

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

Through Studying His Word

Book Three

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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.*

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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)**

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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.

Psalms 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.

Psalms 27:14

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

GET CLEANSED

Psalms 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

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

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

John 15:7

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

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.

Psalms 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.

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THE LORD KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE HIS

Deuteronomy 7:6

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

Isaiah 43:1-3

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Malachi 3:16-17

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. "They will be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession."

John 6:63-65

"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

John 10:14, 27

I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

Ephesians 1:4-5

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

2 Timothy 2:19

God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his."

Titus 2:14

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

1 Peter 2:9

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

John 6:37

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

John 6:44

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 8:44, 47

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire....He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

Psalm 139:1

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.

1 Samuel 2:3

The Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

1 Samuel 16:7

The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Job 23:10

He knows the way that I take: when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

Psalm 94:11

The Lord knows the thoughts of man.

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Today is Easter Sunday. It is the time when we commemorate Jesus' resurrection. Jesus was the firstfruits of those resurrected, so this is a good day to study the scriptures on "firstfruits".

FIRSTFRUITS

Exodus 13:2

The Lord said to Moses, "Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether man or animal."

Exodus 23:19

Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God.

Leviticus 23-9-11

The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. He is

to wave the sheaf before the Lord so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath.

Numbers 3:11-13

The Lord said to Moses, "I have taken the Levites from among the Israelites in place of the first male offspring of every Israelite woman. The Levites are mine, for all the firstborn are mine. When I struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, I set apart for myself every firstborn in Israel, whether man or animal. They are to be mine. I am the Lord.

Deuteronomy 26:1-3, 9-10

When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at that time, "I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our forefathers to give us."

"He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O Lord, have given me." Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Malachi 3:10

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Romans 11:16

If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

1 Corinthians 15:20, 23

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep...But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

James 1:18

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

Revelation 14:3-4

No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb.

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CLOUD OF GLORY, CLOUDS OF HEAVEN,
PILLAR OF CLOUD

Exodus 13:21

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

Exodus 14:19

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

Exodus 24:15-17

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

Exodus 34:5

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

Leviticus 16:2

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

Numbers 11:25

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

Numbers 12:5

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

1 Kings 8:10-12

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

Nehemiah 9:19

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

Psalms 78:14

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

Psalms 105:39

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

Isaiah 19:1

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

Ezekiel 10:4

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

Daniel 7:13-14

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they

brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Matthew 17:5

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

Matthew 24:30 KJV

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Luke 9:34

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

Luke 21:27

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

1 Corinthians 10:1

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

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

Revelation 14:14

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

I had a dream. One thing I remember from it was about a “cloud of glory” which seemed like it was where a person went to get his financial provision.

During my set apart time with the Lord the Lord led me to find out what the “cloud of glory” idea from the dream meant. He had me look up “cloud” in the “Selected Topics”

section of my Scofield Study Bible and read all the scriptures from Exodus, Nehemiah, etc. about the cloud with the Israelites. I saw that the cloud was:

- leading them,
- showing them the way,
- providing light for them during the night,
- protecting them from their enemy (Egyptians),

I saw how He provided all they needed during this time.

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

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REST

Jeremiah 6:16

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

Rest in Me. No matter what comes, rest in Me. Now you are learning to do that (rest in Me) and I want you to go through everything, no matter what it is, in My rest. My rest is My "Secret Place". It is My "Shelter". It is abiding "under My shadow". It is "under My wings". It is "the Secret Place of the Most High". It is your "bubble". It is "The house of the Lord". It is your "hedge of protection". It is your refuge. It is your fortress. That is where you are right now, and where I want you to remain. That is your place of protection, and comfort, and peace with Me.

Seek Me for revelation and seek My Word for revelation, and then share with each other. Take this as a challenge from Me. I will be with you as you do this as it is from Me.

Exodus 16:29 NCV

The Lord has made the Sabbath a day of rest for you. So on the sixth day he will give you enough food for two days, but on the seventh day each of you must stay where you are. Do not go anywhere.

Exodus 20:10 NCV

But the seventh day is a day of rest to honor the Lord your God. On that day no one may do any work: not you, your son or daughter, your male or female slaves, your animals, or the foreigners living in your cities.

Exodus 31:15 NLT

You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but the seventh day must be a Sabbath day of complete rest, a holy day dedicated to the Lord.

Exodus 31:17

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

Exodus 33:14 NIV

The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

Deuteronomy 12:10 NIV

But you will cross the Jordan and settle in the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and he will give you rest from all your enemies around you so that you will live in safety.

Deuteronomy 33:12

Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long.

Joshua 21:44 NIV

The LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the Lord gave all their enemies into their hands.

1 Kings 8:56 NIV

Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.

2 Chronicles 14:7 NIV

“Let us build up these towns,” he said to Judah, “and put walls around them, with towers, gates and bars. The land is still ours, because we have sought the Lord our God; we sought him and he has given us rest on every side.” So they built and prospered.

2 Chronicles 15:15 NIV

All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it wholeheartedly. They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. So the LORD gave them rest on every side.

Psalm 23:2-3

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

Psalm 37:7 KJV

Rest in the Lord (be still before the Lord), and wait patiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Psalm 91:1-2

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

Isaiah 30:15

In returning and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength.

Jeremiah 6:16 NLT

This is what the Lord says: "Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:28-30

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

John 14:27

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

2 Thessalonians 1:7 NLT

And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus.

Hebrews 4:1

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

Hebrews 4:3 NLT

For only we who believe can enter his rest.

Hebrews 4:9 NLT

So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God.

Hebrews 4:10 NLT

For all who have entered God's rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world.

Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work for their good deeds follow them!"

THE REST OF THE LORD

"The Rest of the Lord" is what Kevin says is written on the sword Jesus carries. It is on the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Kevin says it is the Kingdom of Heaven, and the Lord has secrets there He wants to reveal to us to use. (*The Sword of the Lord* by Kevin Basconi)

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BAPTIZED

Matthew 3:6

Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him [John the Baptist] in the Jordan River.

Matthew 3:11

I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Matthew 28:19

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:8

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

Mark 10:38

"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

Mark 16:16

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Luke 3:16

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

Luke 7:29

All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John. But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.

John 1:32

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'"

Acts 1:4-5

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

Acts 8:5, 12, 14-17

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

any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 11:15-16

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

Acts 19:1-6

Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "**John's baptism,**" they replied. Paul said, "**John's baptism was a baptism of repentance.** He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were **baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.** When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Acts 22:14-16

Then he said: "The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Get up, **be baptized and wash your sins away,** calling on his name."

Romans 6:3

Or don't you know that all of us **who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

1 Corinthians 10:1-2

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

1 Corinthians 12:13

For we were all **baptized by one Spirit into one body** - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Galatians 3:26-27

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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LISTEN

Deuteronomy 6:4 NLT

Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

Deuteronomy 18:15

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NLT

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life.

