshine in the upstairs bedroom of my childhood home. It seemed like I was taking notes there.

As I pondered this dream I asked the Lord if it was from Him and felt the answer was yes. I gradually got understanding about what the dream was teaching me. The revelation was this:

I got my lunch, my food, the Word, from sitting in an intimate place with the Lord in the sunshine. East window. This represents revelation from Him.

TOPICAL STUDY

Yes, Joan, you have the correct revelation about the meaning of this dream. You already have your revelation of My Word, your food, directly from Me, sitting in My presence. That's why I gave you the dream - to prepare you for that understanding. Look up what "east" window means and put it here.

I felt like there was another level of interpretation and understanding He wanted to give me about the dream. He said to let Him highlight (bold) the meaning of each symbol I listed here, so I did that, and took out all the other possibilities from the list. I ended up with this:

East: **Light, God's glory; arising; Cherubim**

Eating: **friendship; consuming wisdom; meditation; digesting the Word of God, becoming a part of; relationship between friends; to consume the Word**

Window: **Revelation knowledge; unobstructed view**

Food: **For the mature; deep and satisfying teaching of the Word of God; work of God.**

Sitting: **rest; position; concentration; receiving**

Chair: **concentration; receiving position, rest or position, quietness;**

Upstairs: **going higher in the Spirit**

Bedroom: **place of intimacy, rest; privacy; peace; salvation, meditation, covenant**

I want you to know that this is where you are now - in a position of rest, privacy, peace, intimacy, meditation and covenant. You are going higher in the Spirit every day.

Quietness is part of your everyday life now. You are in a receiving position all the time now. I am giving you light and revelation knowledge from an unobstructed view.

You are consuming My Word and digesting it and becoming a part of it every day now. This is all to My (God's) glory.

You are arising to meet with Me every day and I bring you revelation knowledge. This is for the mature. It is deep and satisfying to you. It is the work of God in your life. THAT'S what this dream is showing you most of all.

This is the way I see you - as you saw yourself in this dream.

THIS is to My glory - to make you daily like Me, more and more, little by little, as you consume My Word and listen to Me.

I am your life now. And you have My life now. You are walking in Me and with Me daily. This is what I want you to see. Receive this understanding (from the east window) from Me.

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### **WEALTH TO GIVE OUT TO OTHERS**

In this dream I seemed to be working on a book that I was writing. I could see the words of paragraphs on pages. I was putting little clip art pictures by those paragraphs. I put a clip art picture of King Midas beside one paragraph.

Was this dream from You, Lord?

*Yes it was. I have a message for you about this dream. Ask Me.*

What is the message you have for me about this dream?

*What does King Midas symbolize to you?*

He symbolizes having lots of money.

*Yes. And the book with paragraphs symbolizes your books. The clip art symbolizes pictures that will form in people's minds as they read those books/words. The King Midas symbolizes richness that is stored in those words you are writing - richness and abundance of wealth that will be gathered and gleaned from your words as people read them - because of the anointing I, the King, am putting on them. I am like King Midas with all that money/wealth to give out to others as they read your books. This is the understanding I am giving you through this dream. It is from Me.*

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The Lord Reaches Out to Us on the Level Where We Are

I'm giving you things which a certain type of people will relate to, Joan. I am not giving you "high" and lofty things which 99% of the people will not relate to. I will give you "middle" things, things which most people can relate to and realize they also can have such a relationship with Me as you have. I will not give you "lower" things, things that are earthy, because that is not where you live on a daily basis. You live in the middle between heaven and earth, while still reaching up towards Me in heaven each day to try to communicate with Me. Many people are there also, doing the same daily thing you do - seeking Me in all of their daily life, as they go about their daily tasks. This is a good place for you to be and for them to be.

TOPICAL STUDY

You will have all of eternity to explore the vastness of the Universe, Joan, and you will love it, truly enjoy it. I already know you will. So wait patiently for that era/part of your life to come - later.

JUST SEEK TO KNOW ME. That is the greatest quest of your lifetime here on earth, Joan - to know Me.

If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. (Exodus 33:13)

MYSTERIES/SECRETS

MYSTERY - Something hidden until revealed; something unknown

SECRETS - Concealed from public or general knowledge or view. A secret or mystery in scripture is a previously hidden truth now divinely revealed.

SCRIPTURES ON MYSTERIES, SECRETS

Proverbs 3:32

The Lord ... takes the upright into his confidence.

Proverbs 3:32 KJV

His secret is with the righteous.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.

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

Matthew 13:11

The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

Mark 4:11

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

Romans 16:25-27

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

1 Corinthians 4:1

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Listen, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Ephesians 1:9

And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment - to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

Ephesians 3:3-5

That is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.

Ephesians 3:6

This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together on one body, and sharers together in the promise of Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5:32

This is a profound mystery - but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Ephesians 6:19

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.

Colossians 1:26-27

I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness - the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 2:2

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

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.

Revelation 10:6-7

There will be no more delay! But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished (shall be completed), just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

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I am a God of Mysteries

*I am a God of mysteries, Joan. I seal up things and I keep things hidden according to My good pleasure. There are many mysteries that no one knows but Me. There are mysteries I tell only to certain people. There are mysteries I keep hidden until special times of revealing them - like what I told Daniel and John.*

**He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. (Daniel 12:9)**

**When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. And when the seven thunders spoke, I (John) was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down." (Revelation 10:3-4)**

*But there will come a time when many mysteries will be revealed and disclosed. This will come at My precise timing, and only I know that timing...just as Jesus said to His disciples.*

*My mysteries WILL all be fulfilled - in due time.*

*I raise up, and I tear down; I build and I plant; I begin and I end. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. It is ALL under My authority from beginning to end.*

*I know the way, and I AM the Way. All who look to Me will find the way in the midst of all the mysteries...because I know them all. I created them all.*

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

**...In order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:2)**

*I love mysteries, Joan, and so do you. That's why you like to solve mysteries and puzzles - you are like Me in that respect.*

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DURING THE MILLENNIUM YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE

I want to talk. It's part of My timing. I give you messages so that you come back to them and read them again on just the right day, at just the right time. That's the way I work in you, as you are My scribe, and we are writing your books together.

During the Millennium you can go anywhere. Space will not hold you back. Trees will not hold you back. Buildings will not hold you back. Why? Because you will be made of a different substance then - a spiritual substance which is not subject to the laws of the earth. You can live and move and function on earth, just like I did after My resurrection, but will not be subject to its laws.

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## THE MYSTERY OF GOD

As I read this, the Lord told me to put it in today's journal:

Paul Keith Davis said he believes we are living right now in Revelation 10. So today I looked up Revelation 10 to see what all took place there...

- The seven thunders speak (Rev. 10:4)
- There will be no more delay (Rev. 10:6)
- He took the scroll from the angel, ate it, and was told to prophesy (Rev. 10:8-11)

*Write down what the angel said to John at that time.*

**"There will be no more delay! But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished (shall be completed), just as he announced to his servants the prophets." (Revelation 10:6-7)**

*No more delay, Joan. That means things are going forward now into the tribulation time and time of wrath. But before I do that, the mystery of God will be accomplished.*

*What is this "mystery of God" that is being accomplished now, before the seventh trumpet sounds?*

*Do a scripture word study on the "mystery of God".*

As I did the word study, I felt this mystery may be what is being referenced in Revelation 10:6-7. **The mystery of God that will be accomplished/completed is the fullness of Christ in us.** And when that is accomplished, the seventh angel will sound his trumpet, and the bride of Christ will be raised.

## TOPICAL STUDY

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(From *Books of Destiny* by Paul Keith Davis, p. 18)

“Presently we are at the threshold of a “fullness of time” juncture in Church history. A door stands open before us, and a Voice calls us to higher, heavenly realms. God invites us to understand experientially the unfolding of heavenly blueprints and to apprehend spiritual mysteries that have been hidden until now. These secrets of God and mysteries of His Kingdom are hidden in the depths of Christ.

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## SCRIPTURES ON MYSTERIES

(From *New Scofield Study Bible NIV*)

Matthew 13:11 note - a secret or mystery in scripture is a previously hidden truth now divinely revealed.

1. The mysteries of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 13:3-50)
2. The mystery of Israel's blindness during this age (Romans 11:25 with context)
3. The mystery of the translation of living saints at the end of this age (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:13-17)
4. The mystery of the New Testament church as one body composed of Jews and Gentiles (Eph. 3:1-12; Romans 16:25; Eph. 6:19; Col. 4:3)
5. The mystery of the church as the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:23-32)
6. The mystery of the indwelling Christ (Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:26-27)
7. The mystery of God, namely, Christ - i.e. Christ as the incarnate fullness of the Godhead embodied, in whom all the divine wisdom for man subsists (1 Cor. 2:7; Col. 2:2, 9)
8. The mystery of the processes by which godlikeness is restored to man (1 Tim. 3:16)
9. The mystery of iniquity (2 Thess. 2:7; compare Matthew 13:33)
10. The mystery of the seven stars (Rev. 1:20)
11. The mystery of Babylon (Rev. 17:5, 7)



## NAME OF GOD

NAME - A word by which a person or thing is known and distinguished from others.

