

# TOPICAL STUDY

## PART FOUR

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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# RIGHTEOUS

RIGHTEOUS - being in a right relationship to God; not guilty before God.

## SCRIPTURES ON RIGHTEOUS

**Psalm 5:12**

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

**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 4:18**

**The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.**

**Jeremiah 23:6**

**This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.**

**Habakkuk 2:4**

**But the righteous shall live by his faith (or faithfulness).**

**Matthew 13:43**

**Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.**

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

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

**2 Timothy 4:8**

**Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.**

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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, will direct your path.

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things will be added unto you  
Hallelu, hallelujah.

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**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. (Matthew 6:9)**

I love You, heavenly Father.

*You are with Me on My heavenly throne. Remember I seated you with Me on My heavenly throne. Where I am, you are. Where you are, I am. We are in union.*

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)**

*It is being done, Joan, in you and in Beth and MF. You hadn't thought of it that way, had you? But it is. My kingdom is coming in you three more and more and more - as you pray this prayer over you each week. And it will continue to come this new week also. What a wonderful way to begin your new week - asking for My kingdom to come into you three more, and asking Me to come into your whole prayer bundle more this coming week. I say "yes" to that request.*

*You always thought of it coming in the world setting, but I make it individual, one person at a time. That's the way My kingdom comes - one person at a time. I started on earth with asking My first disciple, then another, then another, etc. until I had twelve. It progressed from there to the faithful committed 120 on Pentecost. Then to 3000, then to 5000, and so forth.*

*I know you think of My kingdom coming as worldwide when I return again. And it is that too. And that return is imminent. It is so close, Joan, you would be surprised if I told you when. But I won't. I can't, because I am not allowed to reveal any thing the Father doesn't want revealed. I and the Father are One. I know His will as His will is the exact same as My will. I am the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Father and of Jesus. We are One.*

# SEALED

SEALED - to affix a seal so as to prove authenticity; to fix irrevocably

## SCRIPTURES ON SEALED

### **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.**

### **Ephesians 4:30**

**And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

### **2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

**Now it is God who makes both us, and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.**

### **2 Corinthians 5:1-5**

**For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.**

### **Revelation 7:2-4**

**Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.**

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*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.*

**He (Jesus) said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority." (Acts. 1:7)**

# SECRET

SECRET - Private

## SCRIPTURES ON SECRET

### **Deuteronomy 29:29**

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

### **Psalm 25:15**

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

### **Psalm 27:5**

**For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hid me; He shall set me high upon a rock.**

### **Psalm 31:20**

**You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.**

### **Psalm 90:8**

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

### **Psalm 91:1**

**He who dwells in the shelter (secret place) of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**

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

**My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

### **Proverbs 3:32**

**His secret is with the righteous.**

### **Proverbs 11:13**

**A trustworthy man keeps a secret.**

### **Ecclesiastes 12:14**

**For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.**

**Amos 3:7**

**Surely the Lord God does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.**

**Matthew 6:6**

**But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.**

**Matthew 13:11**

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

**Mark 4:11**

**The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables.**

**Mark 4:22**

**For there is nothing hid except to be made manifest, nor is anything secret, except to come to light.**

**1 Corinthians 2:7**

**We impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification.**

**Philippians 4:12**

**I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation.**

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I Am God of the Secret Place

**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 6:6)**

*The secret place is where you come into a special trusting, listening, believing, and receiving place with Me. It is a place physically in that you must focus your full attention on Me (mind stayed of Thee). But it is a place spiritually where you hear from Me, listen to Me, know from Me, sense from Me, and feel from Me. It is private and personal and cannot be shared with another. It is called "union". It is called the "bridal chamber" of intimacy and closeness. It is called "and the two shall become one". It is Me living in you. It is developed over many years of sharing closeness with Me, and gets deeper and deeper as the years go by...and comes faster as you mature and practice it.*



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*I am always there waiting for you. I never leave or forsake you. I am there in the secret place waiting for you, My beloved, to come to Me and share life with Me. It is your special opportunity each day to come there with Me.*

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### **INSIDE THE BUBBLE**

He talked to me about the "Secret Place of the Most High" in Psalm 91:1. He told me that the "Secret Place" for me was the same as being "inside the bubble" which He gave to me in a vision many years ago. It was a place where I was set apart unto Him and insulated from things outside of me. I could see through the "bubble" and watch what was going on around me, but it could not get to me.

He said that I was in that secret place, and when there, the rest of Psalm 91 applied to me. I could abide and dwell under His shadow where I was always protected from evil and harm

**He who dwells in the shelter (secret place) of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1)**

## SELF-CONTROL

SELF CONTROL - The ability to control one's own actions and feelings.

### SCRIPTURES ON SELF-CONTROL

**Galatians 5:23**

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

**1 Thessalonians 5:6**

**So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:8**

**But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.**

**1 Timothy 3:2-4**

**Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.**

**Titus 2:2**

**Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.**

**Titus 2:3-5**

**Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.**

**Titus 2:6**

**Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.**

**Titus 2:11-13**

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

**1 Peter 1:13**

**Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.**

**1 Peter 4:7**

**The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.**

**1 Peter 5:8**

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

**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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**I WANT YOU TO SEEK ME**

*Seek Me, Joan. Seek Me in every situation you find yourself in. Seek Me in the good times and in the hard times. Seek Me in EVERYTHING, and I will be found by you.*

*I know you want to find Me, and listen to Me, and honor Me, and this will take place - if you seek Me with all your heart. All your heart means with ALL YOUR HEART! I will be found by you, when you seek Me with all your heart.*

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**LEAVE THINGS ALONE**

*(Streams In The Desert by L.B.Cowman, p. 262-3)*

**We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you. (2 Chronicles 20:12)**

Living a life of faith often requires us to leave things alone.

If we have completely entrusted something to God, we must keep our hands off it. He can guard it better than we can, and He does not need our help. "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes." (Psalm 37:7)

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Things in our lives may seem to be going all wrong, but God knows our circumstances better than we do. And He will work at the perfect moment, if we will completely trust Him to work in His own way and in His own time. Often there is nothing as godly as inactivity on our part, or nothing as harmful as restless working, for God has promised to work His sovereign will. A. B. Simpson.

## SHADOW OF DEATH

### SCRIPTURES ON SHADOW OF DEATH

**Psalm 23:4**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.**

**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.**

**Luke 1:78-79**

**Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

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I am God of the Treasures Hidden in Darkness

*I have treasures that you know not of, Joan. These treasures are hidden from you unless and until I reveal them. I reveal them to whom I choose to reveal them. I give the right treasure to each person who belongs to Me. That person doesn't even realize it is a special treasure given only to him; he assumes everyone is the same as he is. But that is not true. I give each of My children, My family members, a special treasure "hidden in darkness" for him or her to discover and use for Me, for My kingdom work. Your special treasure is the listening and writing gift/treasure, which I've given to you in a unique way just for you. Others may write also, but each one is unique to that person. It is a "treasure hidden in darkness" from everyone else - until I disclose it through My individual family members.*

**I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. (Isaiah 45:3)**

# SHIELD

SHIELD - A piece of defensive armor, usually carried on the arm; often a figure of speech in the Bible used to describe God's protection of his people.

## SCRIPTURES ON SHIELD

**Psalm 3:3**

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

**Psalm 7:10**

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

**Psalm 28:7**

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

**Psalm 91:3-4**

**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.**

**Ephesians 6:16**

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

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I see from these scriptures that my shields are:

- The Lord is my shield
- The shield of faith is my shield
- His faithfulness is my shield

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## I Am Your Shield

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

**Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long. (Deuteronomy 33:12)**

**Surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. (Psalm 5:12)**

**The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. (Psalm 84:11)**

**He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. (Psalm 91:4)**

**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 2:1-8)**

# SHINING

SHINING - Radiating with light

## SCRIPTURES ON SHINING

### **Numbers 6:24-26**

**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.**

### **2 Samuel 23:2-4**

**(David) The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: "When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth."**

### **Job 22:28**

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

### **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.**

### **Proverbs 4:18**

**The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.**

### **Proverbs 13:9, 21**

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

### **Isaiah 60:1-3**

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

### **Daniel 9:16**

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

### **Zechariah 9:16**



**The Lord their God will save his people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown.**

**Matthew 5:14-16**

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

**Matthew 13:43**

**Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.**

**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.**

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Heavenly sunshine, heavenly sunshine  
Hallelujah, Jesus is mine.  
Heavenly sunshine, heavenly sunshine  
Hallelujah, Jesus is mine.