1 Samuel 3:10 NLT

And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."

Proverbs 1:5 NLT

Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles.

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 12:15 NLT

Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others

Proverbs 18:13 NLT

Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.

Ecclesiastes 5:1

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.

Jeremiah 26:2-3

Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word. Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from his evil way.

Matthew 13:11-13 NLT

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

Mark 9:7

Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Luke 9:34

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

John 10:2-4

The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:16

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

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.

Acts 3:22-23

For Moses said, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people."

James 1:19

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for a man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

1 John 4:5

They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.

1 John 4:6

We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us.

Revelation 1:3 NLT

God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.

Revelation 2:7 NLT

Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

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STUDYING REVELATION 3:7-13

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

And that open door for you is this deep, intimate, every-moment relationship with Me, and all the revelations I will be taking you into because of it. It is an open door into the spiritual/heavenly realm like you have longed for. It is now birthed in you, and you are ready to write what I show you and tell you for others to read at some time in the future. This is what I want you to do. This is My destiny plan for you. It is to write these things for Me to use in other people's lives from now on.

I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. (Revelation 3:9)

This means many who have thought they were Christians, or have acted like they were Christians (but are really not), will acknowledge that they are not really Christians. Fall at your feet may mean they will read your books and then become aware they are not Christians. It may come at the feet of your book messages you have worked so diligently on for these months and years, and birthed them out into the world of existence from inside of you, acting on My guidance.

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. (Revelation 3:10)

I promise. I will keep you from the hour of trial, the tribulation, that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God, and I will also write on him my new name. (Revelation 3:11-12)

I have already written on you the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, and also My new name. It is already on you. I can see it but you can't. But the angels can see it, and I can see it, and the cloud of witnesses can see it. They/we are all rejoicing over you.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Revelation 3:9-13)

You have an ear; you CAN hear what the Spirit says to the churches. I have given you this "ear" to hear Me, and you have committed yourself and set

yourself apart to listen and obey what you hear from Me. This is good! I am well pleased with you, My child.

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DISPLAY OF HIS SPLENDOR AND GLORY

Isaiah 60:21

Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor.



Exodus 24:15, 17

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai...To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

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.

1 Chronicles 29:11

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Job 37:22

Out of the north he comes in golden splendor; God comes in awesome majesty.

Psalm 8:1

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Psalm 96:6

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Psalm 96:9

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Psalm 104:1

O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

Psalm 145:5

They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Isaiah 6:3

And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Isaiah 43:6-7

Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Isaiah 44:23

Sing for joy, O heavens, for the Lord has done this; shout aloud, O earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the Lord has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel.

Isaiah 60:1-2

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

Isaiah 60:21

Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor.

Isaiah 61:3

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Ezekiel 39:21

I will display my glory among the nations.

Ezekiel 10:4

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

Habakkuk 3:3-4

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

Matthew 25:31-32

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him.

Mark 13:26

At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

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 Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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 1:3

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

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WASHING

Ephesians 5:25-27

Just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Psalm 51:7

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. [Hyssop is the little shrub with which the blood and water of purification were applied.]

John 13:8, 10

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me. A person who had had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."

John 15:3

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

John 17:17

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Acts 22:16

And now, what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.

1 Corinthians 6:11

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Ephesians 5:25-27

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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!

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 have our bodies washed with pure water.

Titus 3:4-5

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his

mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

James 4:8

Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

1 John 1:7, 9

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Revelation 1:5-6

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.

Revelation 7:14

These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 22:14

Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

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UNDERSTANDING

Understanding: knowing things in their right relationship

Luke 24:45

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

UNDERSTANDING COMES BY

God's gift

1 Kings 3:9-12

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 yours?

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

Revelation

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.

Word

Psalms 119:104, 105, 130

I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Books

Daniel 9:2, 23

I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years...As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the message and understand the vision.

Holy Spirit

Exodus 31:3

I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts.

Christ

1 John 5:20

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true.

Prayer

Psalm 119:57, 125

You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words. I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes.

Faith

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Illumination

Ephesians 1:18

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

Interpretation

Nehemiah 8:7-8, 12

The Levites instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read...Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

Explanation

Luke 24:45

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

Reproof

Proverbs 15:32

He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.

Later event

Psalm 73:17

When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

LIMITATIONS ON UNDERSTANDING - BY

Unbelief

John 8:45-47

Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

Sin

Proverbs 6:32

But a man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself.

Unregeneracy

Ephesians 4:18

They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

Spiritual blindness

Isaiah 6:9, 10

Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving. Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

Judicial punishment

Isaiah 44:18-19

They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see, and their minds closed so they cannot understand. No one stops to think, no one has the knowledge or understanding to say, "Half of it I used for fuel; I even baked bread over its coals, I roasted meat and I ate. Shall I make a detestable thing from what is left? Shall I bow down to a block of wood?"

Difficulties

2 Peter 3:16

He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

OTHER SCRIPTURES ON UNDERSTANDING

The Spirit of understanding

Isaiah 11:1-3

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 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.

Jesus teaching Nicodemus

John 3:3-4, 10-12

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

"How can a man be born when he is old? Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?"

Man without the Spirit

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.

Choose His Instruction

Proverbs 8:10, 12

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her...Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power.

On the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:25

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Don't lean on your own understanding

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Get wisdom; get understanding

Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

Ask for understanding

Acts 8:30

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Understand what the Lord's will is

Ephesians 5:17

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

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WE SEEK TO KNOW THE LORD

We ask Him to teach us His ways to know Him

Exodus 33:13

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

We follow His precepts to have understanding

Psalms 111:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

We boast of understanding and knowing Him

Jeremiah 9:23

This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength, or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.

We ask for the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation

Ephesians 1:17

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

He gives us understanding so we may know Him

1 John 5:20

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true.

We know in our hearts that He lives

Job 19:25

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.

We need to be still to know Him

Psalms 46:10

Be still and know that I am God.

God gives us the heart to know Him

Jeremiah 24:7

I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord.

His sheep know Him

John 10:14

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Eternal life is to know God and Jesus Christ

John 17:3

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Knowing Christ Jesus as Lord is the most important thing

Philippians 3:8

I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.

We know in whom we believe

2 Timothy 1:12

I know whom I have believed, and am convinced he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

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THE SUN WILL BE TURNED TO DARKNESS AND THE
MOON TO BLOOD

I heard Jim Bakker teach about the sun turning to darkness and the moon to blood mentioned 9 times in the Bible, and how Yellowstone erupting in a volcano (which is being anticipated) might fulfill that sign. The Lord prompted me to look up those scriptures today.

Isaiah 5:30

In that day they will roar over it like the roaring of the sea. And if one looks at the land, he will see darkness and distress; even the light will be darkened by the clouds.

Isaiah 13:9-10

See, the day of the Lord is coming - a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger - to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.

Isaiah 24:23

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

Isaiah 34:4

All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree.