### SCRIPTURES ON THE NAME OF GOD

#### **Exodus 3:13-15**

**Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"**

**God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"**

**God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers - the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob - has sent me to you.'**

**"This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation."**

#### **Numbers 6:24-27**

**Say to them:**

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

**So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.**

#### **Psalm 20:1**

**May the name of the God of Jacob protect you.**

#### **Psalm 54:1**

**Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might.**

#### **John 16:23-24**

**In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.**

#### **John 17:11-12**

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

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I AM THE LORD WHO SENDS MY HOLY SPIRIT TO WORK ON EARTH

TOPICAL STUDY

I am God and I am three in One. I am Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Whenever My Holy Spirit works, I work. I and the Spirit are One. I work on the earth through My Spirit, the Holy Spirit. The whole Bible talks about My Spirit and what I do through My Spirit.

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In my quiet time I studied many scriptures but was especially intrigued by references to the NAME of God. I had wondered about the Name because of what Jesus said in John 17 in His prayer:

**Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. (John 17:11-12)**

Today I came across Psalm 54:1, which talked about His Name also:

**Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might. (Psalm 54:1)**

Then I looked up a reference on that scripture and found Psalm 20:1b:

**May the name of the God of Jacob protect you. (Psalm 20:1b)**

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God's name was important to the Hebrews, for they believed that it revealed his character and divinity and could give his people his power and blessing. Prayer in Jesus' name is a petition to God made according to Jesus' character and in his spirit. (RSV Bible dictionary)

NAMES OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURES ON NAMES OF CHRIST

Adam (the second) – 1 Corinthians 15:45
Advocate – 1 John 2:1
Alpha and Omega – Revelation 1:8; 22:13
Amen – Revelation 3:14
Angel of the Lord – Exodus 3:2; Judges 13:15-18
Branch – Jeremiah 23:5
Bread of Life – John 6:35, 48
Chief cornerstone – Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6
Chief Shepherd – 1 Peter 5:4
Counselor – Isaiah 9:6
Dayspring – Luke 1:78
Deliverer – Romans 11:26
Door – John 10:7
Immanuel – Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23
Eternal Life – 1 John 1:2; 5:20
Everlasting Father – Isaiah 9:6
Faithful Witness – Revelation 1:5; 3:14
First and Last – Revelation 1:17; 2:8
God – Isaiah 40:9; John 20:28
Good Shepherd – John 10:14
Great High Priest – Hebrews 4:14
Holy One – Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:27; 3:14
I Am – Exodus 3:14; John 8:58
Jehovah – Isaiah 26:4 (KJV)
Jesus – Matthew 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 1:10
Just One – Acts 7:52
King – Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:5
Lamb of God – John 1:29, 36
Life – John 14:6; Colossians 3:4
Light of the Word – John 8:12
Lion of Judah – Revelation 5:5
Lord God Almighty – Revelation 15:3
Lord of Glory – 1 Corinthians 2:8
Messiah – Daniel 9:25; John 1:41
Mighty God – Isaiah 9:6
Morning Star – Revelation 22:16
Nazarene – Matthew 2:23
Our Passover – 1 Corinthians 5:7
Prince of Life – Acts 3:15
Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:6

TOPICAL STUDY

Prophet – Luke 24:19; John 7:40
Redeemer – Isaiah 59:20; 60:16
Resurrection and Life – John 11:25
Rock – 1 Corinthians 10:4
Savior – 2 Peter 2:20; 3:18
Servant – Isaiah 42:1; 52:13
Son of God – Luke 1:35; John 1:49
Son of Man – John 5:27; 6:27
Sun of Righteousness – Malachi 4:2
True God – 1 John 5:20
True Light – John 1:9
True Vine – John 15:1
Truth – John 14:6
Way – John 14:6
Witness – Isaiah 55:4
Wonderful – Isaiah 28:29; 9:6
Word – John 1:1
Word of God – Revelation 19:13
Word of Life – 1 John 1:1

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(A song) εεε

His name is wonderful  
His name is wonderful  
His name is wonderful  
Jesus, my Lord.  
He is the mighty King  
Master of everything.  
His name is wonderful  
Jesus my Lord.

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I AM THE LAMB WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD

I am the Lamb, Joan, the precious Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. I stand beside My Father on His throne. I intercede for all who belong to Me - those who come to Me and believe in Me and give their lives to Me. They are My bride and they are very precious to Me. I was led to slaughter and gave My life willingly to pay for the sins of all who would come to Me. And you are one of them.

NOTHING WILL HARM YOU

HARM - Physical or psychological injury or damage

SCRIPTURES ON NOTHING WILL HARM YOU

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.

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.

Deuteronomy 23:5

However, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves 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 3:4-5

To the Lord I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

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 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.

Psalm 121:5-7

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.

Proverbs 1:33

But whoever listens to me 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 direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:24

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.

Proverbs 29:25

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

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.

Isaiah 54:14

In righteousness you will be established; tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.

Jeremiah 1:8

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you.

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Matthew 28:20

And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.

Mark 16:18

They will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all. (applies to drugs, RX, dizziness, witchcraft and pharmacaia)

Luke 10:17-19

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

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 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

2 Timothy 4:18

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 3:12-14

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. Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.

1 John 5:18

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

Revelation 2:11

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

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**DO NOT FEAR FOR I AM WITH YOU**

*I have summoned you by name. You are Mine. I am with you all the days of your life, so do not be afraid. I have overcome the world, Joan, and if I live in you, then you also can overcome the world - in Christ Jesus. I give you My peace, a peace that is different than the world gives. My peace is supernatural and is from above. It is not like worldly peace. It is much greater and more effective. So do not fear, My child, for I am with you.*

## OBJECTS OF WRATH AND GLORY

WRATH - Great anger, the strong anger of God

GLORY - Honor, praise, a source of pride or worthiness

### SCRIPTURES ON OBJECTS OF WRATH AND GLORY

#### **Isaiah 43:1-13**

**But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, “Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.**

**I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom; I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place. Others were given in exchange for you. I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me. You are honored, and I love you.**

**“Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will gather you and your children from east and west. I will say to the north and south, ‘Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth. Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.’”**

**Bring out the people who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. Gather the nations together! Assemble the peoples of the world! Which of their idols has ever foretold such things? Which can predict what will happen tomorrow? Where are the witnesses of such predictions? Who can verify that they spoke the truth?**

**“But you are my witnesses, O Israel!” says the Lord. “You are my servant. You have been chosen to know me, believe in me, and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God—there never has been, and there never will be. I, yes I, am the Lord, and there is no other Savior.**

**“First I predicted your rescue, then I saved you and proclaimed it to the world. No foreign god has ever done this. You are witnesses that I am the only God,” says the Lord. “From eternity to eternity I am God. No one can snatch anyone out of my hand. No one can undo what I have done.”**

#### **Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43**

**Here is another story Jesus told: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away.**

**When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. “The farmer’s workers went to him and said, ‘Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?’**

**“An enemy has done this!’ the farmer exclaimed. “Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked. “No,’ he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.”**

**Jesus replied, “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.**

**“Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!**

#### **Mark 13:20**

**In fact, unless the Lord shortens that time of calamity, not a single person will survive. But for the sake of his chosen ones he has shortened those days.**

#### **John 6:44-45**

**For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up. As it is written in the Scriptures, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.**

#### **Acts 2:38-39**

**Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”**

#### **Acts 13:48**

**When the Gentiles heard this, they were very glad and thanked the Lord for his message; and all who were chosen for eternal life became believers.**

#### **Romans 5:9**

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

#### **Romans 8:28-30**

**And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son**

would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

#### **Romans 9:10-16**

This son was our ancestor Isaac. When he married Rebekah, she gave birth to twins. But before they were born, before they had done anything good or bad, she received a message from God. (This message shows that God chooses people according to his own purposes; he calls people, but not according to their good or bad works.) She was told, “Your older son will serve your younger son.” In the words of the Scriptures, “I loved Jacob, but I rejected Esau.”

Are we saying, then, that God was unfair? Of course not! For God said to Moses, “I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose.”

So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it.

#### **Romans 9:20-24**

Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, “Why have you made me like this?”

When a potter makes jars out of clay, doesn’t he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into? In the same way, even though God has the right to show his anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom his anger falls, who are destined for destruction.

He does this to make the riches of his glory shine even brighter on those to whom he shows mercy, who were prepared in advance for glory. And we are among those whom he selected, both from the Jews and from the Gentiles.

#### **Romans 11:1-7**

I ask, then, has God rejected his own people, the nation of Israel? Of course not! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham and a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

No, God has not rejected his own people, whom he chose from the very beginning. Do you realize what the Scriptures say about this? Elijah the prophet complained to God about the people of Israel and said, “Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too.”

