CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD Through Studying His Word

Book One

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INTRODUCTION

THE PROPHET PRAYS FOR THESE BOOKS

Pray for the books.

He prayed for the books. He released them. He saw the angels that gather to send them out. He spoke this:

Your word will accomplish everything in those books. Let them go across America and throughout the earth. Wherever the angels take them and the winds blow. For they are nuggets and treasures of the heart. Let them provide comfort for those who have a soft heart. May they find their way even into the remotest village. Let the cry be heard - "Look what I found. Look what I found." We bless the works of Joan in her heart to do this, Lord. We rejoice with You because of everything that's going to be accomplished because of this work. We bless this and we bless You in the name of Jesus.

Surely I will take this to the ends of the earth as you have asked.

Before he prayed he saw the angels gather the books like the 4 winds of the earth and send them out. (Zechariah 6:5)

The 4 winds are the power of God in the natural world, basically where miracles can occur, and where the strength of God is made visible to humans.

(Ezekiel 37:7-10) He said - *it gives life, life, life - giving life into those books is what it means for them.*

Psalm 96:3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, and to seek him in his temple. (Psalm 27:4)

One thing I try to do each day of my life is draw near to God, come into His presence, get connected with Him, and then communicate with Him. As I ponder what helps me come into His presence, I have found different ways work at different times. I want to list here some ways that work for me, that may be of help to others who want to draw near to God also.

SET YOURSELF APART TO BE ALONE WITH HIM

Song of Solomon 8:14 Come away, My beloved.

BE STILL

Psalm 46:10 Be still and know that I am God.

DRAW NEAR

James 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. 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.

HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE THE LORD

James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Psalm 25:9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

SUBMIT YOURSELF TO GOD

James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

STAND AND WATCH

Habakkuk 2:1

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

WAIT

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.

Psalm 27:14 Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

GET CLEANSED

Psalm 51:7

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

LISTEN

1 Samuel 3:10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

FORGIVE OTHERS

Matthew 6:12, 14-15

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors...For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

REPENT FROM SINS

Matthew 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near."

READ THE WORD

Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

PRAY

Jeremiah 29:12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

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

SEEK HIM

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you. Psalm 27:8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Matthew 7:7-8

Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

BE STILL

Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 37:7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

THANK HIM

Psalm 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

SING TO THE LORD

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.

[A song] I have a song that Jesus gave me It was sent from heaven above I know there is no sweeter melody It's a melody of love.

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

LOVE THE LORD

Matthew 22:37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."

[A song] Father, I adore You Lay my life before You How I love You.

Jesus, I adore You Lay my life before You How I love You.

Holy Spirit, I adore You Lay my life before You How I love You.

BLESS THE LORD

Psalm 103:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

PRAISE THE LORD

Psalm 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

1 Chronicles 16:24-25 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Psalm 123:1 I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven.

2 Chronicles 20:12 We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.

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

[A song] Turn your eyes upon Jesus Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.

CALL ON HIS NAME

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

Psalm 145:18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

[A song] Jesus, Jesus, Jesus There's just something about that name Master, Savior, Jesus Like the fragrance after the rain Jesus, Jesus, Jesus Let all heaven and earth proclaim Kings and kingdoms shall all pass away But there's something about that name.

TAKE COMMUNION

Luke 22:19

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

COME TO HIM EARLY IN THE DAY

Psalm 5:3

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

[A song] 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.

TRUST

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 path.

REST

Matthew 11:28-29

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

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

FEAR THE LORD

Psalm 25:12

Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.

Psalm 25:14

The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

THE LORD GIVES AN INSTRUCTED TONGUE

Exodus 4:10-12

Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

The Lord said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

Exodus 4:15

You shall speak to him [Aaron] and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him.

Exodus 17:14

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered."

Exodus 19:3, 6

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel...These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Exodus 24:3

When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the Lord has said we will do." Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said.

Exodus 34:27-28

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."...And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant - the Ten Commandments.

Numbers 22:38

"Well, I have come to you now," Balaam replied, "But can I say just anything? I must speak only what God puts in my mouth."

Numbers 23:5

The Lord put a message in Balaam's mouth and said, "Go back to Balak and give him this message."

Deuteronomy 29:29

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever.

2 Samuel 23:1-2

These are the last words of David: "The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue.

Psalm 32:8

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

Psalm 45:1 My tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go and tell this people."

Isaiah 8:1

The Lord said to me, "Take a large scroll and write on it with an ordinary pen."

Isaiah 30:8

Go now, write it on a tablet for them, inscribe it on a scroll, that for the days to come it may be an everlasting witness.

Isaiah 50:4

The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.

Jeremiah 1:6-10

"Ah, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak. I am only a child."

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

Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Jeremiah 30:2

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you'"

Jeremiah 36:1

This word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you."

Ezekiel 2:2

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

Amos 3:7-8 Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. The Sovereign Lord has spoken - who can but prophesy?

Micah 3:8 But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, to Israel his sin.

Habakkuk 2:2

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."

Zechariah 7:4 Then the word of the Lord Almighty came to me.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's 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.

WHOIS THE SON?

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

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

Yes, it's Hebrews. That is the treasure spot for you today. Write down from Hebrews what I lead you to today.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. (Hebrews 1:3)

Who is the Son, My child? Look that up today - who is the Son - according to My Word.

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. (Hebrews 1:1-2)

SUMMARY OF - WHO IS THE SON? (From Hebrews 1:1 to 4:3)

- The Son is the radiance of God's glory
- He is the exact representation of God's being
- He sustains all things by His powerful word
- The Son is the One who is appointed heir of all things
- He is the One through whom God has spoken in these last days
- He is the One through whom God made the universe
- The Son provided purification for sins
- He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven
- He is much superior to the angels
- His name is superior to the angels
- He became the Son of our Father
- He is God's firstborn
- He is the One whom the Father told the angels to worship
- God says His Son's throne will last for ever and ever
- God says righteousness will be the scepter of His Son's kingdom
- The Son has loved righteousness and hated wickedness
- God has set Him above His companions by anointing Him with the oil of joy
- He laid the foundations of the earth
- The heavens are the work of His hands.
- They will perish, but He will remain.
- He will remain the same, and His years will never end.
- God told Him to sit at His right hand until He makes His enemies a footstool for His feet.
- God made Him, as Son of man, a little lower than the angels, but now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that He might, by the grace of God, taste death for everyone
- God made His Son, the author of salvation, perfect through suffering.
- The Son makes us holy, and we, who are made holy, are of the same family
- He is not ashamed to call us brothers
- He became a merciful and faithful High Priest in service to God
- He made atonement for the sins of the people

- He suffered when He was tempted, so is able to help us when we are tempted
- He is the Apostle and High Priest whom we confess
- He was faithful to God
- The Son has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses
- Christ is faithful as a Son over God's house. And we are His house
- His work has been finished since the creation of the world. (Hebrews 1:1 to 4:3)

GLEANINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

I have a message for you.

Listen.

Now put down the Scripture I gave you.

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

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal. (Isaiah 26:4)

The path of the righteous is level. O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth. Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts. (Isaiah 26:7-8)

My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. (Isaiah 26:9)

Lord, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us. (Isaiah 26:12)

Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. (Isaiah 26:20)

This is your food for today - to eat and ponder and digest and learn from.

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. (Isaiah 26:3 NIV)

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

That's your food for thought this day, and every day for the rest of your life on earth as a human being.

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open... See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. (Revelation 3:7-8)

GLEANINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

- Our minds are steadfast *because* we trust in Him.
- There is a place of perfect peace that exists, and we can be kept there by Him when we keep our minds "stayed" on Him, steadfastly focusing on Him, and trusting in Him.
- This trust is forever because the Lord is the Rock eternal.
- The Lord makes the way of His righteous ones smooth and level.
- We wait for Him, while we walk in the way of His laws.
- His name and renown are the desire of our hearts.
- Our souls and spirits yearn and long for Him night and day.
- The Lord *establishes* peace for us.
- Anything we accomplish, He has done.
- His people are to hide themselves for a little while until His wrath is passed.
- What the Lord opens, no once can shut. What the Lord shuts, no one can open.
- The Lord has placed before us an open door that no one can shut.

And THAT is your food for today to feed on. It is from Me, and it is a sure thing. You can count on My Word for it cannot fail. It accomplishes the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

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. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

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

This Scripture fits with what I have taught you - draw near to Me and come into My presence before you try to ask Me questions and seek answers.

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. (James 4:8)

WHATLOVEIS

Jesus, I adore You.

And I adore you, My child. Anything you can think of, that expresses how you feel love towards Me, I feel towards you - and more. For My love is greater than all the loves in the whole world on earth. My love is beyond all you can think or imagine. What is love? Love is... look up Scriptures that tell you what love is in My Word.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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

1 Corinthians 8:1 Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

Galatians 5:6 The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Galatians 5:13 Serve one another in love

Galatians 5:14 The entire law is summed up in a single command: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Galatians 5:22

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

Ephesians 3:17

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love...

Ephesians 4:16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 5:2 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly love children, and live a life of love.

