

# CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

Through Studying His Word

Book Four

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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.**

**Psalm 25:9**

**He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.**

**SUBMIT YOURSELF TO GOD**

**James 4:7**

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

**STAND AND WATCH**

**Habakkuk 2:1**

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

**WAIT**

**Proverbs 8:34**

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

**Psalm 27:14**

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

**GET CLEANSED**

**Psalm 51:7**

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

**LISTEN**

**1 Samuel 3:10**

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

FORGIVE OTHERS

**Matthew 6:12**

**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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## IN THE COMING AGES

**Psalm 103:17**

**From everlasting *to everlasting* the Lord's love is with those who fear him.**

**Isaiah 45:17**

**But Israel will be saved by the Lord with an everlasting salvation; you will never be put to shame or disgraced, *to ages everlasting*.**

**Luke 18:29-30**

**"I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents of children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, *in the age to come*, eternal life."**

**Ephesians 1:19-22**

**That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at**

his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present *age* but also in the one to come.

**Ephesians 2:6-7**

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that *in the coming ages* he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

**Ephesians 3:21**

Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus *throughout all ages*, world without end. Amen.

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## MY PORTION AND CUP

**Psalms 16:5**

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.

**Psalms 23:5**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Psalms 73:26**

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**Psalms 119:57**

You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words.

**Isaiah 61:7**

Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit a double portion in their land, and everlasting joy will be theirs.

**Jeremiah 10:16**

**He who is the Portion of Jacob is not like these, for he is the Maker of all things, including Israel, the tribe of his inheritance - the Lord Almighty is his name.**

**Lamentations 3:24**

**I say to myself, "the Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."**

**Matthew 26:27-28**

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

**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?"**

**Luke 22:41-42**

**He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."**

**John 18:11**

**Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?**

**1 Corinthians 10:16**

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

**1 Corinthians 11:25**

**He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

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JUSTICE

**Deuteronomy 32:3-4**

**I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.**

**Job 34:12**

**It is unthinkable that God would do wrong, that the Almighty would pervert justice.**

**Psalm 9:8**

**He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.**

**Psalm 9:16**

**The Lord is known by his justice.**

**Psalm 11:7**

**For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice.**

**Psalm 37:5**

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

**Psalm 45:6**

**A scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.**

**Psalm 89:14**

**Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.**

**Psalm 97:1-2**

**The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

**Psalm 101:1**

**I will sing of your love and justice.**

**Psalm 106:3**

**Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.**

**Proverbs 8:17-21**

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

**Proverbs 21:15**

**When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous.**

**Proverbs 28:5**

**Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully.**

**Proverbs 29:26**

**It is from the Lord that man gets justice.**

**Isaiah 5:16**

**But the Lord Almighty will be exalted by his justice, and the holy God will show himself holy by his righteousness.**

**Isaiah 9:7**

**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 28:17**

**I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line.**

**Isaiah 30:18**

**For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!**

**Isaiah 42:1**

**Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.**

**Isaiah 42:3-4**

**In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on the earth.**

**Isaiah 56:1**

**This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed."**

**Isaiah 61:8**

**For I, the Lord, love justice.**

**Jeremiah 30:11b**

**I will discipline you but only with justice.**

**Ezekiel 34:16**



**I will shepherd the flock with justice.**

**Amos 5:15**

**Maintain justice in the courts.**

**Amos 5:24**

**But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!**

**Zephaniah 3:5**

**The Lord within her is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail.**

**Zechariah 7:9**

**Administer true justice, show mercy and compassion to one another.**

**Micah 6:8**

**He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.**

**Romans 3:25-26**

**God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.**

**2 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

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

**1 John 1:9**

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

**Revelation 15:3**

**Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.**

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## CROWNS

**Revelation 3:11**

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

### CROWN OF RIGHTOUSNESS

**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.**

### CROWN OF LIFE

**James 1:12**

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

**Revelation 2:10**

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

### CROWN OF GLORY

**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.**

### CROWN THAT WILL LAST FOREVER

**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.**

**CROWN OF SPLENDOR**

**Isaiah 62:3**

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

**VICTOR'S CROWN**

**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.**

**GLORIOUS CROWN**

**Proverbs 4:9**

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

**Isaiah 28:5**

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

**CROWN OF BEAUTY**

**Isaiah 61:3**

**He has sent me to...bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes.**

**CROWNS OF THE TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS**

**Revelation 4:4**

**Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.**

**JESUS' CROWNS**

**John 19:2, 5**

**The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head...When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said the them, "Here is the man!"**

**Revelation 19:12**

**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.**

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WORSHIP  
WHAT IS WORSHIP FOR US?

HOW DO WE WORSHIP YOU, LORD?