Ezekiel 32:7-8

When I snuff you out, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon will not give its light. All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over you; I will bring darkness over your land, declares the Sovereign Lord.

Joel 2:30-31

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

Joel 3:14-15

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine.

Matthew 24:29

Immediately after the distress of those days 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

Mark 13:24-25

But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken."

Luke 21:25-26

There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

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LIVING WATER/WATER OF LIFE

Isaiah 12:3

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 43:20

I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

Isaiah 44:3

I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendents.

Isaiah 55:1

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.

Ezekiel 36:25

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

John 3:5

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

John 4:10

If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.

John 4:13-14

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 7:37-39

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.

Ephesians 5:26

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.

Titus 3:5

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 21:6

To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Revelation 22:17

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

I remember, as I study today about "living water" the vision God gave me many years ago about dipping water from a well:

THE WELL OF SALVATION

As this vision picture began I saw myself standing in front of an old fashioned well - the kind where you had to dip a bucket down into it to get water. Beyond the well was the ocean, yet I drew water from this well.

In my hand was a small dipper. With this dipper I would reach into the well, get a small dipper of water, then reach up and pour that water into the top of my head. It would run down inside me to my feet and begin to fill me.

Slowly I dipped, on and on, filling myself with this water. I sensed the water level rising within me. The task seemed tedious and tiring as it went on for a long, long time.

Then, when the water level inside me reached about two-thirds full, I suddenly found in my hand a much bigger dipper. As I dipped with it I filled up much faster! I could sense the water level coming up higher and higher within my body until I was full.

As I meditate on this vision picture and ask the Lord to give me revelation about it, I see that it has two perspectives. One refers to my own spiritual growth which paralleled the picture. It came slowly over many years, and then the growth increased and speeded up at a particular point in my adult life. The second perspective on the vision picture pertains to the church in the world. It, too, has followed the pattern of slow

tedious growth, but it also will come to a time (and perhaps has already come) of the 'big dipper' when the water of the Spirit fills the church quickly.

Instead of being filled with the salt water of the world, (the ocean in back of the well) we are to be filled with the fresh clear clean water from the well of salvation, Jesus.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (Isaiah 12:3)

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THE NATURAL MAN

The natural mind is like the man without the Spirit.

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.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

1 Corinthians 1:18

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

1 Corinthians 1:20-21

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

James 3:14-15

If you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.

Jude 19

In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires. These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

John 3:3, 5

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

John 3:5

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

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THE SECRET THINGS

Deuteronomy 29:29

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

Psalms 25:15

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

Psalms 139:15-18

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

Proverbs 3:32

His secret is with the righteous.

Ecclesiastes 12:14

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

Amos 3:7

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

Matthew 6:6

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

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

Matthew 13:11-13 NLT

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

Mark 4:11

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

Mark 4:22

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

Romans 16:25-27

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

1 Corinthians 2:7

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

1 Corinthians 4:1

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

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

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

Ephesians 1:9

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

Ephesians 3:3-5

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

Ephesians 3:6

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

Ephesians 5:32

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

Philippians 4:12

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

Colossians 1:26-27

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

Colossians 2:2-3

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

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WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE WORK OF GOD

1 Samuel 16:7

The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Job 26:14

Who then can understand the thunder of his power?

Job 37:14

Listen to this, Job; stop and consider God's wonders. Do you know how God controls the clouds and makes his lightning flash? Do you know how the clouds hang poised, those wonders of him who is perfect in knowledge?

Job 42:3

Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

Psalms 40:5

Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

Psalms 104:24

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all.

Psalms 136:4

To him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever.

Psalms 139:5-6

You hem me in - behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Psalms 139:17-18

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

Psalms 147:5

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Ecclesiastes 8:16-17

When I applied my mind to know wisdom and to observe man's labor on earth - his eyes not seeing sleep day or night - then I saw all that

God has done. No one can comprehend what goes on under the sun. Despite all his efforts to search it out, man cannot discover its meaning. Even if a wise man claims he knows, he cannot really comprehend it.

Ecclesiastes 11:5

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.

Isaiah 40:13-14

Who has understood the mind of the Lord, or instructed him as his counselor? Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge or showed him the path of understanding?

Isaiah 40:28

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired and weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

Isaiah 55:8-9

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Jeremiah 10:12

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

Mark 4:11-12

The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that, "they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding."

Romans 11:33-34

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor!

1 Corinthians 2:10-12

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit

within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except 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.

1 Corinthians 2:16

For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?

Philippians 4:7

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

Hebrews 1:10

In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

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THE LORD WAKENS MY EAR TO LISTEN

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.

Isaiah 50:4

He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

Matthew 13:11-13 NLT

To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge.

Luke 9:34

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

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.

Acts 3:22-23

For Moses said, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you."

Revelation 1:3 NLT

God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.

Revelation 2:7 NLT

Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

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SONS OF THE MOST HIGH

Matthew 5:9

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

Luke 6:35-36

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

John 1:12-13

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 12:36

Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light.

Romans 8:14-16

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons [huios] of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship [adoption]. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children [teknon].

2 Corinthians 6:18

"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty.

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the time had fully come, god sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Galatians 4:28

Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

Ephesians 1:5

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

Ephesians 5:1

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:8

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth), and find out what pleases the Lord.

Philippians 2:14-16

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

1 Thessalonians 5:5

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

Hebrews 2:10-13

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers...he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

Hebrews 12:5-7

And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.

James 1:18

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

1 Peter 2:9-10

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. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God.

1 John 3:1-2

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

1 John 5:1-2

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well;. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands.

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FORGIVING OTHERS

Matthew 5:23

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 6:12

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Matthew 6:14-15

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.

Matthew 18:21

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times [or seventy times seven]."

Matthew 18:34-35

In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.

Mark 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Luke 11:4

Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us

Luke 17:4

If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, "I repent," forgive him.

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

2 Corinthians 2:7

You ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

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PSALM 91

New Living Translation

1. Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
2. This I declare about the Lord: he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.
3. For He will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.
4. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.
5. Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day.
6. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday.
7. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.
8. Just open your eyes, and see how the wicked are punished.
9. If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter,
10. No evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home.
11. For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go.
12. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.
13. You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!
14. The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name.
15. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them.
16. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."

WHAT THE LORD TELLS ME ABOUT THIS PSALM

As I began to read the Psalm, His Spirit hit me so I couldn't even speak for awhile. I knew it was His presence.