And do you remember God’s reply? He said, “No, I have 7,000 others who have never bowed down to Baal!”

It is the same today, for a few of the people of Israel have remained faithful because of God’s grace—his undeserved kindness in choosing them. And since it is through God’s kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God’s grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved.

**So this is the situation: Most of the people of Israel have not found the favor of God they are looking for so earnestly. A few have—the ones God has chosen—but the hearts of the rest were hardened.**

**Romans 11:22**

**Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in his kindness. But if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off.**

**Romans 11:33-36**

**Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! For who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back? For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.**

**1 Corinthians 1:26-28**

**Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.**

**Galatians 4:21-31**

**Tell me, you who want to live under the law, do you know what the law actually says? The Scriptures say that Abraham had two sons, one from his slave wife and one from his freeborn wife. The son of the slave wife was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise. But the son of the freeborn wife was born as God's own fulfillment of his promise.**

**These two women serve as an illustration of God's two covenants. The first woman, Hagar, represents Mount Sinai where people received the law that enslaved them. And now Jerusalem is just like Mount Sinai in Arabia, because she and her children live in slavery to the law.**

**But the other woman, Sarah, represents the heavenly Jerusalem. She is the free woman, and she is our mother. As Isaiah said, "Rejoice, O childless woman, you who have never given birth! Break into a joyful shout, you who have never been in labor! For the desolate woman now has more children than the woman who lives with her husband!"**

**And you, dear brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, just like Isaac. But you are now being persecuted by those who want you to keep the law, just as Ishmael, the child born by human effort, persecuted Isaac, the child born by the power of the Spirit. But what do the Scriptures say about that? "Get rid of the slave and her son, for the son of the slave woman will not share**

the inheritance with the free woman's son." So, dear brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman; we are children of the free woman.

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God.

And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

**1 Thessalonians 1:4**

We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people.

**2 Timothy 2:20-21**

In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

**2 Peter 1:10**

So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away.

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Today I was reading **Proverbs 16:4** which says:

The Lord has made everything for his own purposes, even the wicked for a day of disaster.

The idea which came to me was one I had wondered about many times: Did the Lord make the wicked for a day of disaster and make His own for learning and pruning while on this earth using the wicked to help do this. I began looking up Scriptures that might apply to this idea.

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This is the idea that formed in me today from the Lord as I pondered the Scriptures I was reading

We who belong to God all lived previously before we were born into the world. We lived with God from the foundation of the world when He "knew" us somehow. We came to earth and were wheat "planted in a field" of the world to grow until the harvest of each of our lives. The enemy planted tares in the field of the world along with the wheat (Matthew 13:24).

Jesus came to seek and save those who would believe in Him - those who were His own. They are never satisfied on earth until they find Him and get back into fellowship with Him. When Jesus was on earth He said the Father would bring His own to Him (John 6:37). He taught about His lost sheep He came to find in Luke 15.

In John 6:37:40 Jesus says:

**"However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."** (John 6:37-40)

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**SELECTED TOPIC ON ELECTION
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Romans 9:11

Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand:

Romans 11:5

So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.

1 Thessalonians 1:4

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,

2 Peter 1:10

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall,

Mark 13:20

If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them.

Luke 18:7

And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?

Romans 8:29

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

1 Corinthians 1:27

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

OVERCOMING

OVERCOME - To prevail over

SCRIPTURES ON OVERCOMING

Psalm 37:7, 9

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him...Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

Revelation 2:7

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

Revelation 2:11

He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Revelation 2:17

To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

Revelation 2:26-28

To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations - "He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery" - just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star." (Revelation 2:26-28)

Revelation 3:5

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

Revelation 3:21

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

Revelation 3:21

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

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“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him...Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.” (Psalm 37:7, 9)

*The Holy Spirit says I have now “inherited the earth;” that it is accomplished; that receiving the manifestation of what that means is a process which has now begun. I will see it come into being gradually as this process continues.*

*It means that through waiting on the Lord (resting) and trusting in Him, a process of “overcoming” has taken place - like spoken of in Revelation. I’m being led to write down here the fruits or consequences of overcoming as mentioned in Revelation:*

### **Eat from the tree of life**

“...the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.” (Revelation 2:7)

### **Tree of life**

“On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.” (Revelation 22:2)

*The fruit of the Spirit = love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Leaves = healing. He has said He will use me for healing*

“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.” (Revelation 22:14)

*They get to “inherit the land” of the city of God.*

### **Not be hurt by the second death**

“He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.” (Revelation 2:11b)

### **Hidden manna, white stone with a new name**

“To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.” (Revelation 2:17)

*Manna = Jesus, the Bread of Life (John 6:49-51). Hidden = only overcomers get to know. He says you will become like what you eat from, what you look at, what you behold. Eat from the manna of Jesus and become like Him. Eat from the tree of life and take on its characteristics: the 12 fruit it bears monthly and the healing in its leaves. Jesus is Life, so eating from this tree gives me Him, His Life. The new name is what I will be-as He created me to be.*

### **Authority, morning star**

“To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star.” (Revelation 2:26-28)

*He says, "I will give you authority in the kingdom because you are an overcomer, and I will give you understanding about that authority. The Morning Star is Myself. I give you Myself! And that Star is brightly shining - so you will shine brightly in My kingdom - you already do.*

**Dressed in white, name in book of life, acknowledged before Father and angels**

"He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, and will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels." (Revelation 3:5)

**Pillar, God's name on me, name of city on me, Jesus' new name on me**

"Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name." (Revelation 3:12)

**Sit with Jesus on His throne**

"To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne." (Revelation 3:21)

*About Revelation 3:1-3; 15-20 He says these Scriptures speak of 2 types of people:*

- 1. The dead who have received and heard, but not obeyed and repented, like Bethsaida. These are about to die.*
- 2. The lukewarm who need to hear His voice as He knocks, and to invite Jesus in. They think they are rich and are poor, and are about to be spit out of His mouth.*

# PATIENCE

PATIENCE - Able to put up with problems or pain without complaining or becoming angry.

## SCRIPTURES ABOUT PATIENCE

### **Psalm 8:25**

**I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.**

### **Proverbs 15:18**

**A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.**

### **Proverbs 19:11**

**A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.**

### **Romans 8:25**

**Hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.**

### **Romans 12:12**

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.**

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

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

### **2 Corinthians 6:6**

**As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love.**

### **Galatians 5:22-24**

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

### **Ephesians 4:1-2**

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

**Colossians 1:10-11**

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

**Colossians 3:12-14**

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

**1 Thessalonians 5:14-15**

**We urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.**

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I AM THE LORD - BE STILL BEFORE ME AND LISTEN TO MY VOICE

Be still. Be still. There is so much noise in the world right now - so much noise around you. Set yourself apart unto Me and listen quietly until I come and speak to you. Go into your secret place, into your closet, and seek Me there. Be still and listen so you can hear My voice. And I will lead you and guide you and help you understand My ways.

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**THE GREATEST LIFE IS "AFTER YOU HAVE DONE EVERYTHING TO STAND"**

(From *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, p. 318. J.R.Miller)

Must life be considered a failure for someone compelled to stand still, forced into inaction and required to watch the great, roaring tides of life from shore? No - victory is then to be won by standing still and quietly waiting. Yet this is a thousand times harder to do than in the past, when you rushed headlong into the busyness of life. It requires much more courage to stand and wait and still not lose heart or lose hope, to submit to the will of God, to give up opportunities for work and leave honors to others, and to be quiet, confident, and rejoicing while the busy multitude goes happily along their way. The greatest life is "after you have done everything to stand." (Ephesians 6:13)

# PEACE

PEACE - Freedom from disturbance, calm

## SCRIPTURES ON PEACE

### **Numbers 6:26**

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

### **Numbers 25:12**

**Therefore tell him I am making my covenant of peace with him.**

### **Judges 6:24**

**So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace.**

### **Judges 18:6**

**The priest answered them, "Go in peace. Your journey has the Lord's approval."**

### **Psalms 4:8**

**In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

### **Psalms 29:11**

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

### **Psalms 37:11**

**But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.**

### **Psalms 119:165**

**Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.**

### **Proverbs 16:7**

**When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.**

### **Isaiah 9:6**

**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.**

### **Isaiah 9:7**

**Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.**

**Isaiah 26:3**

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

**Isaiah 26:12**

**Lord, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us.**

**Isaiah 32:17**

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

**Isaiah 55:12**

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

**Isaiah 60:17**

**I will make peace your governor and well-being your ruler.**

**Daniel 10:19**

**"Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong." When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength."**

**Matthew 5:9**

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

**Luke 2:14**

**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.**

**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.**

**John 16:33**

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

**Romans 1:7**

**To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Romans 5:1**

**Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.**

**Romans 8:6**

**The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.**

**Romans 15:13**

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Galatians 5:22**

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

**Ephesians 2:14**

**For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,**

**Philippians 4:7**

**And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**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.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:23**

**May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**James 3:17**

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

**2 Peter 3:14**

**So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.**



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I am God of Your Peace -
The Peace that Passes Understanding

I am your peace, Joan, and you know this well. Every day of your life there is something that you need peace in the midst of. Some are small things, and some are large things, but they can take away your peace if it were not for Me. I live in you and I maintain your peace as long as you focus on Me.