**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.**

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**Genesis 8:20**

**Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man.**

**Genesis 12:7**

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

**Genesis 22:9**

**When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"**

**Genesis 24:26**

**Then the man bowed down and worshiped the Lord, saying, "Praise be to the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey to the house of my master's relatives.**

**Exodus 4:31**

**And when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.**

**Exodus 12:25**

**When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.' Then the people bowed down and worshiped.**

**Deuteronomy 6:13**

**Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.**

**1 Samuel 1:19**

**Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah.**

**2 Samuel 12:20**

**Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped.**

**2 Kings 17:36**

**But the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt with mighty power and outstretched arm, is the one you must worship. To him you shall bow down and to him offer sacrifices.**

**1 Chronicles 16:29**

**Bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

**1 Chronicles 29:20**

**Then David said to the whole assembly, "Praise the Lord your God." So they all praised the Lord, the God of their fathers; they bowed low and fell prostrate before the Lord and the King. The next day they made sacrifices to the Lord and presented burnt offerings to him.**

**2 Chronicles 6:12-14**

**Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands...He stood on the platform and then knelt down before the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven. He said...**

**2 Chronicles 20:21**

**Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."**

**Job 1:20**

**At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."**

**Psalm 5:7**

**But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple.**

**Psalm 29:2**

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

**Psalm 95:6**

**Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

**Psalm 99:5**

**Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.**

**Psalm 100:1-2, 4**

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

**Psalm 132:7**

**Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool.**

**Psalm 138:2**

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

**Ecclesiastes 5:1-2**

**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. Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.**

**Matthew 2:11**

**On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and myrrh.**

**Matthew 28:9**

**Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.**

**Matthew 28:17**

**Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted.**

**Luke 2:37**

**There was also a prophetess, Anna. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.**

**Luke 4:8**

**Jesus answered, "It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."**

**John 4:23-24**

**Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.**

**Philippians 3:3**

**For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh.**

**Hebrews 12:26-29**

**At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The**

words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

#### **Revelation 4:10-11**

The twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "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."

*THAT is worshiping Me - laying your crowns before Me, and giving Me the glory and honor and praise for who you are, and all you have become, and all the rewards and crowns you have received. Why? Because it is all of Me and because of Me. Without Me you can do nothing. You wanted to know how to worship Me? That is the answer.*

#### **Revelation 5:13-14**

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

#### **Revelation 11:16**

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."

#### **Revelation 14:7**

He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD



**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. (Micah 4:1-2)**



**Genesis 22:14**

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

**Psalm 9:11**

**Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

**Psalm 76:1-2**

**In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel. His tent is in Salem, his dwelling place in Zion.**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

**This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.**

**Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.**

**He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. 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.**

**Isaiah 8:18**

**Here am I, and the children the Lord has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the Lord Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion.**

**Isaiah 11:9**

**They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.**

**Isaiah 27:13**

**In that day a great trumpet will sound. Those who were perishing in Assyria and those who were exiled in Egypt will come and worship the Lord on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.**

**Isaiah 31:4**

**This is what the Lord says to me: "As a lion growls, a great lion over his prey - and though a whole band of shepherds is called together against him, he is not frightened by their shouts, or disturbed by their clamor - so the Lord Almighty will come down to do battle on Mount Zion and on its heights. Like birds hovering overhead, the Lord Almighty will shield Jerusalem; he will shield it and deliver it, he will 'pass over' it and will rescue it."**

**Isaiah 66:18-21**

**"And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory.**

**I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations...and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the Lord...and I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites," says the Lord.**

**Micah 4:2**

**The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.**

**Micah 4:7**

**The Lord will rule over them in Mount Zion from that day and forever.**

**Zechariah 1:16**

**Therefore, this is what the Lord says: "I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem," declares the Lord Almighty.**

**Zechariah 2:10-11**

**"Shout and be glad, O Daughter of Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the Lord. "Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you."**

**Zechariah 8:3**

**This is what the Lord says: "I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain."**

**Zechariah 8:7**

**This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God."**

**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.**

**Zechariah 14:16**

**Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.**

**Hebrews 12:22**

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

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UNDER THE EARTH

**Philippians 2:10**

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

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**Matthew 11:22**

**I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths.**

**Revelation 5:1-3**

**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.**

**Revelation 5:13**

**Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"**

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HELL/HADES/SHEOL

(Indicates the condition of the unsaved between death and the great white throne judgment.)