- *How do I put into words what it's like to live in My presence with it surrounding you? That's what I did in Psalm 91.*
- *Even though things happen which frighten you, this Psalm tells you what I do for you.*
- *First of all you find rest in Me.*
- *A disease that stalks in darkness is heart trouble and you are not to dread that. (vs 4)*
- *You are to open your spiritual eyes and see the wicked punished. That happens when they go to hell. (vs 8)*
- *I am saying you will not die from diseases and disasters; they will not touch you. This means you will be raptured instead, to leave this earth. (vs 7)*
- *That's what I'm showing you today. These are My promises to you as I apply this scripture to you.*
- *No evil disease, no evil spirit, no evil person will conquer you.*
- *Why? Because I will order My angels concerning you! They'll take care of it for Me and for you. My angels are mighty and powerful – more than you know or realize. They will protect you wherever you go. (vs 10)*
- *Print this out with the scripture list. Carry it in your purse and have it in your house. Read it as needed. I will remind you to. This will help you immensely. Put ALL of Psalm 91 on it in NLT.*
- *Give them my salvation (vs 16) – What does it mean. It means all that I promise you...my faithful promises are your armor and protection (vs 4)*
- *They are My promises for you today. What I reveal to you is yours to have. And I have revealed these promises to you. They are yours to have. Believe them, receive them, and declare them out loud now.*

THESE ARE THE PROMISES FROM PSALM 91 FOR THOSE WHO DWELL IN THE SHELTER/SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH

- I will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
- He will save me from the fowler's snare
- He will save me from the deadly pestilence
- He will cover me with his feathers

- Under His wings I will find refuge
- His faithfulness will be my shield and rampart
- I will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day
- I will not fear the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- A thousand may fall at my side, ten thousand at my right hand, but it will not come near me
- I will only observe with my eyes and see the punishment of the wicked
- No harm will befall me
- No disaster will come near my tent
- He will command His angels concerning me to guard me in all my ways
- They will lift me up in their hands so that I will not strike my foot against a stone
- I will tread upon the lion and the cobra
- I will trample the great lion and the serpent
- He will rescue me
- He will protect me for I acknowledge His name
- I will call upon Him and He will answer
- He will be with me in trouble
- He will deliver me and honor me
- He will satisfy me with long life
- He will show me His salvation

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Exodus 19:6

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

1 Chronicles 29:11

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

Psalm 45:6

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

Psalm 145:10-13

All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations/

Daniel 2:44

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

Daniel 4:2-3

It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:17

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

Matthew 3:1-2

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

Matthew 5:3

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

Matthew 5:10

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 6:9-10

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:33

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

Matthew 7:21

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

Matthew 8:11

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

Matthew 11:11

I tell you the truth. Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:12

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

Matthew 13:24-25

Jesus told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

Matthew 13:31-32

He told them another parable: "the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.

Matthew 13:33

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Matthew 13:44

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Matthew 13:45

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:47-50

The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 16:19

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

Matthew 16:27-28

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

Matthew 26:29

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

Matthew 18:23-24

Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.

Matthew 19:24

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Matthew 21:43

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

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 26:29

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

Mark 10:14-15

He said to them, "Let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Luke 8:10

He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of god has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables."

Luke 9:62

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

Luke 10:9-12

When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, "The kingdom of God is near you." But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near." I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

Luke 17:20-21

The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, "Here it is," or "There it is," because the kingdom of God is within you.

John 3:3

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

John 18:36

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

Acts 14:21-22

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

Romans 14:17

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

1 Corinthians 6:9

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

1 Corinthians 15:24

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

1 Corinthians 15:50

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

2 Thessalonians 1:5

All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

2 Peter 1:10-11

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

Revelation 1:6

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.

Revelation 11:15

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

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TRUST

I will trust the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Isaiah 26:3 KJV

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee.

Psalm 4:5

Offer right sacrifices and trust in the Lord.

Psalm 9:10

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Psalm 26:1

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Psalm 31:14

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands.

Psalm 32:10

But the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.

Psalm 37:3-6

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this. He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Psalm 37:5-6

Trust in him and he will do this: he will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Psalm 40:4

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust.

Psalm 56:3-4

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

Psalm 62:8

Trust in him at all times, O People; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Psalm 84:12

O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Psalm 115:9, 11

O house of Israel, trust in the Lord - he is their help and shield... You who fear him, trust in the Lord - he is their help and shield.

Psalm 118:8

It is better to take refuge in the Lord, than to trust in man.

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.

Proverbs 16:20

Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.

Isaiah 25:9

In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Isaiah 26:3

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

Isaiah 26:4

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 30:15

In quietness and trust is your strength.

Isaiah 50:10

Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

Jeremiah 17:7

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.

Luke 16:10

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

John 14:1

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.

Romans 9:33

As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

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THE DAY OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 1:7-8

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:12-13

If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

1 Corinthians 5:5

When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 1:14

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

Philippians 1:6

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:9-10

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.

Philippians 2:14-16

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life - in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.

Daniel 12:3

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

2 Timothy 4:8

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

(NIV Scofield Bible note on 1 Corinthians 1:8): The expression "the day of our Lord Jesus Christ," identified with His coming (1 Corinthians 1:7), is the period of blessing for the Church beginning with the rapture. This coming day is referred to as "the day of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 5:5), "the day of the Lord Jesus" (2 Corinthians 1:14), "the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6), and "the day of Christ" (Philippians 1:10; 2:16). In all six references in the N. T. this "day" relates to the reward and blessing of the Church at the rapture, in contrast with the expression "the day of the Lord" which is related to judgment upon unbelieving Jews and Gentiles (compare Isaiah 2:12, Joel 1:15, and Revelation 19:19), and blessing on millennial saints (Zephaniah 3:8-20).

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THE DAY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 2:12

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

Isaiah 10:20-21

In that day the remnant of Israel, the survivors of the house of Jacob, will no longer rely on him who struck them down but will truly rely on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel. A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob will return to the Mighty God.

Isaiah 13:6

Wail, for the day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

Isaiah 13:9-13

See, the day of the Lord is coming - a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger - to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless. I will make people scarcer than pure gold, more rare than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the Lord Almighty, in the day of his burning anger.

Isaiah 14:1

The Lord will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. Aliens will join them and unite with the house of Jacob. Nations will take them and bring them to their own place. And the house of Israel will possess the nations as menservants and maidservants in the Lord's land. They will make captives of their captors and rule over their oppressors. On the day the Lord gives you relief from suffering and turmoil and cruel bondage, you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon: How the oppressor has come to an end! His fury has ended! The Lord has broken the rod of the wicked.

Isaiah 24:1, 3

See, the Lord is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants. The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. The Lord has spoken this word.

Isaiah 24:21

In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below.

Isaiah 26:20-21

Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. See, the Lord is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins.

Isaiah 34:8

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

Isaiah 63:1, 4

Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save...For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redemption has come.

Isaiah 66:15

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

Jeremiah 25:29, 33

I am calling down a sword upon all who live on the earth, declares the Lord Almighty...At that time those slain by the Lord will be everywhere - from one end of the earth to the other.

Jeremiah 46:10

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

Ezekiel 40:3

For the day of the Lord is near, the day of the Lord is near - a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations.

Joel 1:15

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

Joel 2:1-2

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

close at hand - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness.

Joel 2:11

The Lord thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty are those who obey his command. The day of the Lord is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?