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

Focusing on Me is the key to finding peace and keeping/maintaining peace. I AM your peace. This is not freedom from difficulties; it is peace in the midst of difficulties. In this world you will have troubles, but cling to Me and I will keep you in My peace.

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)

It is MY peace I give to you, and that peace is not like the world gives peace. Mine is unique to Me and passes all understanding. It is not based on things you usually think of that bring peace, such as freedom from strife. I AM peace. When you embrace Me fully, you have My peace in you.

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## A POTENTIAL STORM

I had a dream about a potential storm.

*What does it mean? It means that I am sending you a message through the dream that a dark cloud, a storm, is in view. You didn't see if that dark cloud brought a storm or not. You just felt you should take precautions by going into a safer place.*

*What does this really mean? Why did I give you that dream picture?*

*It is to let you know you are already in a peaceful quiet place, and that, even though you see a sign of possible trouble, you do not know if that trouble will affect you or not. I want you to ask Me - will it?*

I ask You, Lord, will the potential trouble affect me?

## TOPICAL STUDY

*I'm telling you no. So be at peace and stay in your place of peace. Even though you see signs in the world around you of potential storms, be at peace, out in the country, by yourself, with space to think, quiet and restful. Stay there and know I am aware of what's going on.*

*I know how to look after you, no matter what may come in the world situation. You do not need to fear, for I am with you. That is the message of this dream: I AM WITH YOU.*

*Watch the sky - watch for Me and My presence. I will show you how to respond to all situations that come into the world. I know the way. I AM THE WAY.*

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MY PEACE GIVES YOU MY PERFECT TIMING

My peace is with you. When My peace is with you, then we can advance with the project – together. “Let peace be your governor/ruler.” Don’t set out or advance without My peace. It gives you My perfect timing.

I will make peace your governor and well-being your ruler. (Isaiah 60:17)

PERSEVERANCE

PERSEVERANCE - To refuse to give up; to keep on trying; to continue in one's actions or beliefs in spite of problems.

SCRIPTURES ON PERSEVERANCE

Romans 5:3-4

But we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

1 Corinthians 13:7

Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Timothy 4:16

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Hebrews 10:36

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

Hebrews 12:1

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

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 1:12

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.

2 Peter 1:5-8

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness, and to godliness, brotherly

kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### **PERSEVERING PRODUCES CHARACTER**

*You are with Me right now. You are in the "lighthouse" right now. You are walking with Me. you are talking with Me. You are giving consideration to all that I am leading you to do and following it, following Me. We are together. You are hearing Me and seeing things with My eyes. We are in the New Secret Place together. I am pleased. And so are you.*

*This is My word for you today, Joan: Persevere. Persevere in all I lead you to do. And keep persevering all the days of your life. Remember that persevering produces character - My character when you persevere in Me and with Me. And that is the desire of your heart and My heart - that you become like Me. Remember I want to be the firstborn among many brothers.*

*"Brothers" refers to a relationship you have with Me. Just like Bride refers to a relationship you have with Me. It does not mean only males. You are My "brother" Joan AND My bride. MF is My brother AND My bride. Beth is My brother AND My bride. All who belong to Me are.*

# PORTALS

PORTAL - a doorway, entrance, or gate

## SCRIPTURES ON PORTALS

**Genesis 28:16-17**

**Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it...How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven!**

**Psalms 24:7**

**Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.**

**Psalms 78:23**

**He commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven.**

**Proverbs 8:34**

**Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.**

**Malachi 3:10**

**Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.**

**John 1:51**

**Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.**

**Revelation 3:7-8**

**These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.**

**Revelation 4:1-2**

**After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." Immediately, I was in the spirit.**

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TOPICAL STUDY

You come to Me each morning when you come through the "gate" of My name, My works, and your relationship with Me. That gate stays open as you go through your day, and I fill you with truth and life from Me and through Me.

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As I sought the Lord for a portal to come into His presence, He told me that now this house has become a portal. It used to be my special quiet time chair, and then it became sitting at the computer, but now it is our whole house. Whenever we come in here, we are "in His presence" as He is filling this place with Himself. He says:

*It will be that way until the end of time (for me). And this is for you. This is not for you alone. Your daughter may enter too as she seeks Me for it. She will sometime, and I will be here. She will inherit this portal from you when you leave.*

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"Heavenly Portals"
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God delights in revealing Himself to those who love His appearing and to those who watch for His coming.

One of the marvelous mysteries of God is the existence of portals--doors and passageways--leading to and from the heavenly realms. When you are standing in a portal, it feels like an open Heaven.

A heavenly portal is a spherical opening of light that offers divine protection by which angels and heavenly beings can come and go, without demonic interference. God has designed portals to begin in the third Heaven, travel through the second Heaven, and open upon Earth.

Throughout Scripture, we see the existence of doorways or portals.

The "door" in Revelation suggests God's invitation for us to have access to His heavenly realm. As His friends, the Lord wants to open the portals of Heaven and release an unparalleled visitation of heavenly hosts.

Jacob Discovered a Heavenly Portal

Jacob spent the night in a place where his forefather Abraham had "called upon the name of the Lord"--Genesis 12:8. As he rested his head upon a covenant stone, a portal opened. Jacob saw a vision of a ladder with angels ascending and descending on it. When he awoke from sleep, he said,

"Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it...How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven!" Genesis 28:16-17

Eager to mark the specific location where he had encountered the stairway to heaven, Jacob erected a monument and named the place, "Bethel" or "dwelling place of God." Several times after this, the Lord told Jacob to return to Bethel, where He would speak to him.

Have you ever wondered why the Lord, who could speak to you anywhere, would instruct you to go somewhere else, so that He could talk with you?

While God was talking to Elijah, He instructed the prophet to go to Mount Horeb, also known as Mount Sinai, where the Lord would talk to him further--1 Kings 19:11-18.

Divine portals into the heavenly realm exist around the Earth today. The city of Jerusalem is a portal. In fact, it is the major portal on the face of the Earth. That's why both David and Isaiah said that Jerusalem is the center of the earth. Why do you suppose the enemy is trying to capture Jerusalem? [He] is trying to block or close off this portal.

In Moravian Falls, North Carolina, Rick Joyner has shared that he and his staff have had numerous angelic visitations on their property that was once owned by Count von Zinzendorf and the Moravian community of faith. Several portals exist on this land which had been prayed over by the Moravian brethren for over 100 years.

In Sutton, New Hampshire, a portal exists on the 90-acres that were given to Streams Ministries. Obviously the enemy knows this, because he has been blocking the use of this portal and providing access only to the second Heaven. Every time I climb to the top of the land, which the locals refer to as "the Pinnacle", I have torn down demonic altars erected by witches who trespass on the property and defile places where God had once revealed Himself. But God is calling us to take back these high places, so that His angels can come and go without hindrance.

Sadly, while many in the New Age movement recognize the existence of portals, the portals they recognize are those of the second Heaven. Many erroneously think they are hearing from God when actually they are being deceived by the counterfeit.

While living in Babylon, the prophet Daniel encountered angels who had battled with principalities. However, since the prince of Persia ruled the nation, the portal to the third Heaven was stopped up, much like a kitchen sink that is clogged with debris, so that nothing can flow from the source. But the Lord is calling us to take back these places full of divine destiny, so that His angels can come and go unencumbered in our midst.

Often, the Keys to Open these Heavenly Portals Reside in the Actions of Our Hearts

At Pentecost, the key to unlocking the portal was the unity of the believers. Gathered together, Scripture says they were "in one accord," when suddenly, a portal opened. A sound from Heaven was heard that resembled a mighty rushing wind, filling the whole house. A supernatural manifestation that looked like flames of fire appeared on the believers and filled them with the Holy Spirit--Acts 2:1-4.

We are entering an hour when God wants to give us a mighty outpouring of His Spirit and an unprecedented visitation of heavenly hosts on the Earth--Joel 2:28-29. This new wave of God's Spirit will begin to flow with great power, bringing healing and life, much like Ezekiel's vision of the river of life-- Ezekiel 47.

TOPICAL STUDY

This coming flow of God's Spirit will be felt in such fullness of power that it will unleash a massive, worldwide revival. Believers will be anointed and empowered to perform even greater works than those Jesus did--healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead, and proclaiming the Kingdom of God has come to Earth--John 14:12. In the coming day, the Lord will begin to show many of you where portals exist in your community, so that you will be able to receive even greater spiritual insight and revelation from God.