**Psalms 9:17**

**The wicked return to the grave.**

**Isaiah 14:9-17**

**The grave below is all astir to meet you at your coming; it rouses the spirits of the departed to greet you - all those who were leaders in the world; it makes them rise from their thrones - all those who were kings over the nations. They will all respond, they will say to you, "You also have become weak, as we are; you have become like us." All your pomp has been brought down to the grave, along with the noise of your harps; maggots are spread out beneath you and worms cover you.**

**Ezekiel 32:21**

**From the grave the mighty leaders will say of Egypt and her allies, "They have come down and they lie with the uncircumcised, with those killed by the sword."**

**Luke 16:23**

**In hell where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.**

**2 Peter 2:4**

**For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment...**

**2 Peter 2:9**

**The Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.**

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## DOORS

**Genesis 4:7**

**Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."**

**Exodus 12:7**

**Then you are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.**

**Job 31:32**

**No stranger had to spend the night in the street, for my door was always open to the traveler.**

**Job 38:8-10**

**Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place.**

**Psalms 24:7**

**Lift up your heads, O you gates, be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

**Psalms 84:10**

**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.**

**Psalm 141:3**

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

**Isaiah 45:2**

**This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut.**

**Hosea 2:15**

**I will make the Valley of Achor [trouble] a door of hope.**

**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 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 25:10-11**

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

**Mark 1:33**

**The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases.**

**Luke 12:35-37**

**Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.**

**Luke 13:24**

Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, "Sir, open the door for us." But he will answer, "I don't know you or where you come from."

**John 10:1**

I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep.

**John 10:7, 9**

Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved."

**John 20:19**

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

**Acts 5:18-19**

They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

**Acts 14:27**

On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

**1 Corinthians 16:9**

But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.

**Colossians 4:3**

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

**Revelation 3:7-8**

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

**that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my 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 4:1-2**

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

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DOVE

**Genesis 8:8**

**Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. But the dove could find no place to set its feet because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark.**

**Psalms 55:6**

**I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest - I would flee far away and stay in the desert; I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm."**

**Song of Solomon 2:14**

**My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.**

**Song of Solomon 5:12**

**His eyes are like doves by the water streams, washed in milk, mounted like jewels.**

**Song of Solomon 6:9**

**But my dove, my perfect one, is unique**



**Isaiah 60:8**

**Who are these who fly along like clouds, like doves to their nests?**

**Jeremiah 8:7**

**Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration. But my people do not know the requirements of the Lord.**

**Matthew 3:16**

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

**Matthew 10:16**

**I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as dove.**

**Luke 3:22**

**When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased."**

**John 1:32-34**

**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. I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."**

**Acts 2:1-4**

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

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## WEDDING BANQUET

### **Song of Solomon 2:4**

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

### **Matthew 25:10-11**

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

### **Luke 12:35-37**

**Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.**

### **Revelation 19:7**

**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.**

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## BRIDE OF CHRIST

### **Revelation 19:7**

**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.**

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### **2 Corinthians 11:2**

**I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.**

### **Revelation 21:2**

**I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.**

**Revelation 21:9, 27**

**One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God...Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

**Revelation 22:17**

**The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"**

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## THE HOLY CITY - JERUSALEM

**2 Chronicles 6:6**

**But I have chosen Jerusalem for my Name to be there, and I have chosen David to rule my people Israel.**

**Psalms 48:1**

**Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain. It is beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth. Like the utmost heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King.**

**Psalms 50:1**

**The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.**

**Psalms 87:1-3**

**He has set his foundation on the holy mountain; the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are said of you, O city of God.**

**Psalms 110:1-2**

**The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion.**

**Isaiah 40:9-10**

**You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.**

**Isaiah 1:26-27**

**Afterward you will be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City. Zion will be redeemed with justice, her penitent ones with righteousness.**

**Isaiah 2:2-3**

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

**Isaiah 4:2-3**

**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.**

**Isaiah 65:18-19**

**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.**

**Joel 3:17**

**Then you will know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; never again will foreigners invade her.**

**Micah 4:7**

**The Lord will rule over them in Mount Zion from that day and forever.**

**Zechariah 1:16-17**

**Therefore, this is what the Lord says: "I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem," declares the Lord Almighty. Proclaim further: This is what the Lord Almighty says: "My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem."**

**Zechariah 2:10**

**"Shout and be glad, O Daughter of Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the Lord. "Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you. The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem."**

**Zechariah 8:3**

**This is what the Lord says: "I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain."**

**Zechariah 12:10**

**And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication.**

**Zechariah 14:4, 8**

**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...On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western seas, in summer and in winter.**

**Matthew 4:5**

**Then the devil took him [Jesus] to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.**

**Matthew 5:35**

**I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.**

**Matthew 23:37-39**

**O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."**

**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. All the nations will be gathered before him.**

**Romans 11:26**

**And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.**

**Hebrews 11:10**

**For he [Abraham] was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**

**Hebrews 13:12-14**

**And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.**

ZION  
THE CITY OF THE LORD  
THE NEW JERUSALEM

**Psalms 46:4**

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

**Isaiah 60:14**

**The sons of your oppressors will come bowing before you; all who despise you will bow down at your feet and will call you the City of the Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel**

**Isaiah 60:19**

**The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your day of sorrow will end.**

**Hebrews 12:22**

**But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.**

**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 away 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."**

**Revelation 21:9, 27**

**One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God...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.**

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## THE NAME

As I prayed "Hallowed be Thy name"...