# SLEEP

SLEEP - A state of complete or partial consciousness.

## SCRIPTURES ON SLEEP

**Job 11:18**

**You will be protected and take your rest in safety.**

**Job 11:19**

**You will lie down, and none will make you afraid.**

**Psalm 3:5**

**I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.**

**Psalm 121:4**

**He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**Psalm 127:2**

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

**Proverbs 3:24**

**When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.**

**Ecclesiastes 5:12**

**The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:6**

**So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.**

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I Am The God Of Ordinary Miracles

*Yes, Joan, I am the God of ordinary miracles. I put My hand upon you each day to bring about good things in your life. I do so many things that you do not even comprehend or notice. So today, I am going to tell you some of the ordinary miracles I do for you each day.*

*I put My hand upon you and give you this book.*

**This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you." (Jeremiah 30:2)**

*I walk with you.*

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. (Psalm 23:4)**

*I talk with you.*

**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)**

*I reason with you*

**"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. (Isaiah 1:18)**

*I protect you*

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

*I created you.*

**For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13)**

*I tell you what to do*

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

*I tell you what to think*

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

*I am your friend*

**Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. (John 15:13-15)**

*I gave you the trees, the grass, the sun, moon and stars.*

**Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."  
(Genesis 1:26)**

*I give you the air you breathe.*

**The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)**

*I answer you when you call to Me.*

**Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3)**

*I help you find Me when you seek Me.*

**You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you. (Jeremiah 29:13-14)**

*When you are in trouble I help you*

**He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. (Psalm 91:15)**

*I give you legs to walk and eyes to see and ears to hear.*

**Does he who implanted the ear not hear? Does he who formed the eye not see?  
(Psalm 94:9)**

*I give you a heart to understand.*

**I will give you a wise and discerning heart (1 Kings 3:12)**

*I can show you the way to go, to walk. (Isaiah 30:21)*

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

*I give you creative plans.*

**"All this," David said, "I have in writing from the hand of the Lord upon me, and he gave me understanding in all the details of the plan." (1 Chronicles 28:19)**

*I give you sleep.*

**I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. (Psalm 3:5)**

**He grants sleep to those he loves. (Psalm 127:2)**

**You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. You will lie down, with no one to make you afraid. (Job 11:18-19)**

**When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. (Proverbs 3:24)**

*I wake you up.*

**When I awake, I am still with you. (Psalm 139:18)**

*I give you gifts - good gifts and perfect gifts.*

**Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)**

*I am with you all the time and wherever you go, even in old age.*

## SOUL LONGING/THIRSTING FOR THE LORD

SOUL - The spiritual part of a person; the part of a person that does not die.

LONGING - To desire or yearn greatly

THIRSTING - To have a strong craving to drink

### SCRIPTURES ON SOUL LONGING/THIRSTING FOR THE LORD

**Psalm 23:3**

**He restores my soul.**

**Psalm 25:1-2, 4-5**

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior and my hope is in you all day long.**

**Psalm 27:8**

**My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

**Psalm 28:1**

**To you I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit. Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.**

**Psalm 34:4-5**

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant.**

**Psalm 34:15, 17**

**The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.**

**Psalm 42:1-2**

**As a deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Where can I go and meet with God?**

**Psalm 42:7**

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

**Psalm 63:1**

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**Isaiah 55:1-3**

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

**Isaiah 55:10**

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

**Jeremiah 6:16**

This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

**Jeremiah 31:25**

"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint."

**Matthew 5:6**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

**Matthew 13:16-17**

Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

**John 4:14**

But 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 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 7:37-39**

**On the last great day of the feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."**

**2 Corinthians 5:2, 8**

**Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling. We would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.**

**2 Timothy 4:8**

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

**Revelation 7:16**

**Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.**

**Revelation 22:17**

**The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.**

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### **THE HIDDEN NEED IN EACH PERSON'S LIFE**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)**

**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:17)**

**Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. (Ephesians 5:23-28)**

*This love that you just wrote about, Joan, what is it like? It is a wonder and a mystery. That is why it draws so many people to it.*

*People all need and want this wondrous love that I bring to them. When they discover it (that is, when I reveal it to them) they give up all to get that love and to find out how to keep that love. It is the hidden need in each person's life on this earth.*

*And I AM that love. That's why it is called "the pearl of great price."*



*People who find it give up everything to get it and to keep it. My love is more precious than gold or silver or precious stones. It is more beautiful than the greatest sunset you can ever see.*

*It feels so satisfying and good that people who find it will give up every other relationship to keep this one. Like you did.*

**The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:45-46)**

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## **FATHER, DRAW ME BACK TO YOU**

*(Experiencing Father's Embrace by Jack Frost)*

Finally, *choose to dwell daily in Father's embrace*. The outward man seeks for the power of God to deliver him from his circumstances. The spiritual man seeks for the presence of God to fellowship with him and be with him through his circumstance.

When I am overwhelmed in my mind or emotions and cannot seem to get in touch with my spirit, that is when I stop everything, go into my study and put on some quiet, soothing music about Father's love. Then I lie on the floor before the Father and say to Him, "Dad, I am over here in my soul and can't seem to find You. Please help me."

I don't pray a deep, heavy prayer, but just admit to Him that I need His help and then surrender to His love: "Father, draw me back into my spirit. Draw me back to You. I have moved over into my own thoughts, emotions, insecurities and fears, and I feel alone and discouraged. I need Your fathering arms to embrace me. Run to me to give me the love and comfort that I need."

# SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES

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

## SCRIPTURES ON SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES

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

What are these (every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places)?

*More than you can know and count. Look up blessing.*

Holy - Eph 1:4  
Blameless - Eph 1:4  
Chosen - Eph 1:4  
Blessed - Eph 1:3  
Predestined - Eph 1:5  
Loved - Eph 1:4  
Adopted as His son - Eph 1:5  
Grace - Eph 1:6  
Life - Prov 8:34  
Favor - Prov 8:34  
New creation – 2 Cor. 5:17  
Righteousness of God – 2 Cor. 5:21  
Salt of the earth – Matt. 5:13  
Light of the world – Matt. 5:14  
Eternal life – John 3:36  
Streams of living water flow from within me – John 7:38  
Set free by truth – John 8:32  
Christ is in me – John 14:20  
Peace – John 14:27  
Bear much fruit – John 15:5  
Joy – John 17:13  
Protected from the evil one – John 17:15  
Sanctified – John 17:17  
Have God's glory – John 17:18  
Forgiveness of sins – Acts 13:38  
Called – Romans 1:6  
Justified – Romans 5:1  
Perseverance, character, hope – Romans 5:34  
Saved from wrath of God – Romans 5:9  
Reign in life – Romans 5:17  
Died to sin – Romans 6:2

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No condemnation – Romans 8:1-2  
Child of God – Romans 8:16  
Heir of God – Romans 8:17  
All things – Romans 8:32  
Spiritual gifts – Romans 12:6  
Goodness, knowledge – Romans 15:14  
Fellowship with Jesus – 1 Cor. 1:9  
Mind of Christ – 1 Cor. 2:16  
His Spirit, sealed – 2 Cor. 1:21-22  
Transformed into likeness of Jesus - 2 Cor. 3:18  
All sufficiency in everything – 2 Cor. 9:8  
Fruit of Spirit – Gal. 5:23  
Every spiritual blessing – Eph. 1:3  
Power within me – Eph. 3:20  
Heart and mind guarded – Phil. 4:7  
All my needs supplied – Phil. 4:19  
In Jesus' kingdom – Col. 1:13  
Will meet the Lord in the air – 1 Thess. 4:17  
Power, love, self-discipline – 2 Tim 1:7  
Crown of righteousness – 2 Tim 4:8  
Angels ministering to me – Heb. 1:14  
God's rest – Hebrews 4:9-10  
High Priest - Jesus – Heb. 4:15  
Cloud of witnesses surrounding me – Heb. 12:1  
He will never leave or forsake me – Heb. 13:5  
Mercy – 1 Peter 2:10  
Part of family of God – 1 Peter 2:10  
Healed – 1 Peter 2:24  
Overcomer – 1 John 4:4  
Goodness – Psalm 23:6  
Instructed, taught, counseled, watched over – Psalm 8:32  
My path is directed – Prov. 3:5-6  
Abide under His shadow – Psalm 91:1  
Instructed tongue – Isaiah 50:4  
Listening ear – Isaiah 50:4  
Immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine – Eph 3:20  
Safety – Psalm 4:8  
Authority to trample on snakes and scorpions – Luke 10:19  
Authority to overcome all the power of the enemy – Luke 10:19  
Nothing will harm me – Luke 10:19  
Drive out demons – Mark 16:17  
Speak in new tongues – Mark 16:17  
Deadly poison will not hurt me – Mark 16:17  
Place hands on the sick and they will get well – Mark 16:17

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## **EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN CHRIST IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS**

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

Lord, what is the "every spiritual blessing" I have in Christ?