Colossians 3:14

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

LOVE IS:

- Patient
- Kind
- Does not envy
- Does not boast
- Not proud
- Not rude
- Not self-seeking
- Not easily angered
- Keeps no record of wrongs
- Does not delight in evil
- Rejoices with the truth
- Always protects
- Always hopes
- Always trusts
- Always perseveres
- Never fails
- Builds up
- Is the only thing that counts
- Used in service
- Sums up the entire law
- Is a fruit of the Spirit
- Makes us rooted and established
- We are grown and built in love
- We are to live a life of love
- Love binds all our virtues together

BELIE VING

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

What does "believe in Me" mean? I will show you. First go to the story of the 10 virgins.

The wise took oil in jars along with their lamps. (Matthew 25:4)

The virgins who were *ready* went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. (Matthew 25:10)

Now look up your scriptures on "believe" and add them next.

SCRIPTURES ON BELIEVING

Isaiah 43:10

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he."

Matthew 9:28-29

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

Mark 11:24 I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

John 2:11 This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

John 2:21

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

John 13:19

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

John 14:1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

John 16: 30

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

John 19:35

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

John 20:29

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

Romans 3:25

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

Romans 10:9

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

Romans 10:14

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

Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)

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

Ephesians 2:8 (NLT)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have

done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Hebrews 11:6

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

SUMMARY ON BELIEVING

- Believing involves having oil (Holy Spirit) with you all the time. (Matthew 25:1-13)
- Believing involves being ready and waiting and watching for the Lord's return for you. (Matthew 25:1-13)
- Believing involves being the Lord's servant whom He chose, so that you may know and believe Him and understand who He is. (Isaiah 43:10)
- Believing is according to your faith. (Matthew 9:29)
- Believing involves believing that you have received it. (Mark 11:24)
- Believing came after Jesus revealed his glory. (John 2:11)
- Believing came when his disciples remembered He had said this. Then they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said. (John 2:21)
- Believing involves hearing Him tell them something before it happens, so that when it does happen they will believe. (John 13:19)
- Believing involves believing in God, then believing also in Jesus. (John 14:1)
- Believing involves seeing that He knows all things and that He does not even need to have anyone ask Him questions. (John 16:30)
- Believing involves seeing the events and giving testimony (John 19:35)
- Believing for some involves seeing Him. For others it involves believing without seeing and they are blessed. (John 20:29)
- Believing involves knowing that God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin and that people are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. (Romans 3:25)

- Believing involves confessing with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believing in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and then you are made right with God and saved. (Romans 10:9)
- Believing involves hearing about Jesus with someone telling them about Him. (Romans 10:14)
- Believing is a gift of God, by grace, through faith, so you can't take credit for it. (Ephesians 2:8)
- Believing involves believing by faith that God exists and rewards those who earnestly seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

HOW DOES THE LORD THINK?

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

How do I, the Lord, think? What are My thoughts? What are My ways?

- *Have no other God before Me.*
- Love Me with all your heart, mind and soul.
- Love others as yourself.
- If you love Me you will obey My commands.
- *My kingdom is coming and My will is being done on earth as it is in heaven.*
- I will come and get you and take you to be with Me so where I am you may be also.
- *I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*
- *I am the only way to the Father.*
- I loved you enough to take beatings for you and give My life for you.
- My thoughts are of justice and righteousness and purity.
- *I have a way that is right and best for you.*
- I created you for My pleasure and purpose.
- I created you as a display of My glory.
- I created you as a display of My work for the ages to come to see.
- Do to others what you would have them do to you.
- Love one another.
- Peace on earth, good will to men on whom My favor rests.
- You can't even think or imagine the things I have planned for those whom I love.

- I love those who love Me.
- Those who seek Me find Me.
- *I will be found by you.*
- I know all things.
- I created all things.
- I am in charge of the whole Universe.
- *I am the banner of love over you.*

SCRIPTURESONWHOLAMINCHRIST

(Scriptures in NIV unless otherwise indicated)

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

1. I am a new creation in Christ.

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

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

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

3. I am the salt of the earth.

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

4. I am the light of the world.

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

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

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

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

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

7. I have eternal life.

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

8. I have passed from death into life.

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

9. Streams of living water flow from within me.

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

10. The truth has set me free.

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

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

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

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

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

13. I have peace.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

14. I will bear much fruit.

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

15. I am loved by Jesus.

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

16. I am loved by the Father.

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

17. I belong to God.

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

18. I have the full joy of Jesus.

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

19. I am protected from the evil one.

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

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

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

21. I have been sent into the world.

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

22. I have God's glory.

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

23. I have forgiveness of sins through Christ.

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

24. I have been freed from all sins.

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

25. I am among the called of Jesus Christ.

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

26. I am loved by God, a saint.

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

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

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

28. I have grace through faith.

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

29. I have perseverance, character, and hope.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34. I have died to sin.

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

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

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

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

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

37. I am no longer a slave of sin.

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

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

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

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

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

40. I am a slave of righteousness.

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

41. I have now no condemnation.

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

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

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

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

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

44. I am a child of God.

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

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

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

46. All things are working together for my good.

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

47. I have all things.

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

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

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

49. I have a measure of faith.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. (Romans 12:3)

50. I have been given gifts.

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

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

If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. (Romans 14:8)

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

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

53. I am sanctified in Jesus Christ.

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

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

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. (1 Corinthians 1:4)

55. I do not lack any spiritual gift.

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

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

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

57. I have the mind of Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

60. I have been bought with a price.

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

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

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)

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

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

63. I am delivered from the peril of death.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16)

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

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

68. I walk by faith, not by sight.

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

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

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

70. I have the ministry of reconciliation.

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

71. I am an ambassador for Christ.

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

72. I have all sufficiency in everything.

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

73. I am crucified with Christ.

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

74. I have the fruit of the Spirit.

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

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

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

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

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

77. I am a son through Jesus Christ.

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

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

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

79. I am saved by grace through faith.

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

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

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

85. God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

And God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

86. I have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the kingdom of the Son.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13)

87. All my sin debt was paid in full at the cross.

He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)

88. I will meet the Lord in the air.

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

89. God has not given me a spirit of timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline.

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7)

90. I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him.

I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. (2 Timothy 1:12)

91. The Lord has laid up for me the crown of righteousness.

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:8)

92. Angels have been sent out to minister to me.

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? (Hebrews 1:14)

93. As I enter God's rest I rest from my own work.

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. (Hebrews 4:9-10)

94. I have a high priest who can sympathize with my weaknesses.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. (Hebrews 4:15)

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

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

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

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

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

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

98. God will never leave me of forsake me.

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

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

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

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

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

101. By His wounds I am healed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:14-15)

This morning the Lord began to teach me about "creating an atmosphere" where He could work. He reminded me that when He began His ministry here on earth He said, "The time has come, the kingdom of God is near, Repent and believe the good news." (Mark 1:15)

"The kingdom of God is near" refers to the atmosphere which the Lord carried with Him in which miraculous things could happen. "The kingdom of God" is the heavenly kingdom in which Jesus walked and healed. It refers to the heavenly atmosphere.

The Lord reminded me that Benny Hinn talked once about how he needed to "create an atmosphere" in which miracles could happen before his crusades. He would shut himself apart 2 hours before the crusade and spend that time with the Lord creating that atmosphere. No one was allowed to interrupt him during that time period.

I thought of Kathryn Kuhlman who spent time at the beginning of her meetings just talking to the people about the Lord - until the Holy Spirit showed up...until the atmosphere was right.

I thought about William Branham who did the same thing - he talked about the Lord until the Presence showed up...when the atmosphere was right.

He reminded me that there was a place where He could do few miracles. That was in his own home town area where there was unbelief because they thought they knew Him as He had grown up there. The atmosphere was not conducive to miracles taking place.

What needs to happen to create this atmosphere for miracles?

- Called and anointed by the Lord for it
- Believe it exists
- Trained by the Lord in how to create it
- Cleansed by the Lord so you are pure in heart and motive
- Follow His leading exclusively and completely
- Go where He tells you to go; do what He tells you to do
- Spend time with the Lord until the right atmosphere is created
- Understand when it arrives
- Know what to do after the atmosphere is created
- Know when it is time to stop

All this is taught by the Lord to the one who is called and anointed for it by Him.

HEART

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:11)

The Lord talked to me today about the "heart".

The heart is the essence of who you are inside. Out of the heart the mouth speaks. The heart is where I relate to you. The heart is what I cleanse with My Word as you read it. The heart is the storehouse of all My treasures. The heart is closely aligned with the spirit.

SCRIPTURES ON HEART

Deuteronomy 30:14

The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

1 Samuel 16:7

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Psalm 24:4

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart.

Psalm 44:21 God knows the secrets of the heart.

Psalm 51:10

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

Proverbs 2:1-11

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 -

- then you will understand the fear of the Lord
- find the knowledge of God
- understand what is right and just and fair every good path
- wisdom will enter your heart
- knowledge will be pleasant to your soul
- discretion will protect you
- understanding will guard you

Proverbs 3:1 Keep my commands in your heart

Proverbs 3:5-6

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

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Jeremiah 17:10 I the Lord search the heart.