*My name is on you. My name and Jesus' name are the same - as we are one. Do a study on THE NAME. There is power in the NAME. My name is who I am. Your name is who you are. That's why I give you a new private name when you come up here. That's why I renamed Jacob, Abraham, Sarah, and Paul.*

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**Genesis 1:1**

**In the beginning God {*Elohim*} created the heavens and the earth.**

**Genesis 14:18**

**Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High (*El Elyon*)**

**Genesis 15:2**

**But Abram said, "O Sovereign Lord [*Adonai*], what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estates is Eleizer of Damascas?**

**Genesis 17:1**

**When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty [*El-Shaddai*]; walk with me and be blameless.**

**Genesis 21:33**

**Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the Lord, the Eternal God [*El Olam*].**

**Exodus 3:14**

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

**Exodus 15:3**

**The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.**

**Exodus 20:7**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.**

**Exodus 34:5-6**

**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, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord [*Yahweh*], the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin."**

**Numbers 6:22-24**

**The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites, Say to them:**

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

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

**Deuteronomy 28:58**

**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.**



**1 Samuel 1:3**

**Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the Lord Almighty [*Jehovah Sabaoth*] at Shiloh.**

**2 Samuel 7:23**

**And who is like your people Israel - the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt?**

**Psalms 34:3**

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

**Psalms 72:17**

**May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun.**

**Psalms 83:18**

**Let them know that you, whose name is the Lord - that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.**

**Psalms 111:9**

**He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever - holy and awesome is his name.**

**Proverbs 18:10**

**The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.**

**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.**

**Micah 4:5**

**All the nations may walk in the name of their gods; we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.**

**Matthew 6:9**

**This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."**

**John 14:13-14**

**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 16:23-24**

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

**John 17:11-12**

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

**Acts 3:6**

**Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."**

**Acts 3:16**

**By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can see.**

**Acts 4:10**

**Then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.**

**Acts 4:12**

**Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.**

**Acts 19:13**

**Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. One day, the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all.**

**Ephesians 5:20**

**Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Colossians 3:17**

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

**1 Timothy 6:1**

**All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect, so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered.**

**2 Timothy 2:19-**

**Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."**

**Hebrews 13:15**

**Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name.**

**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 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 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 19:11**

**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.**

**Revelation 19:16**

**On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

(A song)

Freely, freely you have received  
Freely, freely give.

Go in My name, and because you believe  
Others will know that I live.

*My name is all powerful, and it can do anything. My name is Me. I AM.*

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## RESTORE/RENEW

**Psalm 23:3**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.**

**Psalm 51:10**

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

**Psalm 51:12**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

**Psalm 80:19**

**Restore us, O Lord God Almighty, make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.**

**Psalm 85:4**

**Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us... Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**

**Psalm 103:5**

**Who satisfies your desires with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**Isaiah 40:31**

**Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.**

**Jeremiah 33:26**

**For I will restore their fortunes and have compassion on them.**

**Lamentations 5:21**

**Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old.**

**Joel 2:25**

**I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten.**

**Matthew 6:11**

**Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things.**

**Matthew 19:28**

**Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 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. (Renewal in this verse means - Re-creation of the social order and renewal of the earth when the kingdom comes.)**

**Luke 6:10**

**He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was completely restored.**

**Acts 1:6**

**So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."**

**Acts 3:21 note**

**He [Jesus] must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. (Restore in this verse means - Restoration to a former state.)**

**Romans 12:2**

**Transformed by the renewing of your mind.**

**2 Corinthians 4:16**

**Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.**

**Titus 3:5**

**He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ**

**our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**

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## PALMBRANCHES

### **Leviticus 23:39-43**

**So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the Lord for seven days; the first day is a day of rest, and the eighth day also is a day of rest. On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, and rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. Celebrate this as a festival to the Lord for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month. Live in booths for seven days...so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt.**

### **Nehemiah 8:15-17**

**They found written in the Law, which the Lord had commanded through Moses, that the Israelites were to live in booths during the feast of the seventh month and that they should proclaim this word and spread it throughout their towns and in Jerusalem: "Go out into the hill country and bring back branches from olive and wild olive trees, and from myrtles, palms and shade trees, to make booths" - as it is written.**

**So the people went out and brought back branches and built themselves booths on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the house of God and in the square by the Water Gate and the one by the Gate of Ephraim. The whole company that had returned from exile built booths and lived in them. From the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great.**

### **Matthew 21:8-9**

**A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"**

**John 12:13**

The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"

**Revelation 7:9**

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

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WHITE ROBES-WASHED ROBES

**Matthew 28:2-4**

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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

**Mark 9:2-4**

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

**Mark 16:4-5**

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

**Revelation 3:4-5**

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. 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 4:4**

Surrounding the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.