As I read on past Ephesians 1:3, I see many spiritual blessings listed in verse 4 on. I will list them here:

- He chose us in Him before the creation of the world
- Holy
- Blameless
- Predestined for adoption to sonship
- Freely given grace
- Redemption through His blood
- Forgiveness of sins
- All wisdom
- All understanding
- Made known to us the mystery of His will
- Chosen in Him
- For the praise of His glory
- Marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit
- A deposit in us guaranteeing our inheritance

More spiritual blessings that come to my mind:

- Given gifts of the Spirit
- Put together in a body/church
- Fellowship with believers
- Taught by the Spirit
- Given peace through Christ's bruising
- Washed by the Word
- Anointed with the Spirit
- Guided/counseled by Him
- Made righteous
- Eternal hope of glory
- Strengthened by Him
- Watched over
- Provided for
- Loved
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Spiritual armor-protection
- Victory over the devil

## SPRINKLING

SPRINKLING - To release or scatter drops in small particles.

### SCRIPTURES ON SPRINKLING

#### **Exodus 12:21-23**

**Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down."**

#### **Exodus 24:8**

**Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."**

#### **Hebrews 9:19-22**

**When Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

#### **Hebrews 10:22**

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

#### **Hebrews 12:22-24**

**But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

#### **1 Peter 1:1-2**

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**Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.**

## STEADFAST

**STEADFAST** - Resolutely, or dutifully firm and unwavering, loyal, faithful, firmly fixed, to stand by, stand still, stand ready, stand firm, remain true; settled; not changing or wavering.

### SCRIPTURES ON STEADFAST

**Psalm 37:12**

**If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.**

**Psalm 51:10**

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

**Psalm 57:7**

**My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.**

**Acts 11:23**

**When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their heart.**

**1 Corinthians 7:37**

**The man who has settled the matter in his own mind, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and who has made up his mind not to marry the virgin - this man also does the right thing.**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

**Therefore, My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

**2 Corinthians 1:6-7**

**If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.**

**Ephesians 6:13**

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

**Colossians 1:23**

**But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation - if you**

**continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.**

**Hebrews 3:14**

**We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.**

**Hebrews 6:19**

**We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.**

**James 5:11**

**As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.**

**1 Peter 5:8-9**

**Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.**

**1 Peter 5:10**

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

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## **I AM THE HEAD AND FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH**

*I am the Head of the church, of all who follow Me. I go first and lead the way and My people follow Me. I am the Head and My church is the body. I am also the Foundation for My church and the Capstone for My church. Those who follow Me are on a firm foundation that will always stand firm and will never fall.*

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## **THROUGH SEVERE TESTINGS**

(Quote from *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, p.215)

I will never forget the statement which that great man of faith, George Mueller, once made to a gentleman who had asked him the best way to have strong faith.

"The *only* way to know strong faith is to endure great trials. I have learned my faith by standing firm through severe testings."



# STRENGTH

STRENGTH - Power; forcefulness

## SCRIPTURES ON STRENGTH

### **Exodus 15:2-3**

**The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.**

### **Deuteronomy 6:5**

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

### **2 Samuel 22:33**

**It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.**

### **2 Chronicles 16:0**

**For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. (2 Chronicles 16:9)**

### **Nehemiah 8:10**

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

### **Psalms 28:7**

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

### **Psalms 46:1**

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

### **Psalms 119:28**

**Strengthen me according to your word.**

### **Isaiah 40:31**

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

### **Isaiah 41:9-10**

**You are my servant; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. 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.**

**Ephesians 3:16**

**I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.**

**Philippians 4:13**

**Through him who gives me strength.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

**May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed.**

**Hebrews 12:12**

**Strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.**

**1 Peter 4:11**

**If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides.**

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The Lord is Strength; He is ALL Mighty

*This is about My strength. You have no idea how great My strength is. I could destroy the whole world in a second if I wanted to. But I don't want to. I love My world and My people. And I am in the business of "cleaning it up" right now. Soon it will be the Millennium and the world will be cleaned up and people will have a fresh new start. But remember, they will still be the descendants of Adam and so will have the sinful nature in them. They will still have that to overcome, even though the world will be fresh and new.*

*I have the strength to destroy the world, and I also have the strength to sustain it in spite of all the devil tries to do to destroy it. I am ALL Mighty, Joan, ALL mighty. All means complete, whole, the most possible in might. No one is stronger.*

**The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (Exodus 15:2)**

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**I AM THE LORD WHO TELLS YOU TO STAND**

*It is very important that you take your stand and remain in that position. Standing firm is very important so you do not waver and do not become double minded. Standing strong for what you know and believe will keep you from falling. I had to stand up to many men*

*who opposed Me, and you will have to also. So stand strong, My child, and keep standing  
- for Me*

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## **WAIT AND RECEIVE THE RENEWING STRENGTH OF THE LORD**

(From *Beyond The Ancient Door* by James Durham, p 50)

The Lord spoke to me and said, "Don't wear yourself out during a time of refreshing."

**But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)**

There is no doubt in this passage of scripture. In the presence of the Lord be still, be silent, and be patient in waiting on the Lord. Wait and receive the renewing strength of the Lord. It is more awesome than anything you can ask, think or imagine. Trust Him, and allow him to take you to deeper places in Him. He knows when you are ready and is faithful to accomplish it.

# SUFFER

SUFFER - To bear or endure something painful.

## SCRIPTURES ON SUFFER

### **Isaiah 53:10**

**Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer.**

### **Mark 8:31**

**He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.**

### **Luke 24:26**

**Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?**

### **Luke 24:46**

**He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."**

### **Acts 5:41**

**The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.**

### **Romans 8:17-18**

**Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.**

### **1 Corinthians 12:26**

**If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.**

### **2 Corinthians 1:5**

**For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.**

**Philippians 1:29**

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

**Philippians 3:10**

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

**2 Timothy 1:8**

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

**Hebrews 2:9-10**

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

**Hebrews 2:18**

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**1 Peter 2:21**

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

**1 Peter 4:16**

However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

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**I DO ALL THINGS WELL**

*Turn your computer on. I want to tell you something.*

*I want you to know that this isn't going to go on much longer - this waiting period. I know you are eager for you to come up here. I understand this, so I am telling you that this waiting period will not last much longer.*

## TOPICAL STUDY

*I am teaching you much during this time that is very important for your growth and maturity and therefore it is very important to walk through. But it will soon be over, and soon your hopes and dreams will be fulfilled.*

*Know that this is so, and learn to wait patiently and in contentment - contentment because you trust Me to know what is best for you, even if it is difficult. If it were easy it would not accomplish all that I want to accomplish in you.*

*Count on Me to know what I am doing and to do it well. I do ALL THINGS WELL. I finish what I start. I am the Author and Finisher of your faith. And I do all things well.*

*That is My word to you today and what I want you to know - AND STAND ON.*

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(*Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, p 348-349)

### **Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress. (Psalm 4:1 KJV)**

This verse is one of the greatest testimonies ever written regarding the effectiveness of God's work on our behalf during times of crisis. It is a statement of thanksgiving for having been set free not *from* suffering but rather *through* suffering. In stating "Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress," the psalmist is declaring that the sorrows of life have themselves been the source of life's enlargement.

Someone once said of Joseph that when he was in the dungeon, "iron entered his soul." We all need the iron in life to enlarge our character.

The common touch of humanity that gives the world true kinship is not joy but sorrow. Iron is universal.

Your life will be enlarged in proportion to the amount of iron you have endured, for it is in the shadows of your life that you will find the actual fulfillment of your dreams of glory.

## SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

**SWORD** - A weapon with a long blade for fighting. The Word of God.

### SCRIPTURES ON SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

**Habakkuk 2:4**

**The righteous will live by his faith.**

**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 141:3**

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

**Psalm 37:7, 9**

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

**Acts 16: 31**

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

**Acts 27:25**

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

**Romans 1:17**

**For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."**

**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 10:9**

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

**Romans 10:17**

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

**Romans 14:23**

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

**2 Corinthians 5:7**

**We live by faith and not by sight.**

**Galatians 2:20**

**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

**Ephesians 6:16**

**In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.**

**Ephesians 6:17**

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

**Hebrews 3:12**

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

**Hebrews 11:1**

**Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.**

**Hebrews 11:6**

**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.**

**Hebrews 12:2**

**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.**

**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 1:5-8**

**If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who give generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must**



**believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.**

**James 1:26**

**If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.**

**1 John 5:4-5**

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

**1 John 5:10b**

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

**Revelation 2:26-28**

**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 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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### **USING THE SHIELD OF FAITH**

**In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:16-17)**

The Lord had me copy for a friend, what He taught me previously, about using the "shield of faith" to extinguish the fiery darts (flaming arrows, accusations, wrong thoughts) of the evil one when they come, and then using the "sword of the Spirit" to fight off those thoughts from the enemy.

What are the scriptures (the "sword of the Spirit") that a person can use - to fight off those fiery darts from coming any more, after he has extinguished them with the "shield of faith"?

Therefore I sought out the scriptures above to use as that sword.

## TAKING THE KINGDOM BY FORCE

FORCE - Power made operative against resistance.

### SCRIPTURES ON TAKING THE KINGDOM BY FORCE

#### Matthew 11:12

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### SET OUT RESOLUTELY

**As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. (Luke 9:51)**

*I want you to set out resolutely to finish up your course set for you on this earth too, Joan. Will you do that? No matter what comes?*

Yes, Lord, I commit to do that...I will set out resolutely to finish up my course set for me on this earth - as You did, and as You enable me to.

*Ok, I will enable you to.*

**I know, O Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it's not for man to direct his steps. (Jeremiah 10:23)**

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Bob Sorge says in *Secrets of the Secret Place*, p 41-44

The term 'spiritual violence' captures the intensity with which the last days' generation will pursue God. They will seek God with their entire being, denying themselves and throwing off all entangling sins, in order to run the race with passion, purity, and perseverance. This is the hour to seek God with violent abandonment!

Spiritual violence begins in the secret place. One of the most violent things you'll ever do is wrestle down all the competing elements in your calendar and consistently carve out the time to shut yourself into the secret place. In the busy seasons, it can seem as though a thousand other voices are clamoring for your attention. Which voice will rule, the voice of incompleting tasks or the gentle voice that beckons you to the secret place?

It will also require violence to provide your body with sufficient rest so that, when you get to the secret place, you're not constantly falling asleep....The man of violence and wisdom will enact whatever measures are necessary to be alert and engaged on a regular basis in this the most delightful portion of the day.

This is the desire of my heart--to be strong in my pursuit of the Lord every day, especially in my Quiet Time, and then throughout the rest of the day. This Scripture encourages me:

**"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..." (Hebrews 12: 1-2a)**

#### NATURAL ZEAL OR TRUE SPIRITUAL FERVENCY?

**"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." (1 Corinthians 9:24)**

It's easy to confuse natural zeal with spiritual violence. Some people display incredible zeal for God--in the way they worship or share their faith or attend Bible studies. *(That doesn't necessarily mean they aren't Christians, but they use natural zeal instead of true spiritual fervency)*

## TOPICAL STUDY

But if it's a natural zeal, it's a zeal that lasts only as long as others are watching. When that person is alone with God, the zeal fizzles, and the intense level of activity suddenly collapses. Natural zeal must be exchanged for true spiritual fervency--a zeal that is energized by an inward, holy fire that burns even when no one is looking.

There is no spiritual merit in fasting; it doesn't earn extra points with God. But it does tenderize your spirit, sensitize your hearing, and accelerate the pace of divine flow in and through your life.

Jesus doesn't respond to all believers alike. He responds differently to those who seek more diligently.

The Lord is not a respecter of persons. He rewards equally all those who seek Him fervently--which is why some don't enter into much in God.

## TEMPTATION

TEMPTATION - Trying to get someone to do wrong.

### SCRIPTURES ON TEMPTATION

**Joshua 1:5b**

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

**Joshua 1:9**

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

**Joshua 24:15**

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

**Isaiah 59:19**

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

**Matthew 4:1**

**Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.**

**John 16:33**

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

**1 Corinthians 6:13b-20**

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

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

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

**Ephesians 6:13-14**

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

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**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (Matthew 6:13).**

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

*You have been faithful, and I am faithful. You are like Me, and that's the way you have asked to be - like Me. I am an Intercessor, and so are you. We intercede together.*

So You are doing this with me?

*I am doing this with you.*

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## REMEMBER

Remember Moses who disobeyed God and therefore got to see the promised land, but wasn't allowed to go into it.

Remember Samson who gave in to Delilah's wiles and was blinded.

Remember Esau who gave up his inheritance for food and didn't get his inheritance as the first born.

# THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING - Recognizing and thanking the one who has provided a gift.

## SCRIPTURES ON THANKSGIVING

### **1 Chronicles 16:8**

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

### **Psalm 18:1-3**

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

### **Psalm 18:28-36**

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

### **Psalm 32:6-8, 10b-11**

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

### **Psalm 34:1**

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

### **Psalm 34:3**

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

**Psalm 50:14, 23**

**Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me....He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.**

**Psalm 95:1-2**

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

**Psalm 100:4**

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

**Psalm 107:1**

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

**Psalm 107:8-9**

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

**Psalm 107:21-22**

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

**Psalm 136:1**

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

**Romans 14:6-8**

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

**1 Corinthians 15:57**

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

**2 Corinthians 2:14**

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



**2 Corinthians 9:10-11**

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

**2 Corinthians 9:12-15**

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

**Ephesians 5:19-21**

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

**Philippians 4:4-7**

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

**Philippians 4:8**

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

**Colossians 2:6-7**

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

**Colossians 3:17**

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

**Colossians 4:2**

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

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

**1 Timothy 4:4**

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

**Hebrews 12:26-29**

**At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."**

**Revelation 7:12**

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

**Revelation 11:16-17**

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

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Thank You Lord for saving my soul  
Thank You Lord for making me whole  
Thank You Lord for giving to me  
Thy great salvation so rich and free.

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**RELINQUISHMENT**

Another way God has led me is through relinquishing what I wanted very badly and letting God decide the situation the way He knew best.

Previously I had not been able to have children and we were blessed to be able to adopt our first daughter. But in the fall of that year a difficult experience began when I became pregnant. We were excited about the pregnancy and, as soon as it was verified, we began telling our family members at our annual Thanksgiving gathering.

But the day after Thanksgiving, when I started what seemed like a miscarriage of the baby, I went to the hospital. After a week of being in the hospital I was told to go home, and told to stay off my feet for the rest of the pregnancy period.

God was really with me during that time and I felt the prayer rising up within me - that if this baby was not right in some way, or there was some reason it was better for this baby not to be born, then it was ok if God took that baby to be with Him. And that is what happened. The miscarriage was completed after a day or two at home.

I expect to meet that child someday in heaven - along with my baby sister, who died at about 1 year old, before I was born.

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## **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

*Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871*

*Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893*

*Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, Meter: 77.77 D*

1.       Come, ye thankful people, come,  
          raise the song of harvest home;  
          all is safely gathered in,  
          ere the winter storms begin.  
          God our Maker doth provide  
          for our wants to be supplied;  
          come to God's own temple, come,  
          raise the song of harvest home.
  
2.       All the world is God's own field,  
          fruit as praise to God we yield;  
          wheat and tares together sown  
          are to joy or sorrow grown;  
          first the blade and then the ear,  
          then the full corn shall appear;  
          Lord of harvest, grant that we  
          wholesome grain and pure may be.
  
3.       For the Lord our God shall come,  
          and shall take the harvest home;  
          from the field shall in that day  
          all offenses purge away,  
          giving angels charge at last  
          in the fire the tares to cast;  
          but the fruitful ears to store  
          in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.