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 6:45

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

John 7:38

He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, "Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water."

Acts 13:22

I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.

Romans 10:9-10

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

SUMMARY ABOUT HEART

The Word is in your heart The Lord looks at the heart The one who has clean hands and a pure heart may stand before the Lord God knows the secrets of the heart God creates a pure heart in me There are many benefits to applying your heart to understanding: Understand the fear of the Lord Find the knowledge of God Understand what is right and just and fair - every good path Wisdom will enter your heart
Knowledge will be pleasant to your soul
Discretion will protect you
Understanding will guard you
We are to keep His commands in our hearts
We are to trust the Lord with all our hearts
We are to guard our hearts
The Lord searches the heart
The pure in heart are blessed
Your heart will be where your treasure is
The mouth speaks what the heart is full of
Rivers of living water flow out of the heart of the believer in Him
A man after God's own heart will do all He wants him to
It is with your heart that you believe and are justified.
Hiding His Word in our hearts keeps us from sinning

THEWORD

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the Lord is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you. (Psalm 84:10-12)

This scripture IS for you. I led you there today for a reason. It IS My Word for you today, just as you thought. I do not withhold any good thing from you, even though it might seem that way to you at times from your human perspective. I am alive and well and active in your life.

I and My Word are One. I am My Word, and My Word is Me.

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.

Deuteronomy 30:14

The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

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

Philippians 2:16 Hold firmly to the word of life.

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 attitudes of the heart.

James 1:21-22 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.

1 Peter 1:25 The word of the Lord stands forever.

1 John 1:1-2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this e proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

Revelation 19:11-13

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

SUMMARY ON THE WORD

We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart.

The word is perfect.

The word revives the soul.

The word is a lamp and a light.

The word will never disappear.

The word is sown in the earth. Some receive it and some don't.

Some hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop--thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.

The Word is Christ who was in the beginning with God.

We are to hold firmly to the word.

The word is living and active.

The word is sharper than any double-edged sword.

The word divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow.

The word judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

The word can save you.

We are to do what the word says.

The word of the Lord stands forever.

THEFEAROFTHELORD

I am to do a study on Scriptures about "those who fear the Lord" and do a summary of them.

Proverbs 2:1-5

My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

Exodus 1:21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

Exodus 18:21 Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

Exodus 20:20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."

Deuteronomy 5:29 Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

2 Samuel 23:3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me: "He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God."

Psalm 19:9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever.

Psalm 25:12 Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

Psalm 25:14 The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.

Psalm 25:14 NLT Friendship with the Lord is reserved for those who fear Him. With them He shares the secrets of His covenant.

Psalm 31:19

Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men! Psalm 33:18

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy.

Psalm 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

Psalm 34:9 Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.

Psalm 34:11 Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Psalm 103:11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him.

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments.

Psalm 111:5 He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

Psalm 115:11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.

Psalm 128:1-4 NLT

How happy are those who fear the Lord--all who follow His ways! You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How happy you will be! How rich your life! Your wife will be like a fruitful vine, flourishing within your home. And look at all those children! There they sit around your table as vigorous and healthy as young olive trees. That is the Lord's reward for those who fear Him.

Psalm 134:19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 14:26

In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge.

Proverbs 14:27 The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.

Proverbs 15:16 Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure with trouble.

Proverbs 16:6 By the fear of the Lord one departs from evil.

Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the Lord leads to life, and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; he will not be visited with evil.

Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.

Proverbs 23:17 Be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day.

Ecclesiastes 8:11-13 NLT

When a crime is not punished, people feel it is safe to do wrong. But even though a person sins a hundred times and still lives a long time, I know that those who fear God will be better off.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all.

Isaiah 33:5-6 NIV

The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness. He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.

Jeremiah 32:40

And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.

2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

SUMMARY - THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Keeps you from sinning: Exodus 20:20 It is clean, enduring forever: Psalm 19:9 The secret and friendship of the Lord is with those who fear Him: Psalm 25:14 The Lord will show them His covenant: Psalm 25:14 The angel of the Lord encamps all around them and he delivers them: Psalm 34:7 There is no want to those who fear Him: Psalm 34:9 It is the beginning of wisdom: Psalm 111:10 The Lord gives them food: Psalm 111:5 He is their help and shield: Psalm 115:11 He will fulfill their desires and hear their cries and save them: Psalm 134:19 It is the beginning of wisdom: Proverbs 1:7 It involves seeking His words, commands, wisdom and understanding: Proverbs 2:1-5 It is the fountain of life: Proverbs 14:27 It is better to have it, with a little, than have a treasure without it: Proverbs 15:16 It enables you to depart from evil: Proverbs 16:6 We are to be zealous for it all the day: Proverbs 23:17 Those who fear the Lord are better off than others: Ecclesiastes 8:11-13 It is man's all to fear God and keep His commandments: Ecclesiastes 12:13 It is the key to the treasure of the Lord: Isaiah 33:5-6 It will keep us from departing from the Lord: Jeremiah 32:40 It enables us to be cleansed and perfected in holiness: 2 Corinthians 7:1 Positions our hearts to receive answers: Hebrews 5:7 Assures that God's great goodness abounds: Psalm 31:19 Promises angelic protection: Psalm 34:7 Secures God's attention: Psalm 33:18 Supplies His provision: Psalm 34:9 Contains great mercy: Psalm 103:11 Provides assurance of food: Psalm 111:5 Promises protection: Psalm 115:11 Fulfills our desires and delivers us from harm: Psalm 134:19 Provides wisdom and understanding: Proverbs 1:7 Is our confidence and refuge: Proverbs 14:26 Is life and protection in the face of death: Proverbs 14:27 Provides peace of mind: Proverbs 15:16 Results in life, satisfaction and not being visited with evil: Proverbs 19:23 Leads to riches, honor, and life: Proverbs 22:4 Will keep us on the path: Jeremiah 32:40 Provides households: Exodus 1:21 Provides clarity and direction: Psalm 25:12 Results in enjoyment of our labor, and full, rewarding lives: Psalm 128:1-4 Produces successful leadership: Exodus 18:21; 2 Samuel 23:3; Isaiah 33:5-6

THELOVEOFGOD

I sang this song - "I'm my Beloved's and He is mine, His banner over me is love."

We give to one another because we love each other. What I have to give, I give to you, and what you have to give, you give to Me. We give freely, freely because we love each other.

We live and function daily and moment by moment in this love we have for each other. You read that it was that way with the first group of believers (Acts 2:44-45). It was. And it is that way now. That is why you give so freely to others...because you love each other and you walk in that love daily.

It is a good thing and a lasting thing. It is eternal - our love for one another. You know why? Because if is from Me. It is the love of God shed abroad in your hearts. Look up "the love of God" today and study about that.

STUDY ON "THE LOVE OF GOD"

Exodus 20:6

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

Exodus 34:6

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

Numbers 14:18 The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion.

Deuteronomy 7:12-13

If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your forefathers. He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers.

2 Chronicles 5:13

He is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 25:6 Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Psalm 25:10 All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

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

Psalm 33:5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalm 33:18 But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.

Psalm 36:5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens.

Psalm 36:7 How priceless is your unfailing love!

Psalm 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.

Psalm 57:10 For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Psalm 62:11-12 One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving.

Psalm 86:13 For great is your love toward me.

Psalm 89:33 But I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my faithfulness.

Psalm 103:11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him. Psalm 108:4 For great is your love, higher than the heavens.

Psalm 130:7 O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

Psalm 145:8 Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.

Psalm 145:17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

Proverbs 3:12 The Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

Proverbs 8:17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.

Song of Solomon 2:4 He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love.

Song of Solomon 2:16 My lover is mine and I am his.

Isaiah 38:17 In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back.

Isaiah 54:10 "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 63:9 In all their distress he t

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Jeremiah 31:3 The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness."

Lamentations 3:22

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:32-33

Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:35 The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.

John 14:21 He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

John 15:9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

Romans 5:5

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

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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 1:4

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.

Ephesians 2:4

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

2 Thessalonians 2:16

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 and word.

2 Peter 1:17

For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory saying, "This is my Son whom I love, with him I am well pleased."