**Revelation 6:11**

Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

**Revelation 7:9**

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

**Revelation 7:13-14**

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes - who are they, and where did they come from?"

I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "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. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**Revelation 19:7-8**

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 19:14**

The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.



**Revelation 22:12**

**Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.**

**Revelation 22:14**

**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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REMNANT

**2 Kings 19:30-31**

**Once more a remnant of the house of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above. For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this**

**Isaiah 1:9**

**Unless the Lord Almighty had left us some survivors, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.**

**Isaiah 6:13**

**And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.**

**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. Destruction has been decreed, overwhelming and righteous.**

**Isaiah 11:11-12**

**In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from**

**Hamath and from the islands of the sea. 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.**

**Isaiah 11:16**

**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 24:13**

**So will it be on the earth and among the nations, as when an olive tree is beaten, or as when gleanings are left after the grape harvest.**

**Isaiah 37:32**

**For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.**

**Isaiah 46:3**

**Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all you who remain of the house of Israel, you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since your birth. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.**

**Jeremiah 15:21**

**I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel.**

**Jeremiah 23:3**

**"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declared the Lord.**

**Jeremiah 31:7-8**

**Make your praises heard, and say, "O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth.**

**Ezekiel 6:8**

**But I will spare some, for some of you will escape the sword when you are scattered among the lands and nations.**

**Ezekiel 9:4**

**Then the Lord called to the man clothed in linen who had the writing kit at his side and said to him, "Go throughout the city of Jerusalem**

**and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it."**

**Ezekiel 11:16-20**

**This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "Although I sent them far away among the nations and scattered them among the countries, yet for a little while I have been a sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone...I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again."**

**Joel 2:32**

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

**Amos 5:14-15**

**Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil; love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.**

**Micah 2:12**

**I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel.**

**Micah 4:1, 6-7**

**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. In that day I will gather the lame; I will assemble the exiles and those I have brought to grief. I will make the lame a remnant, those driven away a strong nation. The Lord will rule over them in Mount Zion from that day and forever.**

**Micah 5:7**

**The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the Lord, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for man or linger for mankind. The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples.**

**Micah 7:18**

**Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.**

**Zephaniah 2:6-7**

**The land by the sea, where the Kerethites dwell, will be a place for shepherds and sheep pens. It will belong to the remnant of the house of Judah; then they will find pasture. In the evening they will lie down in the houses of Ashkelon. The Lord their God will care for them; he will restore their fortunes.**

**Zephaniah 3:12-13**

**But I will leave within you the meek and humble, who trust in the name of the Lord. The remnant of Israel will do no wrong; they will speak no lies, nor will deceit be found in their mouths. They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid.**

**Zechariah 8:6-8**

**This is what the Lord Almighty says: "It may seem marvelous to the remnant of this people at that time, but will it seem marvelous to me?" declares the Lord Almighty. This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God."**

**Zechariah 8:11-12**

**"But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as I did in the past," declares the Lord Almighty. "The seed will grow well, the vine will yield its fruit, the ground will produce its crops, and the heavens will drop their dew. I will give all these things as an inheritance to the remnant of this people."**

**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.**

**Romans 9:27**

**Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand of the sea, only the remnant will be saved."**

**Romans 11:5**

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

**Revelation 7:3-4**

**Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God. Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.**

**Revelation 12:13-14, 17**

**When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach...Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring - those who obey God's commandments and held to the testimony of Jesus.**

**Revelation 14:1, 4-5**

**Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads...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. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.**

**Revelation 20:4**

**I saw thrones in 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.**

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WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED HE WILL DO  
THE LORD WILL FULFILL HIS PURPOSE FOR ME

**Isaiah 14:24**

**The Lord Almighty has sworn, "Surely as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand.**

**Psalms 138:8**

**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever.**



**2 Chronicles 20:6**

**O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.**

**2 Chronicles 20:15**

**This is what the Lord says to you: "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's."**

**Job 23:13**

**But he stands alone, and who can oppose him? He does whatever he pleases.**

**Psalms 33:10-11**

**The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.**

**Psalms 37:23**

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

**Psalms 57:2**

**I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me.**

**Psalms 115:3**

**Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.**

**Psalms 135:6**

**The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.**

**Psalms 138:8**

**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever.**

**Proverbs 16:9**

**In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.**

**Proverbs 19:21**

**Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.**

**Proverbs 20:24**

**A man's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand his own way?**

**Proverbs 21:30**

**There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.**

**Isaiah 8:10**

**Devise your strategy, but it will be thwarted; propose your plan, but it will not stand, for God is with us.**

**Isaiah 14:24**

**The Lord Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand."**

**Isaiah 14:27**

**For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?**

**Isaiah 25:1**

**O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.**

**Isaiah 40:13**

**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 or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.**

**Isaiah 43:12-13**

**"I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed - I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God. Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"**