# THE BLOOD

**BLOOD** - As the life-giving fluid in the body, it represents life itself. Through the blood of Jesus on the cross, believers are saved from death for their sins.

## SCRIPTURES ON THE BLOOD

### **Exodus 12:12-13**

**On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.**

### **Leviticus 17:11**

**For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar: it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.**

### **Matthew 26:28**

**This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

### **Ephesians 1:7**

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

### **Hebrews 9:12**

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

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## **AT THE THRONE OF GOD**

(From *POWER OF THE BLOOD* by Bob Sorge)

May your heart thrill at the magnificent privilege the blood of Christ has provided us—the exhilaration of burning in holiness at the throne of God.

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## TOPICAL STUDY

When I read these words from Bob's book, they helped describe something that happened to me. In the Introduction Bob uses language that reminds me of an experience I had last Sunday, which started when I was used by God to anoint someone with oil. While I was doing that, I was strongly, strongly hit by the Holy Spirit. Later the Lord told me I received the same anointing when I anointed that person. During the worship service after that, I felt I was actually standing before God in the Throne Room in heaven. I worshiped Him and sang to Him during the whole worship time.

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(From the book *War In Heaven* by Derek Prince, p. 169)

Here are five testimonies that each of us may make about the blood of Jesus.

1. Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil.
2. Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
3. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, is cleansing me, now and continually, from all sin.
4. Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, just-as-if-I'd never sinned.
5. Through the blood of Jesus I am sanctified, made holy, set apart unto God.

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**KINGDOM** - An area or group of people headed by a king. God's Kingdom, or the Kingdom of Heaven, is made up of all believers.

### SCRIPTURES ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

#### THE KINGDOM OF GOD

##### **1 Chronicles 29:11**

**Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.**

##### **Psalm 22:27-28**

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

##### **Psalm 45:6**

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

##### **Psalm 145:11-13**

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

##### **Isaiah 24:23**

**The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders, gloriously.**

##### **Daniel 2:44**

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

##### **Daniel 4:17**

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

##### **Matthew 6:33**

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

**Matthew 21:43**

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

#### THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

**Matthew 3:1-2**

**In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

**Matthew 5:3**

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

**Matthew 8:11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."**

**Matthew 11:11 I tell you the truth. Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.**

**Matthew 13:11 The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.**

**Matthew 16:19**

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

#### THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

**Isaiah 2; 4; 9; 11; 32; 35; 52; 61; 66**

**Matthew 16:27-28**

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



**Matthew 26:29**

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

**John 18:36**

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

**2 Peter 1:10-11**

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

**Revelation 11:15**

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

WHO SHALL ENTER

**Matthew 5:3**

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

**Matthew 7:21**

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

**Luke 9:62**

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

**John 3:3**

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

**Acts 14:21-22**

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

**Romans 14:17**

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

**1 Corinthians 6:9**

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

**1 Corinthians 15:50**

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

**2 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

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

PARABLES CONCERNING

**Matthew 13:1-58**

**Matthew 18:1-35**

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**I AM LORD OF THE MILLENNIUM, MY KINGDOM ON EARTH**

*Yes, Joan, it IS amazing when you study about the Millennium, My thousand year reign upon the earth. It IS the time I fulfill all My promises to Israel. It IS the time I have My righteous ones, who belong to Me, rule and reign with Me. It IS a time of peace upon the earth and a time of justice finally ruling and reigning there.*

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**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)**

*It is being done, Joan, in you and in Beth and MF. You hadn't thought of it that way, had you? But it is. My kingdom is coming in you three more and more and more - as you pray*

## TOPICAL STUDY

*this prayer over you each week. And it will continue to come this new week also. What a wonderful way to begin your new week - asking for My kingdom to come into you three more, and asking Me to come into your whole prayer bundle more this coming week. I say "yes" to that request.*

*You always thought of it coming in the world setting, but I make it individual, one person at a time. That's the way My kingdom comes - one person at a time. I started on earth with asking My first disciple, then another, then another, etc. until I had twelve. It progressed from there to the faithful committed 120 on Pentecost. Then to 3000, then to 5000, and so forth.*

*I know you think of My kingdom coming as worldwide when I return again. And it is that too. And that return is imminent. It is so close, Joan, you would be surprised if I told you when. But I won't. I can't, because I am not allowed to reveal anything the Father doesn't want revealed. I and the Father are One. I know His will as His will is the exact same as My will. I am the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Father and of Jesus. We are One.*

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(Quotes from *THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW* by Philip Yancy)

(p. 246) Sheep among wolves, a tiny seed in the garden, yeast in bread dough, salt in meat: Jesus' own metaphors of the kingdom describe a kind of "secret force" that works from within. He said nothing of a triumphant church sharing power with the authorities. The kingdom of God appears to work best as a minority movement, in opposition to the kingdom of this world.

(p. 248) On another occasion, Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come. He replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

(p. 248) Clearly, the kingdom of God operates by a set of rules different from any earthly kingdom's. God's kingdom has no geographical borders, no capital city, no parliament building, no royal trappings that you can see. Its followers live right among their enemies, not separated from them by a border fence or a wall. It lives, and grows, on the inside of human beings.

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Scofield footnote [NIV study Bible p 1201] of Matthew 3:2 The expression "kingdom of heaven" (lit. "of the heavens"), one that is peculiar to Matthew, refers to the rule of the heavens, i.e. the rule of the God of heaven over the earth. The kingdom of heaven is similar in many respects to the kingdom of God and is often used synonymously with it, though emphasizing certain features of divine government. When contrasted with the universal kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven includes only men on earth, excluding angels and other creatures. The kingdom of heaven is the earthly sphere of profession as shown by the inclusion of those designated as wheat and weeds, the latter of which are cast out of the kingdom (Matt. 13:41), and is compared to a net containing both the good and bad fish, which are later separated (Mt. 13:47).

## TOPICAL STUDY

The kingdom of heaven is revealed in three aspects in Matthew:

- (1) As "near", the kingdom is offered in the Person of the King, of whom John the Baptist is the forerunner (Mt. 3:1).
- (2) As fulfilled in the present age, the kingdom of heaven is presented in seven "secrets" (Mt. 13), revealing the character of the rule of heaven over the earth between the first and second comings of the Lord. And
- (3) As fulfilled after the second coming of Christ, the kingdom of heaven will be realized in the future millennial kingdom as predicted by Daniel (Da. 2:34-36, 44-45) and covenanted to David (2Sa. 7:12-16). This millennial form of the kingdom of heaven is wholly future and will be set up after the return of the King in glory (Mt. 24:29; 25:46; Acts 15:14-17; Mt. 6:33).

## THE REST OF THE LORD

THE REST OF THE LORD - A special place in God where you trust in Him completely and where He shares His secrets with you.

### SCRIPTURES ON THE REST OF THE LORD

**Exodus 31:15**

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

**Exodus 31:17**

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

**Exodus 33:14**

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

**Deuteronomy 29:29**

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

**Psalms 23:2-3**

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

**Psalms 91:1**

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

**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.**

**Jeremiah 6:16**

**This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."**

**Matthew 11:28-30**

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

**Matthew 13:11**

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

**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.

**Philippians 4:12**

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

**Colossians 2:2-3**

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

**Hebrews 4:1**

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

**Hebrews 4:3**

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

**Hebrews 4:10**

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

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I Am The God Of Your Rest, Your Sabbath.

*I am the God of your rest, Joan. I am your Sabbath.*

**Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy - (Exodus 20:8)**

*I set up the Sabbath for several reasons.*

**Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. (Exodus 31:14-15)**

*One reason I set up the Sabbath is to be a remembrance of Me and that I created the world and rested on the seventh day. That is VERY important to remember. I am the Creator of the Universe.*

**By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing, so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. (Genesis 2:2-3)**

*Another reason is to set apart a day as holy unto Me - to worship Me, to learn of Me, and to remember Me.*

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

*Another reason is because rest is important in your walk through life, so I set up a day each week to rest and take a break from the busy-ness of your other days. This is very important too.*

**Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)**

*It is a day to grow and mature in our relationship together.*

**In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)**

*It is a day of drawing close to Me and remembering Me.*

**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)**

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(From *The Sword Of The Lord* by Kevin Basconi)

## THE REST OF THE LORD

“The Rest of the Lord” is what Kevin says is written on the sword Jesus carries. It is on the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. I desire to learn more about what that rest means. Kevin says it is the Kingdom of Heaven, and the Lord has secrets there He wants to reveal to us to use.