1 John 3:1

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

1 John 4:9

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 John 4:10

This is love: not that we love God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:16 God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

Revelation 1:5

From Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth, To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father - to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

SUMMARY OF "THE LOVE OF GOD"

He shows love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands He maintains love to thousands He is abounding in love He will keep His covenant of love with you if you follow His laws His love endures forever

We can ask Him to remember His great mercy and love All His ways are loving and faithful His unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in Him The earth is full of His unfailing love His eves are on those whose hope is in his unfailing love His love reaches to the heavens His unfailing love is priceless He will have mercy on us according to His unfailing love He is loving His love toward me is great He will not take His love from me His love is for those who fear Him As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love His great love is higher than the heavens With Him is unfailing love He will bring us word of His unfailing love He is loving toward all He has made He disciplines those He loves He loves those who love Him His banner over me is love My lover is mine and I am his In His love He kept me from the pit of destruction His love for us will not be shaken In His love and mercy He redeemed us He loves us with an everlasting love He draws us with loving-kindness Because of His great love we are not consumed His love is so great he will show us compassion He will quiet you with His love He loved the world so much He gave His one and only Son He loves the Son He who loves the Son will be loved by the Father Jesus loved us as the Father loved Him God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit God demonstrated His love for us by having Christ die for us The Son loved me and gave Himself for me He predestined us to be adopted as His sons before the creation of the world Because of His great love for us He made us alive with Christ In His love He gave us eternal encouragement and good hope by His grace He loved His Son and was pleased with Him He lavished His great love on us that we should be called His children He showed us his love by sending his one and only Son into the world He loved us by sending his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins He is love We love because He first loved us He loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us to be a kingdom

IWORSHIPYOU, LORD.

You are my Joy (Psalm 43:4), my Life (Proverbs 8:35), my All in All (Philippians 4:19). You are my Instructor (Psalm 32:8), my Guiding Star (Revelation 22:16), my Teacher (Psalm 32:8), and my Lord (Romans 10:9).

I praise You and worship You.

Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. (Psalm 43:4)

For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:35)

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

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 am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star. (Revelation 22:16)

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

THEATTRIBUTESOFGOD

I was thinking about the characteristics of God. He told me to do a study on those today and memorize a scripture for each characteristic so I could review them in my meditation and prayer time.

ETERNAL

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:13)

IMMUTABLE

I the Lord do not change. (Malachi 3:6)

OMNISCIENT

The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. (Proverbs 15:3)

OMNIPRESENT

He is not far from each one of us (Acts 17:27)

INVISIBLE

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible; the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:17)

UNSEARCHABLE

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. (Psalm 145:3)

INCOMPREHENSIBLE

As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things. (Ecclesiastes 11:5)

HOLY

Holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. (Revelation 4:8)

PERSEVERANCE

Romans 5:3-4

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

1 Timothy 4:16

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

Hebrews 12:1

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

Hebrews 10:36

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

James 1:2-4

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

James 1:12

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

2 Peter 1:5-8

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

James 5:11

As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about.

SUMMARY ON PERSEVERANCE

Salvation (1 Timothy 4:16) Produces character (Romans 5:3-4) Produces hope (Romans 5:3-4) Will save both yourself and your hearers (1 Timothy 4:16) Receive what God has promised (Hebrews 10:36) Mature (James 1:2-4) Complete (James 1:2-4) Not lacking anything (James 1:2-4) Blessed (James 5:11) Receive the crown of life (James 1:12)

GRACE

Grace and truth - look up scriptures on grace - grace and truth are in Jesus Christ.

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Grace - an undeserved favor or gift; the undeserved forgiveness, kindness and mercy that God gives us.

I give you grace for justification

Romans 3:24 All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

I give you grace for eternal life

Romans 5:20

Where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I give you grace for being sufficient

2 Corinthians 12:9 My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

I give you grace for salvation

Ephesians 2:8-9 It is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

I give you grace that you might become heirs with the hope of eternal life

Titus 3:7

Having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

CHRIST'S GIFTS TO THOSE WHOM THE FATHER GAVE HIM

Eternal life (John 17:2) The Father's name (John 17:6, 26, compare John 20:17) The Father's words (John 17:8, 14) His own joy (John 17:13) His own glory (John 17:22)

For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:2-3)

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. (John 17:6)

I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them. (John 17:26)

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message. (John 17:20)

For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. (John 17:8)

I have given them your word. (John 17:14)

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

I have given them the glory that you gave me. (John 17:22)

CHRISTIANS ARE GIVEN TO JESUS BY THE FATHER

Seven times Jesus speaks of Christians as given to Him by the Father (John 17: 2, 6 twice, 9, 11, 12, 24). Jesus Christ is God's love gift to the world (John 3:16), and believers are the Father's love gift to Jesus Christ. It is Christ who commits the Christian to the Father for safekeeping, so that the believer's security rests upon the Fathers faithfulness to His Son Jesus Christ. (NIV Scofield Study Bible, 1984 edition, p. 1365, footnote re John 17:2)

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For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. (John 17:2)

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. (John 17:6)

They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. (John 17:6)

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

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name - the name you gave me - so that they may be one as we are one. (John 17:11)

While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. (John 17:12)

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. (John 17:24)

JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S LOVE GIFT TO THE WORLD

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

WHAT GRACE DOES FOR US

My grace is sufficient for you. I emphasize that by waking you up in the morning at 5:55. (5 is the number for grace/favor) It's My grace that provides all that you need. It's My grace that I speak to you all day, every day, and instruct you and teach you the way to go, and counsel you and watch over you. I want you to do a study on grace along with a summary list on what all My grace does for you.

John 1:16 From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

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

Romans 3:24 All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:20 Where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 11:5-6 So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

2 Corinthians 1:12

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace.

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 12:9

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

Ephesians 2:4-5

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:8-9

It is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

2 Thessalonians 2:16

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 and word.

2 Timothy 1:9 This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

Titus 2:11-12

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.

Titus 3:7

Having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 12:15

See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

1 Peter 5:5 God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

1 Peter 1:10

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. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

SUMMARY ON WHAT GRACE DOES FOR US

We receive one blessing after another through grace (John 1:16) Grace and truth are in Jesus Christ (John 1:17) He gives us grace for justification (Romans 3:24) He gives us grace for eternal life (Romans 5:20) The remnant is chosen by grace, not by works (Romans 11:5-6) By grace I am what I am, and his grace to me is not without effect (1 Corinthians 15:10) By grace we conduct ourselves in holiness and sincerity (2 Corinthians 1:12) By grace Jesus became poor so that we might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9) You will have grace in all things (2 Corinthians 9:8) You will have grace at all times (2 Corinthians 9:8) You will have all the grace that you need (2 Corinthians 9:8) You will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8) He gives us grace for being sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9) You have been saved by grace (Ephesians 2:4; 8-9) His grace gives us eternal encouragement and good hope (2 Thessalonians 2:16) Grace was given to us before the beginning of time. (2 Timothy 1:9) Grace teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live selfcontrolled, upright and godly lives in this present age. (Titus 2:11-12) He gives us grace that we might become heirs with the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:7) Grace helps us in our time of need (Hebrews 4:16) Grace can be missed (Hebrews 12:15)

God gives grace to the humble. (1 Peter 5:5) God of grace will restore you, and make you strong, firm, and steadfast We are to grow in grace (2 Peter 3:18)

GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE

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

Psalm 33:5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalm 33:18 But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.

Psalm 36:7 How priceless is your unfailing love!

Psalm 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.

Psalm 130:7 O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

Psalm 145:8 Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.

Isaiah 54:10

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Lamentations 3:32-33

Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men. As I pondered God's amazing patience with my friend and the things he says to the Lord at times, the Lord reminded me of what He said in His Word about His love - that it is unfailing love. I was surprised at how many times His love was described as "unfailing."

Then He reminded me that "Love is patient" (1 Corinthians 13:4). So I got this revelation -

Unfailing love + love is patient = unfailing patience. My patience for him won't run out, won't fail, and will last until the final day of his life on earth.

WHAT GOD GAVE US IN CHRIST

(From Ephesians 1:1 to 3:12)

- Blessed us in the heavenly realm with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
- Chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight
- Predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ
- Grace given freely in the One He loves
- Redemption through His blood
- The forgiveness of sins
- Grace lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding
- Made known to us the mystery of His will to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ
- In Him we were chosen, having been predestined
- Be for the praise of His glory
- Marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, a deposit, a guarantee
- Guaranteed our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession
- Made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions
- Raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus
- In the coming ages he will show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus
- We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do
- Brought near through the blood of Christ
- Created in Himself one new man out of those separated from Christ and those citizens of the promise
- Reconciled both of them to God through the cross
- Put to death their hostility
- Preached peace to you who were far away and you who were near
- Gave us access to the Father by one Spirit

- We become a dwelling in which God lives
- Gentiles became heirs together with Israel sharing together in the promise in Christ Jesus
- Through the church the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms
- In Christ Jesus and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence

SCRIPTURESONLOVE

Deuteronomy 6:5

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

Deuteronomy 10:12

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

Deuteronomy 11:1 Love the Lord your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.

Joshua 22:5

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

Nehemiah 1:5 O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands.

Psalm 31:25 Love the Lord, all his saints!

Psalm 57:2-3

I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me. He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; God sends his love and his faithfulness. Psalm 127:2 He grants sleep to those he loves.

Psalm 145:20 The Lord watches over all who love him.

Proverbs 21:21 He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

Song of Songs 2:4 He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love.

Daniel 9:4

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

Matthew 10:37-38

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

Matthew 22:37-40

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

John 13:34-35

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

John 15:12-13

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

Romans 12:9-10

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

1 Corinthians 2:9

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

1 Corinthians 8:3 But the man who loves God is known by God.

Ephesians 5:2

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

1 John 4:7-10

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Revelation 1:5

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

Love is a different thing than caring. It is not an emotion, in the sense that I use it, but an attitude. I know you don't love others as you love yourself. That is not something YOU can do or bring about. It is something I do in you when you seek Me for it. You have now said yes you want that, so I will do it. You will begin to notice a difference.