**Isaiah 44:24-26**

**This is what the Lord says - your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, who foils the signs of false prophets and makes fools of diviners, who overthrows the learning of the wise and turns it into nonsense, who carries out the words of his servants and fulfills the predictions of his messengers.**

**Isaiah 45:23**

**By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. They will say of me, "In the Lord alone are righteousness and strength."**

**Isaiah 46:9-11**

**Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.**

**Isaiah 55:10-11**

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

**Jeremiah 10:23**

**I know, O Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps.**

**Jeremiah 18:5-6**

**Then the word of the Lord came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."**

**Daniel 4:35**

**All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"**

**Zechariah 1:6**

**But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants, the prophets, overtake your forefathers?**



**Acts 2:23**

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

**Acts 4:28**

**They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.**

**Acts 5:38-39**

**Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.**

**Romans 8:28-31**

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?**

**Romans 9:20-21**

**But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, "Why did you make me like this?" Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?**

**Romans 9:22-24**

**What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath - prepared for destruction? What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory - even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?**

**Romans 11:33-36**

**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? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever! Amen.**

**1 Corinthians 2:16**

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

**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 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.**

**1 Peter 1:20**

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

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## BIRTH THROUGH THE WORD OF TRUTH

**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.**

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**Psalm 119:43**

**Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws.**

**Psalm 119:160**

**All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.**

**Isaiah 45:19**

**I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right.**

**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.**

**John 8:32**

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

**John 14:6**

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

**John 16:13**

**But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.**

**Ephesians 1:13**

**And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession.**

**Colossians 1:5**

**We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints - the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you.**

**2 Timothy 2:15**

**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.**

**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.**

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## THE ROCK, THE STONE

**Genesis 49:24-25**

**But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the *Rock of Israel*, because of your father's God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the heavens above.**

**Exodus 17:5-6**

The Lord answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the *rock* at Horeb. Strike the *rock*, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

**Exodus 33:21-22**

Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a *rock*. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in *the rock* and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

**Numbers 20:7-8**

The Lord said to Moses, "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that *rock* before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of *the rock* for the community so they and their livestock can drink."

**Deuteronomy 32:3-4**

I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is *the Rock*, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

**2 Samuel 23:2-4**

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

*And that's what you're like, My child, when you give out My Word to others - like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings the grass from the earth. That's the way I see you as you follow Me and as you worship Me. I want you to know this.*

**Psalms 62:1-2**

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is *my rock* and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

**Psalms 62:5-8**

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is *my rock* and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be

shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is *my mighty rock*, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

**Psalm 118:22**

The *stone* the builders rejected has become the *capstone*; The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Isaiah 8:13-14**

The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy; he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread, and he will be a sanctuary; but for both houses of Israel he will be *a stone* that causes men to stumble and *a rock* that makes them fall.

**Isaiah 26:4**

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

**Isaiah 28:16**

So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "See, I lay *a stone* in Zion, a *tested stone*, a *precious cornerstone* for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed. "

**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, not 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.

**Zechariah 4:6-9**

So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty. What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the *capstone* to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"

Then the word of the Lord came to me: "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you."

**Psalm 62:6**

He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

**Matthew 7:24-25**

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on *the rock*. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on *the rock*.

**Matthew 16:17-18**

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this *rock* I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

**Matthew 21:42-43**

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the *capstone*'; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.'? 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. He who falls on this *stone* will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."

**Romans 9:32-33**

Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the *stumbling stone*. 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.

**1 Corinthians 1:23**

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

**1 Corinthians 10:1-4**

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers 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. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual

**drink; for they drank from the *spiritual rock* that accompanied them, and *that rock* was Christ.**

**Ephesians 2:19-20**

**Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as *the chief cornerstone*.**

**1 Peter 2:4-8**

**As you come to him, *the living Stone* - rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a *stone* in Zion, a chosen and precious *cornerstone*, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." Now to you who believe, *this stone* is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The *stone* the builders rejected has become the *capstone*," and "A *stone* that causes men to stumble and a *rock* that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message - which is also what they were destined for.**

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## UNFORGIVENESS

I heard a story about a preacher who was killed in an auto accident and was taken to the heavenly realm. There he saw the delights of heaven, but was then shown hell. He was told that hell was the place for him, and he protested saying he was a preacher and had preached God's Word for many years. Then he was told he had unforgiveness toward his wife - therefore hell was the place for him. But he was given the chance to return to earth. When he returned to earth he sought out his wife and confessed his unforgiveness and got right with her. After hearing that story, I felt I was to do a Bible study on unforgiveness.