## THE THIRD DAY

### SCRIPTURES ON THE THIRD DAY

#### **Joshua 1:10-11**

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

#### **Hosea 6:1-2**

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

#### **Matthew 12:40**

**For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

#### **Matthew 16:21**

**From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. (First time He tells them)**

#### **Matthew 17:23**

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

#### **Matthew 20:19**

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

#### **Matthew 27:62-63**

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

#### **John 2:1**



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

**John 2:18-19**

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

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I Am The Lord Who Arose From The Dead On The Third Day

*I am the Lord who arose from the dead. No one else ever did that.*

**The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' (Matthew 28:5-7)**

*No one else came down from the Father to be on earth and redeem mankind.*

**The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. (John 6:33)**

**For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. (John 6:38)**

*No one else taught you the way I taught you.*

**Not until halfway through the Feast did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. The Jews were amazed and asked, "How did this man get such learning without having studied?" (John 7:14-15)**

*No one else died for your sins.*

**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:3)**

*No one else was in the tomb for three days and nights and then arose from the dead.*

**After three days I will rise again. (Matthew 27:63)**

**That he was buried, that he was raised on the third day. (1 Corinthians 15:4)**

*No one else.*

**Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)**

*Therefore I have the power to raise you from the dead too, like I was raised.*

**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. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)**

*I WILL bring those who belong to Me up to heaven and raise them from the dead.*

**And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. (John 6:39)**

**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. (John 5:28-29)**

**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. (Philippians 3:20-21)**

*I WILL draw all men unto Me who are to come to Me.*

**But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. (John 12:32)**

**All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. (John 6:37)**

*I and My Father are One and we do this together.*

**I and the Father are one. (John 10:30)**

**For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:40)**

## THE WORD AND HEALING

### SCRIPTURES ON THE WORD AND HEALING

**Deuteronomy 8:3**

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

**Psalm 107:19-20**

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

**Psalm 119:11**

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

**Psalm 119:16**

**I will not neglect your word.**

**Psalm 119:105**

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

**Proverbs 4:22-23**

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

**Isaiah 53:4-5**

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

**Isaiah 55:10-11**

**As the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish...so is my word that goes out from my mouth; it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**

**Jeremiah 1:12**

**I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.**

**Matthew 24:35**

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

**John 1:1**

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

**John 6:63**

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

**John 15:7**

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

**Romans 10:17**

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

**Ephesians 6:17**

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

**Hebrews 4:12**

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

**1 Peter 1:25**

**The word of the Lord stands forever.**

**2 Peter 1:19**

**And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.**

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## **I SPEAK THE WORDS UNTIL THEY TAKE ROOT AND GROW IN MY HEART**

- I live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 8:3)
- I hold firmly to the word of life. (Philippians 2:16)
- The word of God is alive and powerful. (Hebrews 4:12)
- I don't just listen to the word, I do what it says. (James 1:22)
- God's words will never disappear. (Matthew 24:35)
- Jesus' words remain in me, so I may ask for anything I want. (John 15:7)
- I have the Spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done (Matthew 6:10) (no pain and no disease) on earth as it is in heaven

## TOPICAL STUDY

- I come to the light so others can see that I do what God wants. (John 3:21)
- I go to God's word and wash in it. (John 9:10-11)
- Jesus died to break the power of sin. (Romans 6:10)
- So I consider myself dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:10-14)
- I speak the words until they take root and grow in my heart. (Matthew 13:23)

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### **A CHANNEL FOR GOD'S CREATIVITY**

(Notes from the CD series *The Creative Spirit* #3 by John Paul Jackson)

- I am a channel for God's creativity, and His work in me is always good.
- My dreams come from God and He has the power to accomplish them through me.
- To the degree I create and listen, I will be led by the Spirit of God. He who has, more will be given to him.
- My creativity heals myself and others because it is Spirit, and Spirit created all that exists.
- There is a divine plan of goodness that is prepared for me. Jeremiah 29
- As I touch creativity within, I am led to God who created me.
- I am willing to allow God to mature my perception of what He wants me to become, so I can create something closer to His purpose.
- Jesus said we will be regenerated, renewed, transformed.

## THE WORD

**WORD** - The means of expressing oneself through language. The Bible, as God's written message to people. Jesus is the Word sent from God because his life on earth told the message of God.

### SCRIPTURES ON THE WORD

**Deuteronomy 8:3**

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

**Psalm 19:7**

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

**Psalm 119:105**

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

**Matthew 24:35**

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

**Mark 4:14-20**

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

**John 1:1 AMP**

**In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.**

**John 1:4-5 AMP**

**In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it].**

**John 1:14**

**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.**

**John 8:31-32**

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

**John 15:7**

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

**Philippians 2:16**

**Hold firmly to the word of life.**

**Hebrews 4:12 AMP**

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

**Hebrews 4:12 NIV**

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

**James 1:21-25**

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

**1 Peter 1:24-25**

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

**2 Peter 1:19-21**

**And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all you must understand that no prophecy of scripture came about by the prophets own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

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## YOU CHOOSE

Lord, do I force myself to believe?

*No, you CHOOSE to believe. Your will is a "choos-er." You choose what you will and won't believe.*

*What I say is true. Always. I never lie. You have a bible which tells you what I said and it is true. You choose whether you believe it or not.*

*Remember - "choose you this day whom you shall serve."*

*Remember what Paul Keith Davis says - if it says it is true in the bible, then it IS true. The bible is the infallible Word of God.*

*So choose, Joan. What does My Word say? Then choose whom you shall believe.*

*"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."*

**Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. (Psalm 5:12)**

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## WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE "THE WORD"

1. Instructions
2. Laws
3. His paths
4. Commandments
5. Decrees
6. Commands
7. Regulations

### Psalm 119:1-7

1. Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord.
2. Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts.
3. They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths.
4. You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully.
5. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees!



6. Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands.
7. As I learn your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should!

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### **WE TAKE CAPTIVE EVERY THOUGHT TO MAKE IT OBEDIENT TO CHRIST**

(From *The Word, The Name, and The Blood* by Joyce Meyer)

(p. 18-19)

According to the Scriptures, Satan seeks to build strongholds in our minds. Strongholds are lies that are believed. A person who believes a lie is deceived. When an individual believes that wrong is right, he has fallen into deception. Satan works through deception, but the knowledge of the Word is the believer's defense and victory.

## THOSE CUT OFF FROM THE LORD

### SCRIPTURES ON THOSE CUT OFF FROM THE LORD

#### **John 15:5**

**I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.**

#### **John 15:6**

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

#### **John 15:1-4**

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

#### **Matthew 13:3-8**

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

#### **Matthew 13:20-22**

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

#### **Matthew 13:11-12**

**You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.**

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## SCRIPTURES THAT PUZZLED ME

When I took MasterLife in 1981-2, I memorized John 15:5 and we did a Bible study over that verse.

**I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)**

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

I used to read and ponder verse 6 and wonder what it meant --- what did it mean to NOT remain in Him. Who were these people who were thrown into the fire and burned? How could they be His people, and then not be His people?

I also wondered about the meaning of John 15:1-4

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

I wondered how someone could be a "branch of Mine" and then be cut off.

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Today the Lord led me to read John 15:5-8. He then gave me revelation about verse 6.

To help explain it, He led me to Matthew 13:3-8 and had me read that scripture.

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

1. Fell on footpath, and the birds ate them.

2. Fell on shallow soil, wilted and died
3. Fell among thorns, and were choked out
4. Fell on fertile soil, and produced a crop

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

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

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

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

**You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. (Matthew 13:11-12 NLT)**

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

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

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

I thought about the idea that some “servants of the Lord” will be cut off from Him. That thought had come to me earlier too and I looked up scriptures on it. Today I remembered Matthew 25:29-30 and compared it to John 15:2, 6 and saw that both talked about some who would be cut off and thrown into the fire.