Joel 2:30-31

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

Joel 3:14

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

Amos 2:16

"Even the bravest warriors will flee naked on that day," declares the Lord.

Amos 5:18-20

Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light - pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

Obadiah 15

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

Zephaniah 1:7

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

Zephaniah 1:14

The great day of the Lord is near - near and coming quickly.

Zephaniah 1:15-16

That day will be a day of wrath - a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness - a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.

Zephaniah 1:18

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth.

Zechariah 12:2

I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

Zechariah 12:8

On that day the Lord will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the Lord going before them. On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

Zechariah 13:1

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

Malachi 4:1-3

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things," says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 4:5

See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.

Matthew 24:29-31

Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." 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 24:36

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Matthew 25:31-33

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, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Matthew 26:29

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

Luke 17:30-31

It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. On that day no one who is on the roof of his house with his goods inside, should go down to get them.

Luke 21:34-36

Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

Acts 2:19-21

I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below; blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Jude 6

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

Revelation 6:15-17

Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, 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 withstand it?"

Revelation 16:17

The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Revelation 19:11-21

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. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 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. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

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IN THAT DAY - AT THE END OF THE TRIBULATION

Isaiah 4:2-6

In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel. Those who are left in Zion, who remain in Jerusalem, will be called holy, all who are recorded among the living in Jerusalem.

The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire.

Then the Lord will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over all the glory will be a canopy. It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.

Isaiah 10:20-22

In that day the remnant of Israel, the survivors of the house of Jacob, will no longer rely on him who struck them down but will truly rely on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel. A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob will return to the Mighty God. Though your people, O Israel, be like the sand by the sea, only a remnant will return.

Isaiah 11:10-11, 12, 16

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people...

He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.

There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that is left from Assyria, as there was for Israel when they came up from Egypt.

Isaiah 12:1, 4-6

In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O Lord...In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

Isaiah 30:18-21; 26

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him.

O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. Although he Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. 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."

The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the Lord binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted.

Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 40:4-5

Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, and the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it, For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Isaiah 52:6-10

Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes it is I.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord will lay bare his Holy arm in the sight of all nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah [my delight is in her], and your land Beulah [married], for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 62:11

The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.'" They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.

Daniel 12:1-3

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered.

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Revelation 10:1-2, 6-7

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand...And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay." But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

Revelation 11:15

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

(Note from NIV Scofield Bible on Revelation 11:15 says: The seventh trumpet announces the beginning of Christ's reign on earth, when the kingdom of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord, and occurs close to the end of the great tribulation.)

Revelation 11:17-18

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. 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 17:14

They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings - and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.

Revelation 19:7-9

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'"

Revelation 19:11, 13-14

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 name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him.

Revelation 20:1-2, 4

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

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SCROLLS

A papyrus or leather roll. A scroll in scripture symbolism denotes the written word, whether of God or man.

SCROLL APPLIED TO THE HEAVENS

Isaiah 34:4

All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll.

Revelation 6:14

The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

THE SCROLL OF THE LORD

Isaiah 34:16

Look in the scroll of the Lord and read.

WRITE ON A SCROLL THE LORD'S WORDS

Exodus 17:14

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.

Deuteronomy 17:18-19

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.

Isaiah 8:1

The Lord said to me, "Take a large scroll and write on it with an ordinary pen: Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.

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.

Jeremiah 36:2, 4, 6

This word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you...So Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and while Jeremiah dictated all the words the Lord had spoken to him, Baruch wrote them on the scroll...So you go to the house of the Lord on a day of fasting and read to the people from the scroll the words of the Lord that you wrote as I dictated.

Ezekiel 2:9

Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. in it was a scroll, which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and morning and woe.

Daniel 12:4

But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.

EATING THE SCROLL

Ezekiel 3:1-2

And he said to me, "Son of man, Eat what is before you; eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

FLYING SCROLL

Zechariah 5:1

I looked again - and there before me was a flying scroll! He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll, thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide."

THE SEVEN-SEALED SCROLL TAKEN BY CHRIST

Revelation 5:1-4

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll? But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

Revelation 5:5

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

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. He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

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 with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

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THE BOOKS

THE BOOK OF TRUTH

Daniel 10:21

But first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth.

THE BOOK OF THE LORD

Psalm 139:16

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Isaiah 34:16

Seek and read from the book of the Lord.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Malachi 3:16-18

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. "They will be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

THE BOOK OF LIFE

Ex 32:32-33

Moses said, "But now, please forgive their sin - but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written." The Lord replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book."

Psalm 69:28

May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.

Daniel 12:1

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time, your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered.

Philippians 4:3

I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Revelation 3:5

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

Rev 13:8

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

Revelation 17:8

The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.

Revelation 20:11-12

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

Revelation 20:15

If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:27

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

THE BOOK OF PROPHECY

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.

THE BOOK OF THE LAW

Deuteronomy 28:58-59

If you do not carefully follow all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and do not revere this glorious and awesome name, the Lord your God - the Lord will send fearful plagues on you and your descendants, harsh and prolonged disasters, and severe and lingering illnesses.

Deuteronomy 28:61

The Lord will also bring on you every kind of sickness and disaster not recorded in the Book of the Law, until you are destroyed.

Deuteronomy 31:24-26

After Moses finished writing in a book the words of this law from beginning to end, he gave this command to the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord: "Take this Book of the Law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God. There it will remain as a witness against you.

Joshua 1:8

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.

Joshua 8:31

Then Joshua built on Mount Ebal an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the Israelites. He built it according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses.

2 Kings 22:8

Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord."

2 Kings 23:2

He went up to the temple of the Lord with the men of Judah, the people of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets - all the people from

the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord.

Nehemiah 8:1-3

When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, all the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel...he read it aloud from daybreak till noon.

Nehemiah 8:8

They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read.

Galatians 3:10

All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."

THE BOOK OF JASHER

Joshua 10:13

On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel: "O sun, stand still over Gibeon, O moon, over the Valley of Aijalon." So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar.

THE BOOKS OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

Daniel 7:9-10

As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat...The court was seated, and the books were opened.

Revelation 20:11-12

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

NAMES WRITTEN IN HEAVEN

Luke 10:20

However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

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BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

Matthew 6:9-10

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

It [His kingdom, His will] was determined in heaven before the foundation of the world. And we are praying for that to be done on earth.

Matthew 13:35

So he fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

Acts 15:18 KJV

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Romans 16:25 KJV

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest.

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 2:10

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

Hebrews 4:3

And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world.

Revelation 3:14

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

FOREKNOWLEDGE

Acts 2:23

This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge.

Romans 8:29-30

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

Romans 11:2

God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

1 Peter 1:20

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

ELECTION

Election is the sovereign act of God in grace whereby certain persons are chosen from among mankind for Himself and the sovereign act of God whereby certain elect persons are chosen for distinctive service for Him.