POWER

POWER - The ability or capacity to act or perform effectively

SCRIPTURES ON POWER

Psalm 21:13

Be exalted in your strength, Lord; we will sing and praise your might (power).

Psalm 59:16

But I will sing of your strength (power), in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

Psalm 66:7

He rules forever by his power.

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Jeremiah 51:15

He made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding.

Matthew 6:13

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Matthew 9:6, 8

I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority (power) on earth to forgive sins...When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe and they praised God, who had given such authority (power) to man.

Matthew 24:30

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 28:18

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority (power) in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mark 5:30

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

Mark 9:1

And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Mark 14:62

Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

Luke 1:35

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on 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."

Luke 4:14

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

Luke 4:32

They were astonished at his doctrine, for his word was with power.

Luke 4:36

All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!"

Luke 6:19

And the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Luke 8:46

Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

Luke 9:1

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 21:27

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

Luke 24:49

You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

John 1:12

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 3:12

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

Acts 4:33

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 6:8

Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 26:18

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

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:18-19

I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done - by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

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

1 Corinthians 1:24

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

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

1 Corinthians 6:14

By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

1 Corinthians 15:24

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

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

2 Corinthians 2:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Ephesians 1:17-19

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

Ephesians 1:19-21

That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ 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 name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 3:20-21

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

Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ - yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

Hebrews 1:3

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

Hebrews 4:12

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

1 Peter 1:4-5

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Revelation 2:26

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority (power) over the nations.

Revelation 11:17

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

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(A song) εεε

All hail the power of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.

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AN UNDESERVED CURSE

I happened to notice this scripture this morning in my open bible beside my computer, and found it quite interesting:

Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest. (Proverbs 26:2)

It's like this: if you accept the curse, accept that you can receive it, it has a right to stay on you.

But if you believe My Word and apply My Word to yourself, then a curse spoken against you cannot stay or attach to you.

That is what I wanted you to discover and learn. Keep yourselves clean before Me and there are no legal rights.

You may proclaim this out loud and be in alignment with My truth. The enemy doesn't want you to know about this. He has no power over you if you are in right alignment with Me, clean before Me.

You do that when you take communion - you get clean before Me if you ask Me for this before taking communion.

You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free

Now you know you don't have to receive them or believe they can stick to you, as you are clean before Me. So send them away in My name and never believe they have power over you again as long as you are clean before Me.

I gave your words power because I made you in My image. How you use that power of words, is instrumental in your eternal destiny.

Don't take it for granted; speak life, you get life

Just remember this and don't toss it aside. It is important eternally, for you and for others.

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

PRAISE

PRAISE - To glorify; to say good things about someone or something; approval; worship

SCRIPTURES ON PRAISE

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.

Psalm 9:1-2

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.

Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Psalm 33:1-5

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalm 34:1, 3

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

Psalm 95:1-7

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

Psalm 96:1-4

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

Psalm 96:7-10

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

Psalm 100

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

Psalm 101:1

I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise.

Psalm 103:1-5

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

Psalm 104:33-34

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

Psalm 105:1-5

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

1 Chronicles 16:23-

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and

majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name.

Daniel 2:20-23

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

Habakkuk 3:3-4

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

Luke 1:46-50

And Mary said: My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is his name.

Luke 1:68-69

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.

Ephesians 1:3-6

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will - to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Ephesians 1:7-12

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment - to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Revelation 19:5-8

Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!" Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

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**A DREAM**

I awoke after having a dream about being in church. We were standing and praising the Lord together. It seemed like we were giving testimonies about the Lord. A lady from the choir stepped off to one side and was crying. The Pastor stood and spoke. I had the feeling that the prayers were for our country, and he represented the President or Leader of our country. It was a very positive dream.

Lord, will you tell me what this dream means?

*Yes. It means I am in charge of your country and in charge of the church. The president represents the one in charge. So he stands for Me in this dream. The lady who cried represents those who are convicted and recognize their sins. She represents repentance. The rest of the people represent those who praise Me and worship Me. This dream speaks of the coming revival, which will draw many, many people into repentance and praise and worship. I will lead it. I will speak into it. I will be in charge of it. You just be "in it" and enjoy it and all that I do. Enjoy the praise!*

## PREDESTINATION AND FOREKNOWLEDGE

**PREDESTINE** - To decide or decree ahead of time.

**FOREKNOWLEDGE** - prior knowledge or awareness of something

### SCRIPTURES ON PREDESTINATION AND FOREKNOWLEDGE

#### **Mark 13:20**

**In fact, unless the Lord shortens that time of calamity, not a single person will survive. But for the sake of his chosen ones he has shortened those days.**

#### **John 6:44-45**

**For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up. As it is written in the Scriptures, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.**

#### **Acts 2:23**

**This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge.**

#### **Acts 2:38-39**

**Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”**

#### **Acts 13:48**

**When the Gentiles heard this, they were very glad and thanked the Lord for his message; and all who were chosen for eternal life became believers.**

#### **Romans 8:28-30**

**And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.**

#### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

**1 Thessalonians 1:4**

We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people.

**2 Timothy 2:20-21**

In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

**1 Peter 1:2**

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience.

**2 Peter 1:10**

So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away.

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THE SEED

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness 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 8:28-30 NIV)

And the seed of ALL that I am is in you, Joan, and that seed WILL grow to maturity and become like Me. I have predestined it that way and it will happen. Yes, and even My glory is in you and upon you. This glory will grow and mature even as you become more and more like Me. Remember that I said (in John 17) that "I have given them the glory that You gave Me." You HAVE My glory in you and it is shining forth (manifesting) more and more as you draw nearer and nearer to Me...like the moon reflects the light of the sun.

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

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**Ephesians 1:5**

He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

**Romans 8:29**

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

**Romans 9-11**

**Romans 9**

1 I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit— 2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, 4 the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. 5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

6 It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. 7 Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." 8 In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. 9 For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

10 Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. 11 Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: 12 not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." 13 Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

14 What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! 15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

19 One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" 20 But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?' " 21 Does not the potter

have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

22 What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? 23 What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory— 24 even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? 25 As he says in Hosea: "I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one," 26 and, "It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons of the living God.' "

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved. 28 For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality." 29 It is just as Isaiah said previously: "Unless the Lord Almighty had left us descendants, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah."

30 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. 32 Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the "stumbling stone." 33 As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

#### Romans 10

1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. 2 For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. 3 Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

5 Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." 6 But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: 9 That 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. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 11 As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

16 But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" 17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. 18 But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." 19 Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, "I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding." 20 And Isaiah boldly says, "I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me." 21 But concerning Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people."

### Romans 11

1. I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: 3 "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? 4 And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." 5 So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. 6 And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

7 What then? What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the elect did. The others were hardened, 8 as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear, to this very day." 9 And David says: "May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. 10 May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever."

11 Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. 12 But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!

13 I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry 14 in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. 15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? 16 If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

17 If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, 18 do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. 19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." 20 Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

22 Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you

also will be cut off. 23 And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24 After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. 27 And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

28 As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, 29 for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. 30 Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

#### Doxology

33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" 35 "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.



PSALM 91

**PSALM 91 (NCV)**

**Those who go to God Most High for safety will be protected by the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, “You are my place of safety and protection. You are my God and I trust you.”**

**God will save you from hidden traps and from deadly diseases. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you can hide. His truth will be your shield and protection. You will not fear any danger by night or an arrow during the day. You will not be afraid of diseases that come in the dark or sickness that strikes at noon. At your side one thousand people may die, or even ten thousand right beside you, but you will not be hurt. You will only watch and see the wicked punished.**

**The Lord is your protection; you have made God Most High your place of safety. Nothing bad will happen to you; no disaster will come to your home. He has put his angels in charge of you to watch over you wherever you go. They will catch you in their hands so that you will not hit your foot on a rock. You will walk on lions and cobras; you will step on strong lions and snakes.**

**The Lord says, “Whoever loves me, I will save. I will protect those who know me. They will call to me, and I will answer them. I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. I will give them a long, full life, and they will see how I can save. (Psalm 91:1-16 NCV)**

**PSALM 91 (NLT)**

- 1. Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2. This I declare about the Lord: he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.**
- 3. For He will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.**
- 4. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.**
- 5. Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day.**
- 6. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday.**
- 7. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.**
- 8. Just open your eyes, and see how the wicked are punished.**

9. If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter,
10. no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home.
11. For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go.
12. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.
13. You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!
14. The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name.
15. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them.
16. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."

### PSALM 91 (NIV)

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

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

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.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the Lord, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and the cobra, you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

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SCHOOL OF PRAYER

TOPICAL STUDY

You are most of the way there. There are only a few more things I want to teach you. We will meditate on this together, and I will reveal hidden things to you, things which have been hidden and are hidden until a person is ready to learn and receive them. You are now ready, so I have led you to this book so we can begin this "school of prayer" together and continue it from now on during the rest of your life. You are ready. I am ready. So let's begin.