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

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

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

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

# TIME

## SCRIPTURES ON TIME

**Esther 4:14**

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

**Psalm 31:15**

**My times are in your hands.**

**Psalm 34:1**

**I will extol the Lord at all times**

**Psalm 119:126**

**It is time for you to act, Lord.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

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

**Ecclesiastes 8:6**

**For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter.**

**Isaiah 60:22**

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

**Habakkuk 2:3**

**For the revelation awaits an appointed time.**

**John 7:6, 8**

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

**Ephesians 5:15-16**

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

**Colossians 4:5**

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

**Revelation 1:3**

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

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(A song) εεε

In His time, in His time,  
He makes all things beautiful in His time.  
Lord, please show me every day,  
As You're leading me Your way,  
That you do just what you say...  
In Your time.

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**WRITE DOWN THE REVELATION**

**Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. (Habakkuk 2:2-3)**

As I read this scripture today in my QT notes, I was given revelation of how it fit me and my writings at this point in time. Here it is:

**Write down the revelation** (*the things He reveals to me - which I put in my journals*)

**And make it plain on tablets** (*tablets refers to my journals and the documents I have on the computer*)

**So that a herald may run with it** (*the herald may be the internet, www, which runs with things, takes them places*).

**For the revelation awaits an appointed time** (*there is an appointed time for people to read my writings and learn of the revelation given to me from Him*)

**It speaks of the end** (*the end purpose of God for these revelations*)

**And will not prove false.**

**Though it linger, wait for it;  
It will certainly come and will not delay. (Habakkuk 2:2-3)**

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### **LIKE A TIME MACHINE**

(Quotes from *Secrets of the Secrets Place* by Bob Sorge, p. 128-131)

The secret place is a time machine, transporting us from our time zone to His. Here we step into the eternal and begin to view all of life from the perspective of the Ageless One who is without beginning or ending of days...

The closer you get to God, the more you realize He's in no hurry...

Once we press through and cross the boredom threshold, we open to the joys and adventures of waiting on God...

To wait successfully, we must come to derive more fulfillment by being with Him than by working for Him. When being with Him fully satisfies us, we can wait for as long as necessary - just as long as He stays with us...

But to give you the fullness of what He has planned for your life, He will use the season of waiting to prepare you as a vessel, and also to prepare circumstances around your life so that you will be able to step forward into the proper sphere when His release comes to you. He's waiting so that He can crown you with an even greater blessing...

Even though you may wait on God for many years, there is a day coming when God will change everything in a moment of time! He may take seemingly forever to get around to it, but once God moves, He can change everything in a day.

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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.



## TO DO LIST -- BY GOD

### SCRIPTURES ON THINGS GOD WANTS US TO DO

#### "TO DO" LIST - BY GOD

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

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- Remember the wonders, miracles the Lord has done, and the judgments the Lord has pronounced (1 Chronicles 16:12)
- Proclaim the Lord's salvation day after day. (1 Chronicles 16:23)
- Look after widows and orphans (James 1:27)
- Fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)
- Throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles (Hebrews 12:1)
- Run with perseverance the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1)
- Consider Him (Jesus) who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart (Hebrews 12:3)
- Do not be wise in your own eyes (Proverbs 3:7)
- Repent and believe the good news (Mark 1:15)
- Believe all that the prophets gave spoken (Luke 24:25)
- Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved - you and your household (Acts 16:31)
- Stop doubting and believe (John 20:27)
- Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9)
- Believe that God exists (Hebrews 11:6)
- Believe God rewards those who earnestly seek him (Hebrews 11:6)
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart (Proverbs 3:5)
- Don't lean on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5)
- In all your ways acknowledge the Lord (Proverbs 3:6)
- Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1)
- Do not conform to this world (Romans 12:2)
- Be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2)
- Be patient until the Lord's coming (James 5:7)
- Do not swear by heaven or earth or anything else (James 5:12)
- Let your yes be yes and your no be no. (James 5:12)
- If you lack wisdom, ask God for it (James 1:5)
- When you ask for wisdom, believe and not doubt (James 1:5)
- Give a cup of cold water in Jesus' name (Matthew 10:42)
- Feed the hungry (Matthew 25:35)
- Invite in strangers (Matthew 25:35)
- Give clothes to those in need (Matthew 25:35)
- Help the needy (Proverbs 14:21, 31)
- Visit those in prison (Matthew 25:35)
- Look after the sick (Matthew 25:35)
- Fear the Lord your God and serve Him (Deuteronomy 10:20)
- Hold fast the Lord your God and take your oaths in His name (Deuteronomy 10:20)
- Watch because you do not know the day or hour of His return (Matthew 25:13)
- Feed My lambs (John 21:15)
- Feed My sheep (John 21:17)

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## YOGA

## TOPICAL STUDY

During quiet time He reminded me of taking a yoga class many, many years ago, and had me come out of agreement with that, rebuke it, bind it away, and close the door on it. He said my peace was to come from Him, not through some other god like yoga tries to do. I did bind it from me.

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### **A SIMPLE DESIRE TO LOVE HIM**

(From Patricia King's article on intimacy with the Lord - #13 in *Notes and Quotes book 5*)

Contend for intimacy for yourself and the rest of the Body. What you sow into others you will also reap.

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(From article by Francis Frangipane on "Inconvenient Worship" in *Notes and Quotes book 5* #15)

Beloved, if worship flows genuinely from our hearts, the Lord will repeatedly invite us into His presence. His invitation will approach the doorstep of our souls quietly. [It will come disguised as a simple desire to love Him.](#) If we follow this desire, it will lead into the presence of God

## TREASURED POSSESSION

**TREASURE** - Wealth that is stored up or hidden away; to hold or keep something precious; something of value; to cherish

### SCRIPTURES ON TREASURED POSSESSION

**Exodus 19:5**

**Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.**

**Deuteronomy 7:6**

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

**Deuteronomy 14:2**

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

**Deuteronomy 26:18**

**And the Lord has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands.**

**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."**

**Titus 2:14**

**(Jesus Christ), who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.**

**1 Peter 2:9**

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

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## TOPICAL STUDY

**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.”**

As I was reading in Malachi 3:16-17 I noticed it talked about the time when He will gather His “treasured possession” and that intrigued me, so I followed up on the references to it. Here they are.

# UNBELIEF

UNBELIEF - Doubt

## SCRIPTURES ON UNBELIEF

**Mark 9:24**

**Help me overcome my unbelief!**

### UNBELIEF AS SIN:

**John 16:9**

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

**1 Corinthians 7:14**

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

**Titus 1:15-16**

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

**Hebrews 3:18-19**

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

**1 John 5:10**

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

### THE SOURCE OF UNBELIEF:

**Mark 16:14**

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

**Luke 8:12**

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

**Luke 24:25**

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

**John 5:38**

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

**John 8:43-47**

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

**John 10:26-27**

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

**John 12:39**

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

**Acts 19:9**

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

**2 Corinthians 4:4**

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

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

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

**Hebrews 3:12**

## TOPICAL STUDY

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

## IT'S EFFECTS

### **1 Kings 17:18**

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

### **2 Kings 7:2**

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

### **Psalm 78:19**

**They spoke against God**

### **Psalm 106:24-25**

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

### **Isaiah 53:1**

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

### **Matthew 24:11**

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

### **John 12:37**

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

### **John 16:9**

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

### **Acts 14:2**

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

### **Acts 19:9**

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



**Romans 11:20**

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

**Hebrews 3:12**

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

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**I AM THE LORD OF LIFE AND DEATH**

*It is very important to understand what death is, Joan. Death is the moment in time when your human body ceases to live. That is the natural death.*

*But there is a spiritual death also. Spiritual death is the condition where the soul is separated from God, unless that soul is saved by believing in Me. That is eternal.*

*If a man believes in Me, he is saved from eternal death and has eternal life. If a man does not believe in Me, he is not saved from eternal death, but goes to the place of death (Hades/Hell) when his natural body dies. This is an eternal state. It lasts forever.*

*Forever that man is separated from God. Since God is all that is good, then that man is eternally separated from all that is good.*

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**EYES, EARS, AND HEART**

Paul Keith Davis has often referred to our needing "eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand" like Moses mentioned. I wondered where this Scripture could be found. Today I found reference to it in his 2010 e-newsletter. The reference is to Deuteronomy 29:4

**But to this day the Lord has not given you a mind that understands or eyes that see or ears that hear. (Deuteronomy 29:4)**

## UNCLEAN SPIRIT, EVIL SPIRIT, GIANTS, NEPHILIM

UNCLEAN - Morally or spiritually impure

EVIL - Wicked, doing things against God's will

GIANTS - Huge in size

NEPHILIM - Giants

### SCRIPTURES ON UNCLEAN SPIRIT, EVIL SPIRITS, GIANTS, AND NEPHILIM

#### GIANTS, NEPHILIM

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

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

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

**There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.**

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

**In those days, and for some time after, giant Nephilites lived on the earth, for whenever the sons of God had intercourse with women, they gave birth to children who became the heroes and famous warriors of ancient times.**

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

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

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

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

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

**There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.**

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

**We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!**

**Deuteronomy 1:28 NLT**

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

**Deuteronomy 2:10 NLT**

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

**Deuteronomy 2:11 NKJV**

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

**Deuteronomy 2:20 NKJV**

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

**Deuteronomy 3:11 NKJV**

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

**Deuteronomy 3:13 NKJV**

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

**Deuteronomy 9:2 NLT**

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

**Joshua 13:12 NKJV**

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

**Joshua 17:15 NKJV**

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

**2 Samuel 21:15 NJKV**

**[Philistine Giants Destroyed]** When the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David and his servants with him went down and fought against the Philistines; and David grew faint.