SUMMARY - OLD TESTAMENT

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- Fear the Lord your God
- Walk in all his ways
- Love the Lord your God
- Serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
- Be very careful to keep the commandments and the law
- Obey his commands
- Hold fast to him

The Lord keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands.

The Lord watches over all who love him.

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

SUMMARY - NEW TESTAMENT

- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
- Love your neighbor as yourself.
- Love each other as I have loved you.
- Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
- Love must be sincere.
- The man who loves God is known by God.
- Live a life of love
- Love comes from God.
- Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
- Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love
- Anyone who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.

LIFE

For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:35)

It is my Father who gives the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. (John 6:32-33)

I am the bread of life. (John 6:35)

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. (John 6:51)

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For y flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever. (John 6:53-58)

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1) And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Romans 8:11)

POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN YOUR INNER BEING

Those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. (Romans 8:5)

The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. (Romans 8:6)

But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. (Romans 8:11)

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. (Ephesians 3:16)

EATING JESUS' BODY AND DRINKING HIS BLOOD

Look up "unless you eat My body and drink My blood."

My body has life in it, and My blood has life in it because I AM Life. Therefore when you eat My body it brings life into your body. My body was perfect and full of life, real life, eternal life, and so when you eat of it, you eat of real Life and eternal Life. My body was given for your transgressions and iniquities and diseases, therefore, when you eat of My body, you eat of My sacrifice for those. Your body becomes clean and free from disease.

My blood was given as the sacrifice for your sins. As I didn't have any sins, and as I took on your sins and died for them on the cross, then when you drink of My blood, you drink of My Life, the true eternal Life, which was in My perfect blood, and you receive forgiveness for your sins. You drink of My sacrifice for those sins. Your blood becomes clean and perfect. To access these two mighty powerful gifts/blessings you must believe in them.

You believe in My blood and what it does for you.

Now believe in My body and what it does for you as you eat of it.

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Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows. 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. The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:4-6)

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26-28)

FATHER GIVES THOSE WHO ARE HIS TO JESUS

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

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)

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:44)

It is written in the prophets: "They will all be taught by God." Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. (John 6:45)

DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

I noticed the words: "do not lean on". Then He said:

Do not lean on your own understanding. Study that topic today.

DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

Let him who <u>walks in the dark, who has no light</u>, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. (Isaiah 50:10)

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will <u>look to see</u> <u>what he will say</u> to me, and what answer I am to give to the complaint. (Habakkuk 2:1)

You asked, "Who is this that <u>obscures my counsel without knowledge</u>?" Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. (Job 42:3)

When I tried to understand all this, <u>it was oppressive to me till I entered the</u> <u>sanctuary of God; then I understood</u> their final destiny. (Psalm 73:16-17)

I gain understanding from your precepts. (Psalm 119:104)

The <u>unfolding of your words</u> gives light; it <u>gives understanding</u> to the simple. (Psalm 119:130)

Trust in the Lord with all your heat and <u>lean not on your own understanding</u>. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Whoever heeds correction gains understanding. (Proverbs 15:32)

Then <u>he opened their minds so they could understand</u> the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45)

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you re reading?" Philip asked. <u>"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me</u>?" (Acts 8:30-31)

<u>The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God</u>, for they are foolishness to him, and he <u>cannot understand them</u>, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14)

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

<u>If anyone teaches false doctrines</u> and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, <u>he is conceited and understands</u> <u>nothing</u>. 1 Timothy 6:3-4)

My child, don't lean on your own understanding. Always ask Me for MY understanding. I will give My understanding to you when you ask Me.

THEYWILL BE TAUGHT BY THE LORD

They will be taught by the Lord. Look up scriptures on that next.

THEY WILL BE TAUGHT BY THE LORD

All your sons will be taught by the Lord. (Isaiah 54:13)

Therefore I will teach them - this time I will teach them my power and might. Then they will know that my name is the Lord. (Jeremiah 16:21) "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." (Jeremiah 31:33)

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

It is written in the Prophets: "They will all be taught by God." (John 6:45)

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. (1 Corinthians 2:13)

I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. (Galatians 1:11-12)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's 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. (2 Peter 1:20-21)

LOVING GOD BY OBEYING HIS COMMANDS

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. (Deuteronomy 7:9)

Because I love your commands more than gold, more than pure gold, and because I consider all your precepts right, I hate every wrong path. (Psalm 119:127)

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands. (Daniel 9:4)

If you love me, you will obey what I command. (John 14:15)

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. (John 14:21)

If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. (John 15:10)

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. (John 15:12-14)

Keeping God's commands is what counts. (1 Corinthians 7:19)

This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. (1 John 5:2-3)

WRITING THINGS FOR THE LORD

Do a scripture study on - writing down things for the Lord.

WRITING THINGS FOR THE LORD

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered. (Exodus 17:14)

The Lord said to Moses, "Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. (Exodus 34:1)

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." (Exodus 34:27)

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts...Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:6, 9) When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law...and he is to read it all the days of his life. (Deuteronomy 17:18-19)

When you have crossed the Jordan into the land the Lord your God is giving you, set up some large stones and coat them with plaster. Write on them all the words of this law. (Deuteronomy 27:2-3)

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. (Proverbs 3:3)

Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. (Proverbs 7:2-3)

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you." (Jeremiah 30:1-2)

This word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you." (Jeremiah 36:1-2)

But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. (Daniel 12:4)

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." (Habakkuk 2:2-3)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13)

Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. (Revelation 1:19)

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." (Revelation 14:13)

ANGELS

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

Genesis 28:12

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

Genesis 48:15-16

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

1 Kings 19:3, 5, 7

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

Job 38:4, 7

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

Psalm 34:7

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

Psalm 91:11-12

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

Psalm 103:20-21

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

Psalm 148:2 Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts

Isaiah 6:2-4

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

Daniel 6:22

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

Matthew 4:11 Then the devil left him and angels came and attended him.

Matthew 13:39, 41-42

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

Matthew 16:27

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

Matthew 18:10

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

Matthew 22:30

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

Matthew 24:30-31

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

Matthew 25:31-32

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

Matthew 26:53

Do you not think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

Mark 8:38

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

Luke 1:11

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

Luke 1:26-28

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

Luke 2:8-12

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

Luke 2:13

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

Luke 15:7

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

Luke 16:22

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

Luke 22:43

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

John 1:51

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

Acts 7:53

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

Acts 12:7-10

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

Acts 27:23

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

1 Corinthians 6:3 Do you not know that we will judge angels?

1 Corinthians 13:1

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

Galatians 3:19

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

Ephesians 1:19-21

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

Philippians 2:9-11

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

Colossians 1:16

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

1 Thessalonians 4:16

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

2 Thessalonians 1:7

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

1 Timothy 3:16

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

1 Timothy 5:21

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

Hebrews 1:6-7

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

Hebrews 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Hebrews 12:22

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

Hebrews 13:2

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

1 Peter 1:12 Even angels long to look into these things.

1 Peter 3:22

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

2 Peter 2:4-9

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

2 Peter 2:11

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

Jude 6

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

Jude 9

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

Revelation 5:2

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

Revelation 5:11

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

Revelation 7:1

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

Revelation 7:11

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.

Revelation 8:2-3

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

Revelation 9:11

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

Revelation 12:7-9

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

Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth - to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Revelation 14:17

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

Revelation 19:9-10

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

Revelation 22:6 The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

WALKEDWITHGOD

Do a study on those who "walked with God."

THOSE WHO WALKED WITH GOD

Genesis 5:24 Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

Genesis 6:9

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

Genesis 17:1

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless."

Genesis 24:40 He replied, "The Lord, before whom I have walked, will send his angel with you and make your journey a success."

WALKING WITH GOD

Deuteronomy 5:33

Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

Deuteronomy 10:12

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

Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with the wise grows wise

Isaiah 2:2-3

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

Isaiah 2:5 Come. O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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."

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.

Amos 3:3 Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?

Micah 6:8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Zechariah 3:7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among those standing here."

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Revelation 3:4 They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.

THE MAN WITHOUT THE SPIRIT OF GOD

1 Corinthians 2:14

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Romans 8:5-6

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:7

The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

Romans 8:9

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.

John 3:5

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

The Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. (John 14:16-17)

SUMMARY OF THE MAN WITHOUT THE SPIRIT OF GOD

He does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:14) The things of God are foolishness to him (1 Corinthians 2:14) He cannot understand the things of God (1 Corinthians 2:14) He has his mind set on what the sinful nature desires (Romans 8:5-6) His mind is death (Romans 8:5-6) His mind is hostile to God (Romans 8:7) He does not submit to God's law, nor can he do so (Romans 8:7) He cannot please God (Romans 8:7) He is controlled by the sinful nature (Romans 8:9) He cannot see the kingdom of God (John 3:5) He cannot accept the Holy Spirit because he neither sees him nor knows him. (John 14:17)

THE MAN WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD

1 Corinthians 2:15-16

The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:12

We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

1 Corinthians 2:13

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

Joel 2:28

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

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Romans 8:11

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

Romans 8:13

If by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Romans 8:26-27

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things; even the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 5:5

Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose (that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life) and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

2 Peter 1:21

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth.