Matthew 22:2, 14

The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son...For many are invited, but few are chosen.

1 Peter 5:13

She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.

Revelation 17:14

They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings - and with him will be his called, chosen, and faithful followers.

PREDESTINATION

Predestine means to mark out or determine beforehand.

Romans 8:29-30

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

1 Corinthians 2:7

We speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

Ephesians 1:11

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

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MANY WHO ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST, AND THE
LAST FIRST

Matthew 19:29, 30

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. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

Matthew 20:8, 14, 16

Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first...I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you...So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Matthew 21:31

I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.

Matthew 22:2, 14

The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son...For many are invited, but few are chosen.

Luke 13:29-30

People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.

Mark 10:31

But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

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EARTHQUAKES

1 Kings 19:11

The Lord said [to Elijah], "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Isaiah 29:5-6

Suddenly, in an instant, the Lord Almighty will come with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with windstorm and tempest and flames of a devouring fire.

Joel 3:14-16

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

Amos 1:1

The words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa - what he saw concerning Israel two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel.

Zechariah 14:4-7

On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost. It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime - a day known to the Lord. When evening comes, there will be light.

Matthew 24:7-8

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Matthew 27:50-53

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

Matthew 28:1-2

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

Mark 13:8

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

Luke 21:10-11

Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

Acts 16:25-26

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.

Revelation 6:12

I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

Revelation 11:13

At that very hour [when the two witnesses were resurrected] there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Revelation 11:19

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

Revelation 16:17-21

The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed...Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men.

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A CONVERSATION WITH GOD ON REWARDS

BE UNDER HIS WINGS

Ruth 2:12 NIV

May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

Stay under My wings and you will be richly rewarded by Me. That is one reward I want you to continue to work toward.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty...He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge...If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the Lord, who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (Psalm 91:1, 4, 9-11)

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings from the wicked who assail me, from my mortal enemies who surround me. (Psalm 17:8)

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#### HONOR

**1 Samuel 2:30**

**Those who honor me, I will honor.**

*Honor Me all the days and hours and moments of your Life. How do you do this? By just what you are doing right now – seeking Me until you find Me (connect with Me you call it), listening to Me, and then being obedient to all I say.*

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

**If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. (John 14:23)**

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YOUR WORK WILL BE REWARDED

2 Chronicles 15:7

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

Yes, that is for you. Be strong and do not give up. That is VERY IMPORTANT. Do not give up. Your work WILL be rewarded.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)



A DELIGHTFUL INHERITANCE

Psalm 16:6

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

Yes,, this is for you. How many times have you said that I am your portion and your cup.

I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” (Lamentations 3:24)



JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE, ETERNAL PLEASURES AT YOUR RIGHT HAND

Psalm 16:11

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

The path of life is known to the righteous and you are righteous in My sight. I knew you are righteous even before the foundation of the world. I KNEW YOU. I provided for you to find the path of life – and I AM THE PATH OF LIFE. I provided for you to know Me.

The joy that was set before Me was later when I got to heaven, and it is that way with you too. The joy will come when you come into My presence in heaven, and it will be never ending/forever. It will be a joy like you have never known on earth as it is impossible to know the fullness of this joy while on earth, only in heaven. And yes, there will be eternal pleasures at My right hand...and you will be there at My right hand.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)

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

The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (Isaiah 51:11)

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. (Isaiah 55:12)



SEE YOUR FACE, BE SATISFIED

Psalm 17:15

And I—in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

Yes My daughter, you will SEE ME and you will BE SATISFIED. How many times have you wanted to actually see Me while on this earth. How many times have you heard of others coming up into heaven, and you wanted that to happen to you. Well, this will finally be satisfied when you “awake.” That will be one of your rewards – to see Me. That will be the greatest reward, because you want to see Me, to be close to Me, to be in My presence, and then you will get all of that as a reward. I know how many times you have wanted Me to hug you and have thought what that might be like. Well, you will experience that as a reward when you come here.

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

He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come Lord Jesus. (Revelation 22:20)



GREAT REWARD FOR KEEPING THE ORDINANCES OF THE LORD

Psalm 19:11

By them [ordinances of the Lord] is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

You are studying, and you are keeping, My ordinances. This saves you from much harm and gives you much wisdom from Me. You are rewarded in that way here on earth, but you also receive GREAT REWARD in heaven. This is for you.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV)



THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

This is for you. I want you to aim to delight Me by delighting yourself in Me every day of your life. I will give you the desires of your heart, not only on this earth, but especially in heaven. Is the desire of your heart for heavenly rewards? Yes. And I have put that desire in your heart for heavenly rewards. And so, you will receive those heavenly rewards as desires of your heart. Your delight and My delight are aligned together – they are the same.

Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness! (Matthew 25:21)

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



RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE SHINING FORTH

Psalm 37:5

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

How many times have you yearned for justice to be seen and known? This is a promise I make to you: the justice of your cause (namely knowing Me) will shine like the noonday sun. AND I will make your righteousness shine. These are rewards for you – your righteousness shining and the justice of your cause shining. You may not see that fulfilled here on earth, but it WILL BE fulfilled in heaven as your heavenly reward.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you....the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. (Isaiah 60:1)

Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy. (Isaiah 60:5)

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. (Daniel 12:3)

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Matthew 13:43)

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. (Ephesians 5:8)

I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. (Revelation 3:9)

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. (Proverbs 4:18)



YOUR INHERITANCE WILL ENDURE FOREVER

Psalm 37:18

The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure forever.

I know all your days, not only the total number of days you will live, but what each and every day will bring to you and hold for you. You are blameless in My sight, not by your own goodness, but because you are cleansed completely by My blood. Therefore you belong to Me, and I know the days for you and what they will bring. That is why I can make promises to you about your protection, safety, food, enlightenment, revelation, peace, etc. I already know about these and am speaking to you on the basis of what I know will take place.

And your inheritance will endure forever: you have an inheritance in Me for all the things you have done, are doing, and will do for My kingdom. And I also know ALL about these. They will endure forever and bring great rewards to you forever. You never lose those rewards/inheritances once you get them at the judgment seat. They are yours forever.



JOY IN HIS HOLY COURTS

Psalm 65:4a

What joy for those you choose to bring near, those who live in your holy courts.

Is this a scripture on rewards Lord?

Yes it is. I choose those I bring near Me, both on this earth and in heaven. Those who are near Me “live in My holy courts” and have great joy. I choose them based on what they DO and what they SAY. This determines WHO THEY BECOME. My choosing them is My reward for them.

You are one I have chosen to live in My holy courts even now while you are on the earth, and you will do that also when the judgment time comes in heaven – you will live in My holy courts. Notice it is plural – courts.