**2 Samuel 21:15 NLT**

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

**2 Samuel 21:16 NLT**

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

**2 Samuel 21:18 NLT**

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

**2 Samuel 21:20 NLT**

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

**2 Samuel 21:22 NLT**

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

**1 Chronicles 20:4 NKJV**

**[Philistine Giants Destroyed]** Now it happened afterward that war broke out at Gezer with the Philistines, at which time Sibbechai the Husathite killed Sippai, who was one of the sons of the giants. And they were subdued.

**1 Chronicles 20:4 NLT**

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

**1 Chronicles 20:6 NLT**

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

**1 Chronicles 20:8 NLT**

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

UNCLEAN, EVIL SPIRITS

**1 Samuel 16:14 NIV**

Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him.

**1 Samuel 16:15 NIV**

Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you."

**1 Samuel 16:16 NIV**

Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better.

**1 Samuel 16:23 NIV**

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

**1 Samuel 18:10 NIV**

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

**1 Samuel 19:9 NIV**

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

**Zechariah 13:2 NKJV**

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

**Matthew 10:1 NKJV**

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

**Matthew 12:43 NKJV**

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

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

Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught....Now there was a man in the synagogue with an

**unclean spirit. And he cried out...And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.**

**Mark 1:27 NKJV**

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

**Mark 3:11 NKJV**

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

**Mark 3:30 NKJV**

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

**Mark 5:2 NKJV**

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

**Mark 5 NIV**

**[Jesus restores a demon-possessed man] They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain...**

**Mark 5:8 NKJV**

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

**Mark 5:13 NKJV**

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

**Mark 6:7 NKJV**

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

**Mark 7:25 NKJV**

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

**Mark 9:25 NKJV**

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

**Luke 4:31, 33 NKJV**

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

**Luke 4:36 NKJV**

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

**Luke 6:18 NKJV**

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

**Luke 7:21 NIV**

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

**Luke 8:2 NIV**

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

**Luke 8:29 NKJV**

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

**Luke 9:42 NKJV**

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

**Luke 11:24 NKJV**

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

**Acts 5:16 NKJV**

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

**Acts 8:7 NKJV**

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

**Acts 19:12 NIV**

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

**Acts 19:13 NIV**

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

**Acts 19:15 NIV**

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

**Acts 19:16 NIV**

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

**Ephesians 6:12 NIV**

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

**Revelation 16:13 NKJV**

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

**Revelation 18:2 NIV**

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

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## **DISCERNING OF SPIRITS**

*I want to give you the gift of discerning of spirits - which spirits that speak through others (whether by voice, through TV, emails, writing, or in any other way) are really from Me, or partially from Me, or not from Me at all.*

*I want to refine your gift of discerning of spirits. Do you want that? Will you receive that?*

Yes, Lord, I would like that gift very much.

*Then it is now yours.*

Thank You!



## TOPICAL STUDY

*So when you are watching TV, you are going to "know" if that spirit speaking was a lying spirit, a spirit of ignorance, a spirit of stupor, or a deceiving spirit, or if it was a Spirit from Me, the Holy Spirit.*

## WAITING ON THE LORD

WAIT - To stay in one spot until something anticipated occurs

### SCRIPTURES ON WAITING ON THE LORD

**Psalm 130:5**

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

**Psalm 27:14**

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

**Psalm 37:7**

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

**Psalm 130:5**

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

**Psalm 130:6**

**I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

**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 20:22**

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

**Isaiah 8:17**

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

**Isaiah 26:8**

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

**Isaiah 40:31**

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

**Isaiah 49:23**

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

**Isaiah 64:4**

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

**Habakkuk 2:2-3**

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

**Acts 1:4**

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

**Romans 8:23**

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

**Galatians 5:5**

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

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(A song) εεε

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

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## **I AM THE LORD WHO COUNSELS YOU TO WAIT FOR ME**

*Wait for Me, My child. Wait for Me. I know it seems like you have to wait a long time - much longer than you think you will - but wait patiently for Me. I will come at the right time. Timing is very important to Me and crucial to carrying out all My plans. But My timing involves your waiting. So trust Me in this, and wait for Me. I will come - at the right time.*

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(A song) εεε

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

- Refrain 1:  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.

- Refrain 2:  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear,  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share.

- Refrain 3:  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my heart, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

## WALK

WALK - To follow a certain course, to advance by steps

### SCRIPTURES ON WALK

**Genesis 17:1-2**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

**Deuteronomy 10:12**

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

**Psalms 1:1-3**

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take, or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers.

**Psalms 23:4**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

**Psalms 56:13**

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, yea, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

**Psalms 84:11**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

**Psalms 116:9**

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

**Isaiah 2:3**

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

**Isaiah 2:5**

**Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**Isaiah 30:21**

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

**Isaiah 40:31**

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

**Jeremiah 6:16**

**Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it.**

**Amos 3:3**

**Do two walk together unless they have made an appointment?**

**Micah 6:8**

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

**John 12:35**

**The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you.**

**2 Corinthians 5:7**

**For we walk by faith, not by sight.**

**Romans 6:4**

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

**Galatians 5:16**

**But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.**

**Galatians 5:25**

**If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.**

**Ephesians 5:8**

**Walk as children of light.**

**Ephesians 5:15**

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

**2 John 6**

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

**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.**

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(A song) εεε

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the Voice I hear sounding round my ear  
The Son of God discloses.  
And He walks with me and He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known.

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(A song) εεε

When you walk through a storm, keep your head up high  
And don't be afraid of the dark  
At the end of the storm is a golden cloud  
And the sweet silver song of the lark  
Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain  
Though the winds be tossed and blown.  
Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart  
And you'll never walk alone, you'll never walk alone.

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**AN ANCIENT ANGEL MESSENGER**

In this dream I just seemed to see a picture. There wasn't any action taken. I seemed to be on the ground looking up at a bird that had a long pointed beard hanging down from it. The beard was about 2-3 ft. long and tapered down to a point. I seemed to be beside a tree. The tree was old, mature, short, almost like an apple tree, with a thick trunk. I also saw a scene or picture of tiny U.S. flags in the air.

Lord, was this dream from You?

*Yes it was. It is a message dream.*

*The message is hidden/dark/secretive and mature, from long ago. You must look up to see it. You are under the messenger. A messenger can be an angel. If so, you are under that angel.*

*It's not evil, as you wondered because it was dark and not colored. Dark refers to hard to see.*

*The tree refers to life, the tree of life, which is old and mature and full of fruit. That is beside you.*

*The flags refer to your country. They were flying in the air, so that represents your country will keep flying and being lifted up in the air, not crushed down. This refers to the concern you had since watching the news last night regarding the increasing threat of war with North Korea.*

*My mature and hidden messenger visited you to let you know you are bearing fruit and will keep bearing fruit as you keep looking up, keep following Me, and resting under Me and in Me.*

*The bird represents My messenger to you...a very old and mature messenger with a long, long maturity/beard.*

*This is a message to give you hope and assurance, and to show you that your position is resting under and beside what I send you to nurture, inform and protect you.*

So I see myself resting and looking up, receiving wisdom from an ancient angel messenger, and eating from the tree of life, and bearing fruit from eating of that tree of life - You, Jesus.

**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)**