John 14:26

The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 16:13

When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

SUMMARY OF THE MAN WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD

He makes judgments about all things (1 Corinthians 2:15) He is not subject to any man's judgment (1 Corinthians 2:15) He has the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:16) He understands what God has freely given us (1 Corinthians 2:12) He speaks in words taught by the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:13) He expresses spiritual truths in spiritual words (1 Corinthians 2:13) He will prophesy, dream dreams, and see visions (Joel 2:28) He has his mind set on what the Spirit desires (Romans 8:5-6) He is not controlled by the sinful nature (Romans 8:9) He is controlled by the Spirit (Romans 8:9) The Spirit will give life to his body (Romans 8:11) He is led by the Spirit (Romans 8:13) He is a son of God (Romans 8:13) The Spirit intercedes for him in accordance with God's will (Romans 8:26-27) The Spirit reveals to him what God has prepared for him (1 Corinthians 2:9-10) His body is a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19) He has freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17) He has a guarantee of what is to come (2 Corinthians 5:5)

He has the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control (Galatians 5:22) He is enabled to speak from God (2 Peter 1:21) The Holy Spirit is his counselor (John 14:16) Holy Spirit will teach him all things and remind him of everything Jesus said to them. (John 14:26) He will be guided into all truth. He will be told what is yet to come. (John 16:13)

STRENGTH

I am Yahweh - the renewer of your strength. You can do a scripture study on that topic.

STRENGTH

Exodus 15:2 The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

2 Samuel 22:33 It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.

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

Nehemiah 8:10 The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 118:14 The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Psalm 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 41:10

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.

1 Peter 4:11 If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides.

SUMMARY ON STRENGTH

The Lord is our strength God arms us with strength God looks for those whose hearts are fully committed the Him to strengthen them The joy of the Lord is our strength The Lord is our strength and shield God is our refuge and strength The Lord is our strength and our song He strengthens us according to His Word Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength God will strengthen us and help us God strengthens us with power through His Spirit in our inner being God strengthens us in every good deed We serve with the strength God provides

THE LORD APPEARING

Do a study on the Lord appearing.

APPEARANCES OF THE LORD

At Sinai

Exodus 24:9-12

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself. But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God and they ate and drank.

In the tabernacle

Exodus 40:34-38

Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out - until the day it lifted. So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels.

In the temple

1 Kings 8:10-11

When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the Lord. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled his temple.

To Abraham

Genesis 12:7

The Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Genesis 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless."

Genesis 18:1 The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

To Isaac

Genesis 26:2-3

The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you.

Genesis 26:24-25

That night the Lord appeared to him (Isaac) and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham." Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord.

To Jacob

Genesis 31:11, 13

"The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.' And he said, 'Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land.'"

Genesis 35:1

Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau."

Genesis 35:9-10

After Jacob returned from Paddan Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him. God said to him, "Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel."

To Moses

Exodus 3:1-2

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush.

Exodus 3:16

"Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers - the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you."

Exodus 24:15-18

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

To Israel

Exodus 16:10

While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud. The Lord said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

Judges 2:1-5

The angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land that I swore to give to your forefathers."

To Joshua

Joshua 5:13-15

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing I holy." And Joshua did so.

In mercy seat

Leviticus 16:2

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

In tabernacle

Numbers 14:10

The whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the Lord appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites. The Lord said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them?"

To Gideon

Judges 6:11, 12

The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, when his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a wine-press to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

To Manoah

Judges 13:2-3, 9-11

A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was sterile and remained childless. The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, "You are sterile and childless, but you are going to conceive and have a son."

God heard Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman while she was out in the field, but her husband Manoah was not with her. The woman hurried to tell her husband, "He's here! The man who appeared to me the other day!"

Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he said, "Are you the one who talked to my wife?"

"I am," he said.

To Samuel

1 Samuel 3:21

The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.

To David

2 Chronicles 3:1

Then Solomon began to build the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to his father David.

To Solomon

1 Kings 3:5-9 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

Now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of your?"

To Isaiah

Isaiah 6:1-9

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lip; you guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

To Jeremiah

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

"Ah, sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declared the Lord.

Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

To Ezekiel

Ezekiel 40:3

He took me there, and I saw a man whose appearance was like bronze; he was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring rod in his hand. The man said to me, "Son of man, look with your eyes and hear with your ears and pay attention to everything I am going to show you, for that is why you have been brought here. Tell the house of Israel everything you see."

Ezekiel 43:6-7

While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me from inside the temple. He said, "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet. This is where I will live among the Israelites forever.

To Daniel

Daniel 8:15-17

While I, Daniel was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man. And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision." As he came near the place where I was standing, I was terrified and fell prostrate. "Son of man," he said to me, "understand that the vision concerns the time of the end."

Daniel 10:5-6

I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist. His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

Daniel 10:16-19

Then the one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing before me, "I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I am helpless. How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe."

Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. "Do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong."

When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength."

To Paul

Acts 9:3-6

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

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

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

To Stephen

Acts 7:55-56

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

To John

Revelation 1:9-18

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One. I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."

To Peter, James, and John

Matthew 17:1-3

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Of Christ

John 1:14, 18

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth....No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

John 20:19

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

John 20:26

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Revelation 1:7-8

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

REMEMBERME

Do a scripture study on "remember Me."

REMEMBER ME

Exodus 20:8 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

1 Chronicles 16:12 Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them" Ecclesiastes 12:6 Remember him - before the silver cord is severed or the golden bowl is broken.

1 Corinthians 11:24 The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:25 He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

WAITING ON THE LORD

Do a study on "they that wait upon the Lord".

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.

Psalm 25:5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation; for thee I wait all the day long.

Psalm 27:14 Wait for the Lord. Be strong and of good courage, and wait for the Lord.

Psalm 37:7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

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 49:23

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

Isaiah 64:4

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

Lamentations 3:24-26

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Hosea 12:6 Maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always.

Micah 7:7

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

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."

Luke 12:35-36

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.

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.

1 Corinthians 1:7

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Galatians 5:5

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

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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, 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.

James 5:7

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

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REDEMPTION BY THE BLOOD

Do a scripture study on the blood and what it does.

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have <u>redemption through his blood</u>, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

Colossians 1:19-20

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Hebrews 10:19

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to <u>enter the Most Holy Place by</u> <u>the blood of Jesus</u>, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body...

Hebrews 12:24

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

To God's elect, strangers in the world.....chosen according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and <u>sprinkling by his blood</u>.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the <u>blood of Jesus</u>, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Revelation 1:5

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

Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and <u>with your blood you purchased men for God</u> from every tribe and language and people and nation."

Revelation 12:11

They <u>overcame him by the blood</u> of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

SUMMARY

Redemption through His blood Peace through His blood Enter the Most Holy Place through His blood His blood speaks a better word than the blood of Abel Sprinkling by His blood His blood purifies us from all sin His blood freed us from our sins With His blood He purchased men for God The believers overcame the devil by the blood of Jesus

From the book War In Heaven by Derek Prince

Here are five testimonies that each of us may make about the blood of Jesus. (p. 169)

- 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.

CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

Do a scripture study on calling on the name of the Lord.

Genesis 4:26

Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time men began to call on the name of the Lord.

Genesis 12:8

From there he [Abram] went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

Genesis 13:3-4

From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.

Genesis 21:33

Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the Lord, the Eternal God.

Genesis 26:24-25

That night the Lord appeared to him [Isaac] and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham." Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord.

1 Kings 18:24, 38-39

"Then you call on the name of your god, and I [Elijah] will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire - he is God"...Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord - he is God! The Lord - he is God!"

1 Chronicles 21:25-26

David built an altar to the Lord there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. He called on the Lord, and the Lord answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering.

Psalm 34:6

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalm 105:1 Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Psalm 145:18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Isaiah 55:6

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Jeremiah 33:3

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.

Joel 2:32

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

John 17:11 Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name - the name you gave me so that they may be one as we are one.

Romans 10:12 The same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

ROD OF IRON (SCEPTER) AND SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Ask Me what the rod of iron means. I can tell you. It means My power and authority. My power and authority are like a rod of iron. Those with My authority will wield that rod, that authority, and no one can withstand it. It is over all. There is justice to be dealt with in the earth. This is My way of doing it.

The sword of the Spirit was the shout at Jericho. At the shout the sword was executed and the angels pushed the walls down. The sword of the Spirit and the rod of iron are both used to push down the enemy. They are the one and the same.

The Sword is speaking the words out. The power comes out of your words. Like in Genesis when I created things with My word.

The "Sword of the Spirit" is speaking. The "Rod of iron" is the power and authority behind it.