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### TEACH US TO PRAY

*With Christ In the School of Prayer* by Andrew Murray

(p. 10)

"Lord, teach us to *pray*."

This is what we need to be taught.

Though in its beginnings prayer is so simple that the feeblest child can pray, it is at the same time the highest and holiest work to which man can rise.

Prayer is fellowship with the Unseen and Most Holy One.

The powers of the eternal world have been placed at prayer's disposal.

It is the very essence of true religion and the channel of all blessings.

It is the secret of power and life not only for ourselves, but for others, for the Church, and for the world.

It is to prayer that God has given the right to take hold of Him and His strength.

It is on prayer that the promises wait for their fulfillment, the Kingdom waits for its coming, and the glory of God waits for its full revelation.

Only the Spirit of God can enable us to do it right.

(p 11)

Jesus has opened a school in which He trains those of His redeemed ones who especially desire to have power in prayer.

(p 12)

We offer ourselves as learners. We want only You to teach us.

Even when we know what to ask for, so much is still needed to make prayer acceptable.

## TOPICAL STUDY

It must be to the glory of God, in full surrender to His will, in full assurance of faith, in the Name of Jesus, and with a perseverance that, if need be, refuses to be denied.

All this must be learned.

There is One - the Beginner and Finisher of faith and prayer - Who watches over our praying and sees to it that *in all who trust Him for it*, education in the school of prayer is carried on to perfection.

(p 13)

We can depend on His teaching us to pray.

Nothing delights Him more than to find those whom He can take with Him into the Father's presence, clothing them with power to pray down God's blessing to those around them, training them to be His fellow-workers in the intercession by which the Kingdom is to be revealed on earth.

By His Holy Spirit He has access to our hearts and teaches us to pray by showing us the sin that hinders the prayer, or by giving us the assurance that we please God.

He teaches by giving not only thoughts of what to ask or how to ask, but by breathing into us the very spirit of prayer and living within us as the Great Intercessor.

(p 14)

Jesus never taught His disciples how to preach, only how to pray.

To know how to speak to God is more than knowing how to speak to man.

Let us take time, not only to meditate, but to pray, to sit at the foot of the throne and be trained for the work of intercession.

As He makes us partakers of His righteousness and His life, He will make us partakers of His intercession, too.

# RAPTURE

RAPTURE - an event when those who belong to the Lord Jesus are taken away from the earth and transported to heaven.

## SCRIPTURES ON THE RAPTURE

### **Genesis 5:24**

**Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.**

### **Song of Solomon 6:3**

**I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.**

### **Isaiah 51:11**

**Those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and signing will flee away.**

### **Isaiah 57:1**

**The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil.**

### **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. (He gathers His elect who are already in heaven to return with Him to the earth at His glorious appearing)**

### **Matthew 24:39-42, 44**

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

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

**(Jesus speaking) At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.**

**The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come**

out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

**John 10:3-4**

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

**John 14:2-3**

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

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 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. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

**Philippians 3:20-21**

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**1 Thessalonians 4:15-17**

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

left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

**Hebrews 11:5**

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away.

**Titus 2:14**

While we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

**Revelation 4:1-2**

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

**Revelation 11:12**

(The two witnesses) Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

**Revelation 12:1-2, 5**

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth...She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

**Revelation 22:20**

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

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(A song) εεε

Even so, come Lord Jesus come
Even so, take Your bride away
How my soul longs to be with You, my Lord,
Even so, even so, come Lord Jesus come.

Lord, You are the lover of my soul
Lord, You are exalted over all
And I bow before Your throne to worship You
Lord, You are, Lord, You are, the lover of my soul.

(Terry MacAlmon, *Live Worship CD*, "Even so")

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## GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

The Lord led me to read and meditate on the story of the ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-13).

**At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The virgins who were *ready* went in with Him to the wedding banquet.

The difference between the wise and foolish virgins was - the wise took oil (Holy Spirit) and the foolish did not.

The thought that comes to me is that spending time with the Lord daily, communing with Him, getting close to Him, and getting to "know" each other, is what put the Holy Spirit oil into the wise virgins. They had plenty of the oil to carry with them on the journey and during the time of waiting for the return of the Lord.

The foolish didn't do that, so they didn't have enough oil to get them to heaven when the Bridegroom returned.



The Scofield Bible references Matthew 7:21-23 regarding not everyone who says to Him "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven but only those who do the will of His Father.

As I read that, I noticed Matthew 7:24-27, the story of those who built their house on the Rock and those who did not (they didn't hear these words of Mine and put them into practice). Those who did not were also called "foolish" and their house didn't stand when the storms came.

*The virgins are waking up right now, Joan. That's why I had you ponder this story today - again. Those who are wise have been spending time with Me and getting their container (themselves) filled with daily oil and keeping their jar full.*

*The foolish have been frittering away their time with earthly things, to their own detriment, and have not renewed or refilled themselves with oil daily. So their lamps are slowly going out. They are about to run out of oil and will eventually realize that.*

*But they cannot get oil from the wise virgins because the oil must be "purchased" individually by each person who comes to Me for salvation. You cannot give your oil to someone else. They must get it for themselves. And the purchase comes on a daily basis as the wise virgin seeks Me daily and spends time with Me.*

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

**The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. (John 10:3-4)**

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(A song) εεε

I'm gonna work and watch and pray
I'm gonna serve Him every day
I'm gonna see His face in glory by and by
I'm gonna listen to His voice
I'm gonna make His will my choice
I'm gonna rise to meet Him in the morning.

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## **ON ROSH HASHANAH**

I have been reading *100 Days In Heaven* (by James Durham) for around 40 days now, and have noticed that many of the things he saw happening in Heaven dealt with the Rapture of the Church, preparation for it, sharing with others how to get ready, hearing the trumpet, not being asleep, etc. I get the definite feeling he is being shown it is very close. The time he indicates is Rosh Hashanah.

## TOPICAL STUDY

So James Durham indicates he believes the Rapture is soon and will come on Rosh Hashanah. Perry Stone also believes it will come on Rosh Hashanah. I do too. I surely hope it will come this year...on September 21.

# REST

REST - Ceasing from activity or motion; peace; ease.

## SCRIPTURES ON REST

### **Exodus 16:29 NCV**

**The Lord has made the Sabbath a day of rest for you. So on the sixth day he will give you enough food for two days, but on the seventh day each of you must stay where you are. Do not go anywhere.**

### **Exodus 20:10 NCV**

**But the seventh day is a day of rest to honor the Lord your God. On that day no one may do any work: not you, your son or daughter, your male or female slaves, your animals, or the foreigners living in your cities.**

### **Exodus 31:15 NLT**

**You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but the seventh day must be a Sabbath day of complete rest, a holy day dedicated to the Lord.**

### **Exodus 33:14 NIV**

**The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”**

### **Deuteronomy 12:10 NIV**

**But you will cross the Jordan and settle in the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and he will give you rest from all your enemies around you so that you will live in safety.**

### **Deuteronomy 33:12**

**Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long.**

### **Joshua 21:44 NIV**

**The LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the Lord gave all their enemies into their hands.**

### **1 Kings 8:56 NIV**

**Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.**

### **2 Chronicles 14:7 NIV**

**“Let us build up these towns,” he said to Judah, “and put walls around them, with towers, gates and bars. The land is still ours, because we have sought the**

**Lord our God; we sought him and he has given us rest on every side.” So they built and prospered.**

**2 Chronicles 15:15 NIV**

**All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it wholeheartedly. They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. So the LORD gave them rest on every side.**

**Psalm 23:2 RSV**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

**Psalm 37:7 KJV**

**Rest in the Lord (be still before the Lord), and wait patiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.**

**Psalm 91:1-2**

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

**Psalm 127:2**

**He grants sleep to those he loves.**

**Proverbs 1:33**

**But whoever listens to me (Wisdom) will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.**

**Isaiah 30:15**

**In returning and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength.**

**Jeremiah 6:16**

**Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.**

**Jeremiah 6:16 NLT**

**This is what the Lord says: "Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls.**

**Matthew 11:28-29**

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

**2 Thessalonians 1:7 NLT**

**And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus.**

**Hebrews 4:3 NLT**

**For only we who believe can enter his rest.**

**Hebrews 4:9 NLT**

**So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God.**

**Hebrews 4:10 NLT**

**For all who have entered God's rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world**

**Revelation 14:13**

**And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work for their good deeds follow them!"**

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(A song) εεε

Oh, rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He will give thee thy heart's desires,
Oh, rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him.
And He will give thee thy heart's desires,
And He will give thee thy heart's desires.

"Commit your way unto Him, and trust in Him,
Commit your way unto Him, and trust in Him.
And fret not yourself because of evil doers.

Oh, rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
Wait patiently for Him.
And He will give thee they heart's desires.
And He will give thee thy heart's desires."