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

You did not choose me, I chose you. (John 15:16a)

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. (Psalm 100:4a)

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. (Psalm 84:2)

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 God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. (Psalm 84:10-11)

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SCRIPTURES ON REWARDS

Ruth 2:12 NIV

May you be *richly rewarded* by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

Ruth 2:12 KJV

The Lord recompense thy work, and *a full reward* be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

1 Samuel 2:30

Those who honor me, *I will honor*.

2 Chronicles 15:7

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

Psalms 16:6

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

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Psalms 37:18

The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and *their inheritance will endure forever*.

Psalms 65:4a

What *joy* for those you choose to bring near, those who *live in your holy courts*.

Psalms 112:1,3

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands....*Wealth and riches* are in his house, and *his righteousness endures forever*.

Psalms 128:1-2

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

Proverbs 2:1-8

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

Proverbs 3:16-18

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

Proverbs 3:32

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

Proverbs 3:32 KJV

His secret is with the righteous.

Proverbs 8:17-21

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

Proverbs 8:34

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

Proverbs 9:12

If you are wise, your wisdom will *reward you*.

Proverbs 10:6

Blessings crown the head of the righteous

Proverbs 10:22

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

Proverbs 10:24

What the righteous desire will be granted.

Proverbs 11:18

He who sows righteousness reaps *a sure reward*.

Proverbs 13:9

The *light of the righteous shines brightly*.

Proverbs 13:13b

He who respects a command is *rewarded*.

Proverbs 13:21

Prosperity is the reward of the righteous.

Proverbs 21:21

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

Proverbs 22:4

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

Proverbs 25:21-22

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will *reward you*.

Proverbs 28:20

A faithful man shall *abound with blessings*.

Isaiah 3:10

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

Isaiah 51:11

The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; *everlasting joy* will crown their heads. *Gladness and joy* will overtake them, and *sorrow and sighing will flee away*.

Isaiah 62:3

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

Malachi 3:16-17

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. *A scroll of remembrance* was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. "*They will be mine*," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up *my treasured possession (jewels)*."

Malachi 4:1-2

Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace...But for you who revere my name, the *sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings*. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.

Matthew 5:12

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because *great is your reward in heaven*, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 6:1-4

Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then *your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you*.

Matthew 6:6

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and *your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly*.

Matthew 6:17-18

But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and *your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you*.

Matthew 6:19-21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But *store up for yourselves treasures in heaven*, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 10:41-42

Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive *a prophet's reward*, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is *a righteous man's reward*. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he *will certainly not lose his reward*.

Matthew 16:27

For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then *He will reward each according to his works*.

Matthew 6:33

Therefore do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” Or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?”...But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and *all these things shall be added to you.*

Matthew 19:29

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, *shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.*

Matthew 19:30

But many who are first will be last, and the last *first.*

Matthew 25:23

His lord said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you *ruler over many things.* Enter into *the joy of your lord.*”

Mark 9:41

For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, *he will by no means lose his reward.*

Luke 6:22-23

Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed *your reward is great in heaven.*

Luke 6:35

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and *your reward will be great,* and you will be *sons of the Most High.* For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

Luke 6:38

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

Luke 14:12-14

Then He also said to him who invited Him, “When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will *be blessed,* because they cannot repay you, for you shall *be repaid at the resurrection of the just.*”

John 4:36

Even now the reaper *draws his wages,* even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may *be glad together.*

John 5:28-29

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the *resurrection of life*, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

John 12:26

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

John 14:2-3

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and *receive you to Myself*; that were I am, there you may be also.

Romans 4:4, 5, 16

Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as *righteousness*... Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham.

Romans 14:10-12

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us shall *give account of himself to God*.

1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's *praise will come from God*.

1 Corinthians 2:9

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man *the things which God has prepared for those who love Him*.

1 Corinthians 3:8

Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive *his own reward according to his own labor*.

1 Corinthians 3:12

If any man builds on this foundation [Jesus Christ] using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, *his work will be shown for what it is*, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive *his reward*. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

1 Corinthians 9:25

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

1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV

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

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a *glory* that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive *the things done in the body*, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 9:6, 10

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously...Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will *enlarge the harvest of your righteousness*.

Galatians 6:7-9

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit *will of the Spirit reap everlasting life*. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Ephesians 5:15-17

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, *redeeming the time*, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but *understand what the will of the Lord is*.

Philippians 2:14-16

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

Philippians 3:14-16

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

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will *transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body*, according to the working by which he is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Colossians 3:23, 24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive *an inheritance from the Lord as a reward*. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

1 Thess. 2:19

For what is our hope, our joy, or *the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus* when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Command those who are rich in this present age...Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves *a good foundation for the time to come*, that they may *lay hold on eternal life*.

2 Timothy 2:5

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

2 Timothy 4:8

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

Hebrews 11:6

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

James 1:12

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

James 4:8

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

1 Peter 5:2-4

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

2 John 8

Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those *things we worked for*, but that we may receive a *full reward*.

Revelation 2:7

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

Revelation 2:10

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

Revelation 2:11

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

Revelation 2:17

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

Revelation 2:26, 28

To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will *give authority over the nations*...I will also give him *the morning star*.

Revelation 3:4

Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will *walk with me, dressed in white*, for they are worthy.

Revelation 3:5

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

Revelation 3:8

I know your deeds. See, I have *placed before you an open door* that no one can shut.

Revelation 3:10

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also *keep you from the hour of trial* that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

Revelation 3:12

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

Revelation 3:20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, *I will come in and eat with him, and he with me*.

Revelation 3:21

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

Revelation 11:18

The time has come for judging the dead, and for *rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name*, both great and small—and for destroying those who destroy the earth.

Revelation 20:12

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were *judged according to their words*, by the things which were written in the books.

Revelation 22:3b, 4, 5b

His servants shall *serve Him*. They shall *see His face*, and *His name shall be on their foreheads*. They shall *reign forever and ever*.

Revelation 22:12

Behold, I am coming quickly, and *My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work*.

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THE MILLENNIUM
and
THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH

BEFORE THE MILLENNIUM

Revelation 19:11-16

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. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 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. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Daniel 2:34-35

While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:44-45

In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands - a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future.

Daniel 7:26-27

But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.

2 Peter 3:7

By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

2 Peter 3:12-13

That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Revelation 11:15-18

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the

kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever." And the twenty-four elders who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. 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 20:1-3

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended.

DURING THE MILLENNIUM

Psalm 72:7, 8, 11, 17

In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more. He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him. All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

Isaiah 9:6-7

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

Isaiah 11:3-4

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

Isaiah 24:21-23

In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be

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

Isaiah 30:19-21

O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Isaiah 35:1-2, 5, 8, 10

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way. But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 44:1-4

But now listen, O Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen. This is what the Lord says - he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid...for I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, my blessing on your descendants.

Isaiah 49:8

This is what the Lord says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign to desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!'"

Isaiah 60:17-22

I will make peace your governor and righteousness your ruler. No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise. 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. Your sun will

never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.

Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor. The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the Lord; in its time I will do this swiftly.