Do a scripture study on "Sword Of The Spirit" and "Rod Of Iron"

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT and THE ROD OF IRON (SCEPTER)

Exodus 4:2-3 KJV

And the Lord said unto him, "What is that in thine hand?" And he said, "A rod." And he said, "Cast it on the ground." And he cast on the ground, and it became a serpent.

Exodus 4:17, 20

But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it. Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.

Exodus 7:12

Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

Judges 6:20-21

The angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And Gideon did so. With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the Lord touched the meat and the unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the Lord disappeared.

Psalm 2:9

You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.

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; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 110:2

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies.

Isaiah 11:1 KJV

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 11:4

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

Ephesians 6:17

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

2 Thessalonians 2:8

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

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 attitudes of the heart.

Revelation 1:16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Revelation 19:15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter."

SWORDOFTHELORD

Genesis 3:24

After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Deuteronomy 32:41

When I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand grasps it in judgment, I will take vengeance on my adversaries and repay those who hate me.

Judges 7:18, 20

When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, "For the Lord and for Gideon."...Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"

1 Chronicles 21:12

So Gad went to David and said to him, "This is what the Lord says: 'Take your choice: three years of famine, three months of being swept away before your

enemies, with their swords overtaking you, or three days of the sword of the Lord - days of plague in the land, with the angel of the Lord ravaging every part of Israel.' Now then decide how I should answer the one who sent me."

Psalm 45:3

Gird your sword upon your side, O mighty one; clothe yourself with splendor and majesty. In your majesty ride forth victoriously in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness.

Psalm 45:6

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

Isaiah 34:5-8

My sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; see, it descends in judgment on Edom, the people I have totally destroyed. The sword of the Lord is bathed in blood, it is covered with fat.

Isaiah 66:16

For with fire and with his sword the Lord will execute judgment upon all men, and many will be those slain by the Lord.

Jeremiah 12:12

Over all the barren heights in the desert destroyers will swarm for the sword of the Lord will devour from one end of the land to the other, no one will be safe.

Jeremiah 47:6-7

"Ah, sword of the Lord," you cry, "how long till you rest? Return to your scabbard; cease and be still." But how can it rest when the Lord has commanded it, when he has ordered it.

Ezekiel 21:4

This is what the Lord says: "I am against you. I will draw my sword from its scabbard and cut off from you both the righteous and the wicked. Because I am going to cut off the righteous and the wicked, my sword will be unsheathed against everyone from south to north. Then all people will know that I the Lord have drawn my sword from its scabbard; it will not return again."

Ezekiel 30:2425

I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put my sword in his hand, but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he will groan before him like a mortally wounded man...Then they will know that I am the Lord, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he brandishes it against Egypt.

Ezekiel 32:10

I will cause many peoples to be appalled at you, and their kings will shudder with horror because of you when I brandish my sword before them.

INNERMAN-SPIRIT OF MAN

Proverbs 20:27 KJV

The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Proverbs 20:27 NIV The lamp of the Lord searches the spirit of a man; it searches out his inmost being.

Proverbs 27:19 As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man.

Ecclesiastes 3:21 Who knows if the spirit of man rises upward and if the spirit of the animal goes down into the earth?

Daniel 7:15 KJV I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

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

John 7:38 KJV He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Romans 8:10-11

You, however, are controlled not be the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you...if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who lives in you.

1 Corinthians 2:11

For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him?

SUMMARY

The Lord searches the spirit of a man A man's heart reflects the man Who knows if the spirit of man rises upward Daniel was grieved in his spirit in the midst of his body If a man believes in Christ streams of living water will flow from him [from his belly] If Christ is in you, your spirit is alive A man's own spirit knows his thoughts

ZERUBBABEL

Zechariah 4:6-9

So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty. What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"

Then the word of the Lord came to me: "The hands of *Zerubbabel* have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you."

A greater importance is assigned to Zerubbabel in Israel's later history than is generally recognized. It was he who led the first expedition of Jews back to Jerusalem, following the decree of Cyrus. Zerubbabel probably acted as governor of the city until at least 515 B. C. As grandson of Jehoiachin, he was the representative of the Davidic monarchy. (NIV Scofield Study Bible, note for 1 Chronicles 3:19, pg. 512)

Ezra 2:2

Now these are the people of the province who came up from the captivity of the exiles, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had taken captive to Babylon (they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his own town, in company with *Zerubbabel*).

Ezra 3:1-2

When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, the people assembled as one man in Jerusalem. Then Jeshua son of Jozadak and his fellow priests and *Zerubbabel* son of Shealtiel and his associates began to build the altar of the God of Israel to sacrifice burnt offerings on it, in accordance with what is written in the Law of Moses the man of God.

Ezra 3:8

In the second month of the second year after their arrival at the house of God in Jerusalem, *Zerubbabel* son of Shealtiel, Jeshua son of Jozadak and the rest of their brothers (the priests and the Levites and all who had returned from the captivity to Jerusalem) began the work, appointing Levites twenty years of age and older to supervise the building of the house of the Lord.

Haggai 1:12-14

Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord.

Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord. So the Lord stirred up the spirit of *Zerubbabel* son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God.

Haggai 2:4

"But now be strong, O Zerubbabel," declares the Lord..."and work. For I am with you," declares the Lord Almighty.

Haggai 2:20-23

The word of the Lord came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth of the month: "Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that I will shake the heavens and the earth. I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother. On that day," declares the Lord Almighty, "I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel," declares the Lord, "and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you," declares the Lord Almighty.

SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD THE EYES OF THE LORD

Zechariah 4:1-2, 10

Then the angel who talked with me returned and wakened me, as a man is wakened from his sleep. He asked me, "What do you see?"

I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lights on it, with seven channels to the lights.

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(These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range throughout the earth.)

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the *eyes of the Lord* range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

Job 31:4 Does he not see my ways and count my every step?

Job 34:21-22

*His eyes* are on the ways of men; he sees their every step. There is no dark place, no deep shadow, where evildoers can hide.

Proverbs 5:21

For a man's ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all his paths.

Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Isaiah 11:1-2

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. *The Spirit of the Lord* will rest on him - the *Spirit of wisdom and of understanding*, the *Spirit of counsel and of power*, the *Spirit of knowledge* and of the *fear of the Lord* - and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

Jeremiah 16:17 My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes.

Jeremiah 32:19 *Your eyes* are open to all the ways of men; you reward everyone according to his conduct and as his deeds deserve.

Zechariah 3:8-9

"Listen, O high priest, Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are *seven eyes* on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it," says the Lord Almighty, "and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day."

#### Hebrews 4:13

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before *the eyes* of him to whom we must give account.

#### **Revelation 1:4**

To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the *seven spirits* before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

#### **Revelation 1:12**

I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw *seven golden lampstands*, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man.

#### **Revelation 3:1**

To the angel of the church of Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds *the seven spirits of God* and the seven stars.

#### **Revelation 4:5**

Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, *seven lamps* were blazing. These are *the seven spirits of God*.

#### **Revelation 5:6**

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and *seven eyes*, which are *the seven spirits of God* sent out into all the earth.

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# THINGS THAT ARE ETERNAL

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

Eternal life: This life is called "eternal" because it is from the eternity which is past to the eternity which is to come. It is the life of God revealed in Jesus Christ, who is God. This life of God, which was revealed in Christ, is imparted in a new birth by the Holy Spirit, acting upon the Word of God, to every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. The life thus imparted is not a new life except in the sense of human possession; it is still "that which was from the beginning". But the recipient is a new creation. And the life of God which is in the believer is an unsevered part of the life which eternally was, and eternally is, in Christ Jesus - one life in Him and in the believer; Vine and branches, head and members. (NIV Scofield Study Bible, pg 1611 summary at Revelation 22:19)

# ETERNAL GOD

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Genesis 21:33

Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the Lord, the *Eternal God*.

ETERNAL CHRIST

Proverbs 8:22-23

The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was appointed *from eternity*, from the beginning, before the world began.

ETERNAL HOLY SPIRIT

Hebrews 9:14

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the *eternal Spirit* offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

ETERNAL LIFE

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to *life*, and only a few find it.

Matthew 18:8

If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter *life* maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eyes causes you to sin, gouge it

out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter *life* with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

Matthew 19:16-17

Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get *eternal life*?"

"Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter *life*, obey the commandments."

Matthew 19:29

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit *eternal life*.

Matthew 25:45-46

He will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me. Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to *eternal life*."

Luke 10:25-26

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit *eternal life*?" "What is written in the law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

Luke 12:15

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's *life* does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Luke 18:29-30

"I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents of children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, *eternal life*."

John 1:4-5

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

John 3:15

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

John 3:16

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

John 3:36

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

John 4:13-14

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 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 4:36

Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for *eternal life*, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

John 5:24

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has *eternal life* and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

John 6:68

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of *eternal life*. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

John 10:27-28

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

John 12:25

The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for *eternal life*.

John 12:49-50

For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to *eternal life*. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.

John 17:3

Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give *eternal life* to all those you have given him. Now this is *eternal life*, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Acts 13:46, 48

Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worth of *eternal life*, we now turn to the Gentiles...When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for *eternal life* believed.