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*Rest in Me. No matter what comes, rest in Me. Now you are learning to do that (rest in Me) and I want you to go through everything, no matter what it is, in My rest. My rest is My "Secret Place". It is My "Shelter". It is abiding "under My shadow". It is "under My wings". It is "the Secret Place of the Most High". It is "the house of the Lord". It is your "hedge of protection". That is where you are right now, and where I want you to remain. That is your place of protection, and comfort, and peace with Me.*

## TOPICAL STUDY

## RESTORER

RESTORE - to bring back; to return something to its former condition

### SCRIPTURES ON RESTORER

**Jeremiah 16:15-16**

**“For I will restore them to the land I gave their forefathers. But now I will send for many fishermen,” declares the Lord, “and they will catch them. After that I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them down on every mountain and hill and from the crevices of the rocks.”**

**Psalm 23:3**

**He restores my soul.**

**Psalm 51:12**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

**Psalm 80:19**

**Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

**Psalm 85:4**

**Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.**

**Jeremiah 33:26**

**I will restore their fortunes and have compassion on them.**

**Lamentations 5:21**

**Restore us to yourself, Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old.**

**Joel 2:25**

**I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten - the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm - my great army that I sent among you.**

**Matthew 17:11**

**Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things."**

**Acts 1:6**

**Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"**

**Acts 3:21**

**Heaven must receive him (Jesus) until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.**

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WE NEED TO PLUG IN TO JESUS TO RECHARGE

Impatience and boredom are enemy spirits. Everything not OF ME is of the enemy and has a spirit attached to it. When you say "I'm bored" you agree w/the enemy and that empowers him.

He wants Me to recharge him - and I do that a lot for spiritual children. But the mature need to learn how to recharge themselves in My presence. Then they are not "dependent" on a spiritual high.

A cell phone is plugged in to electricity to get recharged. We need to plug in to Jesus to recharge.

RESURRECTIONS

RESURRECTION - The act of coming back to life after being dead

SCRIPTURES ON RESURRECTIONS

John 5:28-29

Jesus: Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

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."

Acts 2:24

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 2:31-33

Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Romans 1:4

Who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 8:23

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 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. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

1 Corinthians 15:37-38

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

1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 49

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised spiritual body.....And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:50-53

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

Ephesians 1:13-14

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession - to the praise of his glory.

Philippians 3:20-32

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

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

Revelation 20:4-6

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their

testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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I am God of the Resurrection

**A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice, and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. (John 5:28-29)**

*I am coming again, My daughter, and when I come, I will bring back with Me all those who belong to Me and are resurrected. They will be with Me in heaven until I return to earth to rule and reign, and they will return with Me to rule and reign with Me. You are one of those. I know you don't know the details of how this will happen, but you don't need to. Just know that it WILL happen at the right time and you will be involved.*

*ALL will be resurrected, Joan, but not all will go to the same place when they are. I am the God of the Resurrection, and I determine where each person goes. It is written in My books.*

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RESURRECTIONS

(Summary pg. 1214 in my New Scofield NIV Bible)

2 RESURRECTIONS: ONE OF "LIFE" AND ONE OF CONDEMNATION

John 5:28-29

Jesus: Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

FIRST RESURRECTION OF LIFE

- Three stages of the first resurrection:
 1. Christ, the firstfruits
 2. Believers of the Church Age meet with Him in the air
 3. The martyrs of the tribulation period are raised at the close of the tribulation

Then the end will come (the millennium) when he destroys all dominion, authority, and power and hands over the kingdom to God the Father

- Will occur at the second coming of Christ
1 Corinthians 15:20-23
But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 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. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.
- Will occur at the time the believers of the Church Age meet Him in the air
1 Thessalonians 4:14-17
We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air,
- Will occur when the martyrs of the tribulation period are raised at the close of the tribulation when Christ returns to earth to inaugurate the millennium
Revelation 20:4-6
I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- The mortal body will be related to the resurrection body as grain sown is related to the harvest
1 Corinthians 15:37-38

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

- The resurrection body will be incorruptible, glorious, powerful, and spiritual

1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 49

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised spiritual body.....And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

- The bodies of living believers will, at the same time, be instantaneously changed

1 Corinthians 15:50-53

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

Phil 3:20-32

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

- This change of the living and resurrection of the dead is called the “redemption of our bodies”

Romans 8:23

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Ephesians 1:13-14

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession - to the praise of his glory.

SECOND RESURRECTION OF CONDEMNATION, JUDGEMENT

John 5:28-29

Jesus: Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

Revelation 20:4b-6, 11-13

They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended). This is the first resurrection. 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 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

**THE FIRST AND SECOND RESURRECTIONS ARE SEPARATED
BY A PERIOD OF 1000 YEARS**

Revelation 20:5

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REWARDS

REWARD - To repay with good for something one has done; the gift one receives for good behavior or character

SCRIPTURES ON REWARDS

Ruth 2:12 NIV

May you be *richly rewarded* by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

1 Samuel 2:30

Those who honor me, *I will honor*.

2 Chronicles 15:7

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

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 16:11

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

Psalm 17:15

And I—in righteousness I will *see your face*; when I awake, I will *be satisfied with seeing your likeness*.

Psalm 19:11

By them [ordinances of the Lord] is your servant warned; in keeping them there is *great reward*.

Psalm 37:4

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

Psalm 37:5

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will *make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun*.

Psalm 37:18

The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and *their inheritance will endure forever.*

Psalm 65:4

What *joy* for those you choose to bring near, those who *live in your holy courts.*

Psalm 112:1, 3

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.*

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.*

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 3:16-18

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 3:32 KJV

His secret is with the righteous.

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 8:34

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

Proverbs 9:12

If you are wise, your wisdom will *reward you.*

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 11:18

He who sows righteousness reaps *a sure reward*.

Proverbs 13:13b

He who respects a command is *rewarded*.

Proverbs 13:21

Prosperity is the reward of the righteous.

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 25:21-22

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will *reward you*.

Proverbs 28:20

A faithful man shall *abound with blessings*.

Isaiah 3:10

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

Isaiah 51:11

The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; *everlasting joy* will crown their heads. *Gladness and joy* will overtake them, and *sorrow and sighing will flee away*.

Isaiah 62:3

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

Malachi 3:16-17

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. *A scroll of remembrance* was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. “*They will be mine,*” says the Lord Almighty, “in the day when I make up *my treasured possession (jewels).*”

Malachi 4:1-2

Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace...But for you who revere my name, the *sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.* And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.

Matthew 5:12

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because *great is your reward in heaven,* for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 6:1-4

Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then *your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

Matthew 6:6

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and *your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.*

Matthew 6:17-18

But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and *your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

Matthew 6:19-21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But *store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,* where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:33

Therefore do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” Or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?”...But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and *all these things shall be added to you.*

Matthew 10:41-42

Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive *a prophet's reward*, and anyone who receives a righteous man because his is *a righteous man's reward*. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he *will certainly not lose his reward*.

Matthew 16:27

For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then *He will reward each according to his works*.

Matthew 19:29

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, *shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life*.

Matthew 19:30

But many who are first will be last, and the last *first*.

Matthew 25:23

His lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you *ruler over many things*. Enter into *the joy of your lord*."

Mark 9:41

For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, *he will by no means lose his reward*.

Luke 6:22-23

Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed *your reward is great in heaven*.

Luke 6:35

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and *your reward will be great*, and you will be *sons of the Most High*. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

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*.

Luke 14:12-14

Then He also said to him who invited Him, “When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will *be blessed*, because they cannot repay you, for you shall *be repaid at the resurrection of the just.*”

John 4:36

Even now the reaper *draws his wages*, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may *be glad together*.

John 5:28-29

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the *resurrection of life*, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

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.*

John 14:2-3

In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and *receive you to Myself*; that were I am, there you may be also.

Romans 4:4, 5, 16

Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as *righteousness*...Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham.

Romans 14:10-12

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us shall *give account of himself to God*.

1 Corinthians 2:9

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man *the things which God has prepared for those who love Him*.

1 Corinthians 3:8

Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive *his own reward according to his own labor*.

1 Corinthians 3:12

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

1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's *praise will come from 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*.

1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV

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

2 Corinthians 4:17

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

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive *the things done in the body*, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 9:6, 10

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously...Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will *enlarge the harvest of your righteousness*.

Galatians 6:7-9

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit *will of the Spirit reap everlasting life*. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Ephesians 5:15-17

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, *redeeming the time*, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but *understand what the will of the Lord is*.

Philippians 2:14-16

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

Philippians 3:14-16

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

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will *transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body*, according to the working by which he is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Colossians 3:23, 24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive *an inheritance from the Lord as a reward*. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what is our hope, our joy, or *the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus* when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Command those who are rich in this present age...Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves *a good foundation for the time to come*, that they may *lay hold on eternal life*.

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.

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.*

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.

James 4:8

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

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.