**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, 14-15**

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

**Matthew 18:21-22**

**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 18:32-35**

**Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant" he said, "I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" 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 11:25-26**

**And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. [Some manuscripts say also: But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your sins.]**

**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 17:3-4**

**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 2:7-10**

**Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven - if there was anything to forgive - I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your**



sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

**Ephesians 4:32**

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

**Colossians 3:12-13**

**Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**

**James 5:15, 16**

**And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.**

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## AUTHORITY

**Daniel 7:13-14**

**In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.**

**Matthew 7:28**

**When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.**

**Matthew 9:6**

**But so that you know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." And the man got up and went home.**

**Matthew 10:1**

**He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

**Luke 10:17**

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

**John 3:35**

**The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.**

**John 5:22**

**Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father.**

**John 5:26-27**

**For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.**

**John 17:2**

**For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.**

**Romans 13:1-2**

**Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted.**

**1 Corinthians 15:27**

**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.**

**Ephesians 1:19-22**

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

**Hebrews 1:2**

**In these last days he [God] has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.**

**Revelation 2:26-27**

**To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations - "He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery" - just as I have received authority from my Father.**

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## THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST TO EARTH

**Daniel 7:14**

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**Psalms 2:9**

**You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.**

**Psalms 24:8, 10**

**Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle...Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty - he is the King of glory.**

**Psalm 50:3-4**

**Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people.**

**Psalm 96:13**

**They will sing before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his truth.**

**Psalm 110:1-3, 5-6**

**The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies. Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn your young men will come to you like the dew...The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.**

**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 11:10-12**

**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.**

**Jeremiah 23:5-6**

**"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. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness."**

**Ezekiel 37:22**

**This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms.**

**Daniel 7:14**

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**Hosea 3:4-5**

**For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol. Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days.**

**Micah 4:7**

**I will gather the lame; I will assemble the exiles and those I have brought to grief. I will make the lame a remnant, those driven away a strong nation. The Lord will rule over them in Mount Zion from that day and forever.**

**Haggai 2:6**

**This is what the Lord Almighty says: "In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory," says the Lord Almighty.**

**Zechariah 2:10**

**"Shout and be glad, O Daughter of Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the Lord. "Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you."**

**Zechariah 6:12-13**

**Tell him this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the Lord. It is he who will build the temple of the Lord,**

**and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne.**

**Zechariah 12:9-10**

**On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem. And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.**

**Zechariah 14:3-7**

**Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. 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...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.**

**Matthew 10:23**

**When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.**

**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 19:28**

**Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

**Matthew 23:39**

**For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."**

**Matthew 24:3**

**As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"**

**Matthew 24:27**

**For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

**Matthew 24:30-31**

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

**Matthew 24:36-38**

**No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.**

**Matthew 24:40-42, 44**

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

**Matthew 25:10-13**

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

**Matthew 25:31-32**

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

**Matthew 26:63-64**

**The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."**

**"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you; In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."**

**Mark 8:38**

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

**Mark 13:26-27**

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

**Mark 13:32-33**

**No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.**

**Mark 13:35-36**

**Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back - whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.**

**Luke 12:35-40**

**Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes...You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.**

**Luke 17:34**

**For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other.**

**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. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything.**

**Luke 18:8**

**When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?**



**Luke 21:27**

**At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**

**John 14:3**

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

**John 14:28-29**

**You have heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.**

**John 16:16**

**In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.**

**John 21:23**

**Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."**

**Acts 1:10-11**

**They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."**

**Acts 3:20-21**

**And that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you - even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.**

**Romans 11:26-27**

**And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."**

**1 Corinthians 1:7**

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

**1 Corinthians 4:5**

**Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.**

**1 Corinthians 15:22-23**

**For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.**

**Philippians 3:20-21**

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

**Colossians 3:3-4**

**For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.**

**1 Thessalonians 1:9-10**

**They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.**

**1 Thessalonians 2:19**

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

**1 Thessalonians 3:13**

**May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:14-17**

**We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:23**

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

**2 Thessalonians 1:6-10**

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

**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.**

**1 Timothy 6:13-15**

**I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time.**

**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.**

**Titus 2:13-14**

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

**Hebrews 9:28**

**So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.**

**Hebrews 10:37**

**For in just a little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay."**

**James 5:8**

**Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.**

**1 Peter 1:7**

**These have come so that your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.**

**2 Peter 3:4**

**They [scoffers] will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."**

**1 John 2:28**

**And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.**

**1 John 3:2**

**Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**

**Jude 14-15**

**Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."**

**Revelation 1:7**

**Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.**

**Revelation 2:25**

**Only hold on to what you have until I come.**

**Revelation 16:13-16**

**Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are spirits of demons performing**

miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

"Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

#### **Revelation 19:11**

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.

And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army.