Romans 2:7

To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give *eternal life*.

Romans 5:21

But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring *eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:22-23

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

1 Timothy 1:16

But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive *eternal life*.

Titus 1:1-2

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness - a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of *eternal life*, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time.

1 John 2:24-25

See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us - even *eternal life*.

1 John 5:11-12

And this is the testimony: God has given us *eternal life*, and this *life* is in his Son. He who has the Son has *life*; he who does not have the Son of God does not have *life*.

1 John 5:13

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have *eternal life*.

1 John 5:19-20

We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true - even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and *eternal life*.

Revelation 22:19

And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the *tree of life* and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

ETERNAL KING

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the *King eternal*, immortal, invisible; the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

ETERNAL COVENANT

Isaiah 55:3

Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live, I will make an *everlasting covenant* with you, my faithful love promised to David.

Isaiah 61:8

For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an *everlasting covenant* with them.

Jeremiah 32:40

I will make an *everlasting covenant* with them; I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me.

ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

Psalm 119:142 Your *righteousness is everlasting* and your law is true.

ETERNAL PURPOSE

Ephesians 3:10-11

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his *eternal purpose* which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ETERNAL WORD

Psalm 119:89 *Your word*, O Lord, *is eternal*; it stands firm in the heavens.

ETERNAL ROCK

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

ETERNAL LAWS

Psalm 119:160 All your words are true; all your righteous *laws are eternal*.

ETERNAL POWER

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his *eternal power* and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

ETERNAL GLORY

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an *eternal glory* that far outweighs them all.

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.

ETERNAL REWARD

John 4:36

Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for *eternal life*, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

ETERNAL ENCOURAGEMENT

2 Thessalonians 2:16

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 and word.

ETERNAL NAME

Isaiah 56:5

To them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an *everlasting name* that will not be cut off.

ETERNAL LIGHT

Isaiah 60:19, 20

The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your *everlasting light*, and your God will be your glory.

ETERNAL JOY

Isaiah 51:11

The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; *everlasting joy* will crown their heads.

ETERNAL UNSEEN

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

ETERNAL FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

Jeremiah 31:3

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an *everlasting love.*"

1 Corinthians

And now these three *remain: faith, hope and love*. But the greatest of these is love.

ETERNAL SALVATION

Hebrews 5:8-10

Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered, and, once made perfect, he became the source of *eternal salvation* for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

ETERNAL INHERITANCE

Hebrews 9:15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised *eternal inheritance*.

ETERNAL REDEMPTION

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, having obtained *eternal redemption*.

ETERNAL GOSPEL

Revelation 14:6

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

ETERNAL KINGDOM

Psalm 145:13

Your kingdom is an *everlasting kingdom*, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Daniel 4:3 How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an *eternal kingdom;* his dominion endures from generation to generation.

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 your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

ETERNAL DWELLINGS

Luke 16:9

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into *eternal dwellings*.

ETERNAL PLEASURES

Psalm 16:11

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with *eternal pleasures* at your right hand.

ETERNAL PRAISE

Psalm 111:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs *eternal praise*.

ETERNAL DESTRUCTION

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2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

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.

### ETERNAL CONTEMPT

Daniel 12:2

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake; some to everlasting life, others to shame and *everlasting comtempt*.

## ETERNAL CHAINS

Jude 6

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

## ETERNAL FIRE

Matthew 18:8

If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into *eternal fire*.

Matthew 25:41 Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the *eternal fire* prepared for the devil and his angels."

### ETERNAL SIN

Mark 3:29

But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an *eternal sin*.

## ETERNAL PUNISHMENT

Matthew 25:45-46

He will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me. Then they will go away to *eternal punishment*, but the righteous to eternal life."

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# WHAT IF?

**Romans 9:22-24** 

What if God, choosing to <u>show his wrath</u> and <u>make his power known</u>, bore with <u>great patience</u> the <u>objects of his wrath</u> - prepared for destruction? What if he did this to <u>make the riches of his glory known</u> to the <u>objects of his mercy</u>, whom he <u>prepared in advance for glory</u> - even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

# SHOW HIS WRATH

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Deuteronomy 32:22

For a fire has been kindled by my wrath, one that burns to the realm of death below.

Psalm 2:5 Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath.

Matthew 3:7

But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

Romans 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

Revelation 6:16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

MAKE HIS POWER KNOWN

Job 36:22 God is exalted in his power.

Psalm 68:34 Proclaim the power of God whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the skies.

Psalm 147:5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Isaiah 40:10 See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him.

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Ephesians 1:19

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know...his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead.

Revelation 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

GREAT PATIENCE

Romans 15:5

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus

OBJECTS OF HIS WRATH

Psalm 106:23

So he said he would destroy them - had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them.

Matthew 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

Matthew 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Romans 2:5

But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God will give to each person according to what he has done.

Romans 2:8

For those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil.

Galatians 6:8

A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction.

Revelation 6:17

Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand!"

Revelation 11:18

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

Revelation 16:1

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."

Revelation 19:15

Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

MAKE THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY KNOWN

John 1:14

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

Ephesians 1:19

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know...the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 2:7

In order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:8

This grace was given to me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Colossians 1:27

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

THE OBJECTS OF HIS MERCY

Isaiah 63:9

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them, he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Ephesians 2:4

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.

Romans 8:28

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

Romans 9:15-16, 18

I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy...Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

WHOM HE PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR GLORY

Romans 8:18

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

1 Corinthians 15:43

The body that is sown is perishable; it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

2 Corinthians 3:10

For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

2 Corinthians 3:18

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

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Ephesians 1:12 In order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory/

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Lord wanted me to put at the end of this book a message that tells you how to receive salvation through Jesus Christ. So I chose to copy here the material from Good News Tracts at www.goodnewstracts.org)

IS THERE A WAY TO BE SAVED?

Perhaps one of the most commonly referenced verses in the Bible is John 3:16, in which Jesus says, "For God so love the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

John's gospel is crucial to learning more about Jesus and discovering what it means to become a Christian. His purpose in writing this book of the Bible is to evidence that Jesus is the Son of God and our Savior. By believing in Jesus and trusting in the salvation from our sin that he offers, people can gain eternal life.

WHY DO WE NEED TO BE SAVED?

Jesus said, "Everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin" (John 8:34). If we are honest with ourselves, we cannot deny that from the moment of our birth we have done wrong things - things that make us guilty before God and deserving of his judgment. The Bible calls these wrong things sin, and sin separates us from God. And because we are separated from God, we face the awful prospect of his eternal wrath (John 3:36). "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him" (John 3:36).

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

Can anyone save us from God's wrath and assure us of heaven? Some people believe that they can get into heaven by doing good works, or by following the teachings of a religion, or even by giving money to churches or charities. But Jesus clearly said that none of these things would save us: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). No human effort can give us eternal life.

In fact, the only "work" that can save us is the "work" of believing in what Jesus has done to accomplish our salvation: "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent" (John 6:29). And to those who so believe, the promise of God stands firm: "To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

HOW DOES JESUS SAVE US?

John the Baptist, a biblical prophet, calls Jesus the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Jesus explains that our salvation comes through his death on the cross as the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for our sin. "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him, may have eternal life." (John 3:14-15).

When reading the Gospel of John, for example, you'll notice that chapters 18-19 describe Jesus' death and then chapter 20 tells of his glorious triumph over death as he rose from the dead. Jesus' resurrection means that he can give eternal life to all who believe in him: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

DO YOU BELIEVE?

John 11:26 ends with Jesus asking, **"Do you believe this?"** It is a question that every person must answer: Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Do you believe that he died on the cross to free you from guilt and judgment of sin? Do you believe that he rose from the grave, breaking the power of death and making a way for you to have eternal life in heaven?

If you believe that these things are true, then you may want to express your faith in him by praying the prayer:

Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus Christ is your Son, and that he died on the cross to save me from my sin. I believe that he rose again to life, and that he invites me to live forever with him in heaven as part of your family. Because of what Jesus has done, I ask you to forgive me of my sin and give me eternal life. Help me to live in a way that pleases and honors you. Amen.

GROWING IN CHRIST

Once you have received the gift of eternal life, you will want to grow in your knowledge of Christ and your obedience to him. Jesus' teaching about how to live for God can be summed up in three simple instructions:

<u>Read the Bible.</u> Jesus said, "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me" (John 14:21). One way to show our love for God is to read and live out the commands set forth in the Bible, God's holy Word. Read the Bible daily to learn how to live a life that honors God and gives testimony to others that Jesus has made a difference in your life.

<u>Pray.</u> Communication with God through prayer keeps your focus on eternal things. If you are truly following Jesus, your desires will be for God's glory and for his kingdom, the church. Jesus promised, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" (John 15:7).

<u>Seek Christian fellowship.</u> Meeting regularly with Christian brothers and sisters allows you to follow Jesus' example of love and to fulfill his command to "Love one another...just as I have love you" (John 13:34). Just as Jesus surrounded himself daily with his disciples and followers, find a Bible believing church where you can meet with other Christians. There you will find joy and encouragement in the fellowship of God's people.

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