2 John 8

Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those *things we worked for*, but that we may receive a *full reward.*

Revelation 2:7

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

Revelation 2:10

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

Revelation 2:11

He who overcomes *will not be hurt at all by the second death.*

Revelation 2:17

To him who overcomes, I will give *some of the hidden manna*. I will also give him a *white stone with a new name written on it*, known only to him who receives it.

Revelation 2:26, 28

To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will *give authority over the nations*...I will also give him *the morning star.*

Revelation 3:4

Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will *walk with me, dressed in white*, for they are worthy.

Revelation 3:5

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

Revelation 3:8

I know your deeds. See, I have *placed before you an open door* that no one can shut.

Revelation 3:10

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

Revelation 3:12

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

Revelation 3:20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, *I will come in and eat with him, and he with me*.

Revelation 3:21

To him who overcomes, I will give the *right to sit with me on my throne*, just as I over came and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Revelation 11:18

The time has come for judging the dead, and for *rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name*, both great and small—and for destroying those who destroy the earth.

Revelation 20:12

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were *judged according to their words*, by the things which were written in the books.

Revelation 22:3b, 4, 5b

His servants shall *serve Him*. They shall *see His face*, and *His name shall be on their foreheads*. They shall *reign forever and ever*.

Revelation 22:12

Behold, I am coming quickly, and *My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.*

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**Psalm 91:1, 4, 9-11**

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty...He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge...If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the Lord, who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.**

**Psalm 17:8**

**Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings from the wicked who assail me, from my mortal enemies who surround me.**

*Stay under My wings and you will be richly rewarded by Me. That is one reward I want you to continue to work toward.*

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1 Samuel 2:30

Those who honor me, I will honor.

Honor Me all the days and hours and moments of your Life. How do you do this? By just what you are doing right now – seeking Me until you find Me (connect with Me you call it), listening to Me, and then being obedient to all I say.

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**2 Chronicles 15:7**

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

*Yes, that is for you. Be strong and do not give up. That is VERY IMPORTANT. Do not give up. Your work WILL be rewarded.*

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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.

Lamentations 3:24

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

Yes, this is for you. How many times have you said that I am your portion and your cup.

Psalm 16:11

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

The path of life is known to the righteous, and you are righteous in My sight. I knew you were righteous even before the foundation of the world. I KNEW YOU. I provided for you to find the path of life – and I AM THE PATH OF LIFE. I provided for you to know Me.

The joy that was set before Me was later when I got to heaven, and it is that way with you too. The joy will come when you come into My presence in heaven, and it will be never ending, will be forever. It will be a joy like you have never known on earth as it is impossible to know the fullness of this joy while on earth, only in heaven. And Yes, there will be eternal pleasures at My right hand...and you will be there at My right hand.

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**Psalm 17:15**

**And I—in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.**

*Yes, you will SEE ME and you will BE SATISFIED. How many times have you wanted to actually see Me while on this earth. How many times have you heard of others coming up into heaven, and you wanted that to happen to you. Well, this will finally be satisfied when you “awake.” That will be one of your rewards – to see Me. That will be the greatest reward, because you want to see Me, to be close to Me, to be in My presence, and then you will get all of that as a reward. I know how many times you have wanted Me to hug you and have thought what that might be like. Well, you will experience that as a reward when you come here.*

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Psalm 19:11

By them [ordinances of the Lord] is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

You are studying, and you are keeping, My ordinances. This saves you from much harm and gives you much wisdom from Me. You are rewarded in that way here on earth, but you also receive GREAT REWARD in heaven. This is for you.

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**Psalm 37:4**

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

*This is for you. I want you to aim to delight Me by delighting yourself in Me every day of your life. I will give you the desires of your heart, not only on this earth, but especially in heaven. Is the desire of your heart for heavenly rewards? Yes. And I have put that desire in your heart for heavenly rewards. And so, you will receive those heavenly rewards as desires of your heart. Your delight and My delight are aligned together – they are the same.*

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Psalm 37:5

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

How many times have you yearned for justice to be seen and known? This is a promise I make to you: the justice of your cause (namely, knowing Me) will shine like the noonday sun. AND I will make your righteousness shine. These are rewards for you – your righteousness shining and the justice of your cause shining. You may not see that fulfilled here on earth, but it WILL BE fulfilled in heaven as your heavenly reward.

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**Psalm 37:18**

**The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure forever.**

*I know all your days, not only the total number of days you will live, but what each and every day will bring to you and hold for you. You are blameless in My sight, not by your own goodness, but because you are cleansed completely by My blood. Therefore you belong to Me, and I know the days for you and what they will bring. That is why I can make promises to you about your protection, safety, food, enlightenment, revelation, peace, etc. I already know about these and am speaking to you on the basis of what I know will take place.*

*And your inheritance will endure forever: you have an inheritance in Me for all the things you have done, are doing, and will do for My kingdom. And I also know ALL about these. They will endure forever and bring great rewards to you forever. You never lose those rewards/inheritances once you get them at the judgment seat. They are yours forever.*

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Psalm 65:4

What joy for those you choose to bring near, those who live in your holy courts.

Is this a scripture on rewards Lord?

Yes it is. I choose those I bring near Me, both on this earth and in heaven. Those who are near Me “live in My holy courts” and have great joy. I choose them based on what they DO and what they SAY. This determines WHOM THEY BECOME. My choosing them is My reward for them.

You are one I have chosen to live in My holy courts even now while you are on the earth, and you will do that also when the judgment time comes in heaven – you will live in My holy courts. Notice it's plural – courts.

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Bruce Wilkinson (A Life God Rewards, workbook)

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The Bible clearly teaches that you only die once (Hebrews 9:27). There is no reincarnation, no way to improve on your choices later.

When you die, you will either spend eternity in heaven or hell. Hell is a real place, a place of everlasting fire.

Your eternal destination is decided by what you believe on earth. When you choose to believe that Christ died on the cross for your sins and you accept His forgiveness, you receive the gift of eternal life and will spend eternity in heaven. But did you know that what you do after you become a Christian determines how you will spend eternity?

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Between your life on earth and every later event in your life, there is an invisible, one-way connection. Your choices on earth have direct consequences on your life in eternity. Jesus wants you to know that the positive consequences of your actions and beliefs today can change your eternity in astounding and wonderful ways—and He doesn't want you to waste another minute believing otherwise.

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Think of the three tests that follow—all gleaned from the teachings of Jesus—as the gold standard to help you evaluate whether the work you do for God will endure:

1. *The test of Relationship:* Jesus said unless His followers stay close to Him and obey His commands, they will not bear “much fruit” for Him—“for without Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)
2. *The test of Motive:* Jesus said, “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven” (Matthew 6:1). What should be our motive? To serve God and bring Him glory.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)
3. *The test of Love:* Jesus said, “But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.” (Luke

6:35) “Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:3).

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#### Two keys to your eternal future

There are two keys to your eternal future. The first key is belief. It unlocks the door to eternal life and determines *where* you will spend eternity. The second key is your behavior. It unlocks the door to reward and determines *how* you will spend eternity.

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#### The seven main works God rewards

What are the main works that God rewards? You might be surprised by what they are. You don't have to be a spiritual superstar to qualify for eternal rewards. Are you a good husband? Are you a loving mom? Are you a loyal employee? The activities that God rewards are woven into the warp and woof of life, from the time you get up until the time you go to bed.

1. Work to make your employer successful. (Ephesians 6:5-9)
2. Honor the Lord through prayer, fasting, praise, and worship. (Matthew 6:6)
3. Give to those in urgent need—the poor, widows, orphans, and prisoners. (Titus 3:14; James 1:25; Mark 9:41)
4. Love and encourage your spouse and family. (1 Timothy 5:4,8; Colossians 3:18-20)
5. Make disciples of everyone. (Matthew 28:19-20a; John 4:35b-36)
6. Share your finances and resources with others. (Matthew 6:3-4; Matthew 19:29)
7. Serve and follow Christ with your whole heart. (Matthew 16:24-27)

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#### What the Bible says about rewards

[Jesus] His words show that when you do a worthy deed for a person who cannot repay you:

1. You will be repaid.
2. Your payment will come in the next life.
3. When you receive it, you will be blessed.

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#### The eternal reward of rulership

When we see our Savior in heaven, we are going to have such a deep desire to respond to His love that worship and praise aren't going to be enough. We will want to do something for Him—to serve Him. In heaven, our highest reward will be more opportunity to serve God wholeheartedly...the more faithful a servant you are on earth, the more you will be given to rule over in heaven.

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Doing is a servant's language of devotion. In heaven, more opportunity to do God's will through loving service will be our highest reward. The highest word for serving is ruling. (See Matthew 19:28) When the curse of sin is removed and you and I are restored to our creation purpose, we will be free to rule for God to our fullest powers while bringing only the highest good to ourselves and to others. (See Matthew 25:21,23) Serve faithfully here, rule perfectly there. Serve Him faithfully

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on earth and you will be wonderfully, fully, perfectly prepared to do what you will desperately crave to do in heaven.