Isaiah 65:17-25

"Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and crying will be heard in it no more.

Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

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

Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

Jeremiah 23:5

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land."

Jeremiah 33:15-16

In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord Our Righteousness."

Ezekiel 37:26-28

I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will

put my sanctuary among them forever. My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. The nations will know that I the Lord make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.

Ezekiel 43:8

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. "

Micah 4:1-4

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 peoples will stream to it.

Many nations 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."

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.

They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken.

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.

Revelation 3:21

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

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

Revelation 20:4-6

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

AT THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM

Revelation 20:1-3

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

Revelation 20: 4-5

They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.)

Revelation 20:7-10

When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth - Gog and Magog - to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades

gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

1 Corinthians 15:24-28

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death...When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

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ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

This is what He says we may ask Him.

Luke 11:9

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.

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**Jeremiah 6:16**

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

**Zechariah 10:1**

Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone.

**Matthew 6:8**

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**Matthew 7:7**

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.

**Matthew 7:11**

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**Matthew 18:19-20**

Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

**Matthew 21:22**

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

**Luke 11:13**

If you them, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

**John 14:13**

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 15:7**

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

**John 16:23-24**

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

**Eph 3:20**

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all that we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...**

**James 1:5-8**

**If any of you lacks wisdom let him ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.**

**James 4:2**

**You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.**

**1 John 3:22**

**If our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.**

**1 John 5:14-15**

**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 5:16**

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

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## SINS THAT LEAD TO DEATH

**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.

**Romans 3:23**

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**Jeremiah 7:16**

So do not pray for this people nor offer any plea or petition for them; do not plead with me, for I will not listen. Do you not see what they are doing in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? ...They pour out drink offerings to other gods to provoke me to anger.

**1 John 3:4**

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

**Mark 3:29**

I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin. He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."

## THEY ARE GUILTY WHO

**Luke 12:9-10**

He who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

**Acts 7:51**

You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: you always resist the Holy Spirit!

**Hebrews 6:4-6**

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

**Hebrews 10:26-29**

**If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?**

**THINGS THEY WERE SAYING AGAINST JESUS**

**Mark 3:22**

**And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."**

**Matthew 9:34**

**But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."**

**John 7:20**

**"You are demon-possessed," the crowd answered.**

**John 8:48**

**The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"**

**John 8:52**

**At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"**

**John 10:20**

**At these words the Jews were again divided. Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?"**

**Isaiah 5:20**

**Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.**

**1 Corinthians 12:3**

**Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.**

## SIN DESCRIPTION

(Sin description from NIV Scofield Bible notes at Romans 3:23)

## TRANSGRESSION

An overstepping of the law, the divine boundary between good and evil

### **Psalm 51:1-2**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

### **Romans 2:13**

**For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.**

### **Romans 2:23**

**You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the Law?**

## INIQUITY

An act inherently wrong, whether expressly forbidden or not

### **Romans 1:21-23**

**For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.**

## ERROR

A departure from right

### **Romans 1:18-20**

**The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature -**

**have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.**

**1 John 3:4**

**Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.**

#### MISSING THE MARK

A failure to meet the divine standard

**Romans 3:23**

**For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

#### TRESPASS

The intrusion of self-will into the sphere of divine authority

**Ephesians 2:1-2**

**As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.**

#### LAWLESSNESS

Spiritual anarchy

**1 Timothy 1:9**

**We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers - and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which is entrusted to me.**

#### UNBELIEF

An insult to the divine veracity

**John 16:8-9**

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

#### SIN INCURS THE PENALTY OF SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL DEATH

**Genesis 2:17**

**You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.**

**Genesis 3:19**

**By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken, for dust you are and to dust you will return.**

**Ezekiel 18:4**

**For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son - both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.**

**Romans 6:23**

**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

SIN CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS THREEFOLD:

1. An act, the violation of, or want of obedience to the revealed will of God
2. A state, absence of righteousness
3. A nature, enmity toward God.

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GLORY

BRING GLORY TO THE FATHER

**John 14:13**

**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.**

GLORIFY GOD

**1 Chronicles 16:24**

**Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples, for great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

**1 Chronicles 16:28**

**Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name.**

**Psalm 34:3**

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

**Psalm 72:19**

**Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen.**

**Psalm 86:12**

**I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.**

**Psalm 96:3**

**Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

**Romans 15:5-6**

**May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**1 Timothy 1:17**

**Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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.**

**Revelation 15:4**

**Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

**Revelation 21:23**

**The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.**

**HIS GLORY IS DECLARED TO ALL**

**Psalm 19:1-4**

**The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

**ALLOW THE KING OF GLORY TO COME IN**

**Psalm 24:7-8**

**Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

**WHAT HIS GLORY DOES**

**Proverbs 25:2**

**It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.**

**SEEING HIS GLORY**

**Isaiah 6:1-3**

**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."**

**Ezekiel 43:1-2, 4-5**

**Then the man brought me to the gate facing east, and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory. The glory of the Lord entered the temple through the gate facing east. Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.**

**Luke 2:9**

**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.**

**Luke 2:13-14**

**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."**

**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.**

#### **HE DOESN'T GIVE HIS GLORY TO ANOTHER**

**Isaiah 42:8**

**I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.**

**Isaiah 48:10-11**

**See, I have refined you though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another.**

#### **THE GLORY OF THE SON OF MAN**

**Matthew 24:30**

**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.**

**Matthew 25:31**

**When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.**

**John 13:31-32**

**Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once."**

**John 17:1, 5, 24**

**After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. 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

**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.

**Hebrews 1:3**

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

DO ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

**1 Corinthians 10:31**

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

**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.

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HOLY AND BLAMELESS  
WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE

**Ephesians 1:3-4**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

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Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.

1 Corinthians 1:8

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

Ephesians 5:27

And to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Philippians 2:14-16

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

Colossians 1:22

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

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

2 Timothy 1:8-9

But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life.

1 Peter 1:15, 16

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

2 Peter 3:14

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

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WHO IS BLESSED

Genesis 12:1-3

The Lord had said to Abram... "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you. I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Psalms 1:1-2

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalms 2:12

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Psalms 5:12

For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous, you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Psalms 32:1-2

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Psalms 41:1--2

Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble. The Lord will protect him and preserve his life; he will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes.

Psalms 106:3

Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.

Psalms 112:1

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

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 28:14

Blessed is the man who always fears the Lord, for he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.

Isaiah 30:18

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no fear in the year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Matthew 5:3-10

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:11

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 13:16

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

Luke 12:38

Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake

when he comes...If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants!

John 13:14-17

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 20:29

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

Acts 20:35

I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Ephesians 1:3-4

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James 1:12

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

1 Peter 3:14

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.

Revelation 14:13

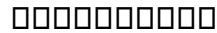
Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Revelation 22:7

Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.

Revelation 22:14

Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.



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:

Read the Bible. 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.

Pray. 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).**

Seek Christian fellowship. 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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