But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

#### **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 forehead 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.**

**Revelation 22:7**

**Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.**

**Revelation 22:12**

**Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.**

**Revelation 22:20**

**He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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## NAMES OF CHRIST (59)

Adam (the second) – 1 Corinthians 15:45  
Advocate – 1 John 2:1  
Alpha and Omega – Revelation 1:8; 22:13  
Amen – Revelation 3:14  
Angel of the Lord – Exodus 3:2; Judges 13:15-18  
Branch – Jeremiah 23:5  
Bread of Life – John 6:35, 48  
Chief cornerstone – Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6  
Chief Shepherd – 1 Peter 5:4  
Counselor – Isaiah 9:6  
Dayspring – Luke 1:78  
Deliverer – Romans 11:26  
Door – John 10:7  
Immanuel – Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23  
Eternal Life – 1 John 1:2; 5:20  
Everlasting Father – Isaiah 9:6  
Faithful Witness – Revelation 1:5; 3:14  
First and Last – Revelation 1:17; 2:8  
God – Isaiah 40:9; John 20:28  
Good Shepherd – John 10:14  
Great High Priest – Hebrews 4:14  
Holy One – Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:27; 3:14  
I Am – Exodus 3:14; John 8:58

Jehovah – Isaiah 26:4 (KJV)  
Jesus – Matthew 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 1:10  
Just One – Acts 7:52  
King – Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:5  
Lamb of God – John 1:29, 36  
Life – John 14:6; Colossians 3:4  
Light of the Word – John 8:12  
Lion of Judah – Revelation 5:5  
Lord God Almighty – Revelation 15:3  
Lord of Glory – 1 Corinthians 2:8  
Messiah – Daniel 9:25; John 1:41  
Mighty God – Isaiah 9:6  
Morning Star – Revelation 22:16  
Nazarene – Matthew 2:23  
Our Passover – 1 Corinthians 5:7  
Prince of Life – Acts 3:15  
Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:6  
Prophet – Luke 24:19; John 7:40  
Redeemer – Isaiah 59:20; 60:16  
Resurrection and Life – John 11:25  
Rock – 1 Corinthians 10:4  
Savior – 2 Peter 2:20; 3:18  
Servant – Isaiah 42:1; 52:13  
Son of God – Luke 1:35; John 1:49  
Son of Man – John 5:27; 6:27  
Sun of Righteousness – Malachi 4:2  
True God – 1 John 5:20  
True Light – John 1:9  
True Vine – John 15:1  
Truth – John 14:6  
Way – John 14:6  
Witness – Isaiah 55:4  
Wonderful – Isaiah 28:29; 9:6  
Word – John 1:1  
Word of God – Revelation 19:13  
Word of Life – 1 John 1:1

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FOUR WINDS AND FOUR QUARTERS  
OF THE EARTH AND HEAVENS

**Psalm 104:4**

**He makes winds his messengers.**

**Isaiah 11:12**

**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.**

**Jeremiah 49:36**

**I will bring against Elam the four winds from the four quarters of the heavens; I will scatter them to the four winds, and there will not be a nation where Elam's exiles do not go.**

**Ezekiel 7:2**

**The end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land!**

**Ezekiel 37:9**

**Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live." (the Hebrew word for breath can also mean wind or spirit)**

**Daniel 7:2**

**Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea.**

**Daniel 8:8**

**The goat became very great, but at the height of its power the large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven.**

**Daniel 11:4**

**After he has arisen, his empire will be broken up and parceled out toward the four winds of heaven. It will not go to his descendants, nor will it have the power he exercised, because his empire will be uprooted and given to others.**

**Zechariah 2:6**

**"Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north," declares the Lord, "for I have scattered you to the four winds of heaven," declares the Lord.**

**Zechariah 6:1-7**

**I looked up again, and there before me were four chariots coming out from between two mountains - mountains of bronze. The first chariot had red horses, the second black, the third white, and the fourth**



dappled - all of them powerful. I asked the angel who was speaking to me, "What are these, my lord?"

The angels answered me, "These are the four spirits of heaven, going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world. The one with the black horses is going toward the north country, the one with the white horses toward the west, and the one with the dappled horses toward the south."

When the powerful horses went out, they were straining to go throughout the earth. And he said, "Go throughout the earth!" So they went throughout the earth.

#### **Matthew 24:31**

Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. 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.

#### **Mark 13:26-27**

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

#### **Revelation 7:1-3**

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: "Do not harm the land or the seas or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."

#### **Revelation 20:8**

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 - and to gather them for battle.

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HEALING

**Exodus 15:26**

**He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."**

**Exodus 23:25 KJV**

**I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.**

**Psalm 30:2**

**O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.**

**Psalm 41:3**

**The Lord will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness.**

**Psalm 42:11**

**Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.**

**Psalm 103:2-3**

**Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.**

**Psalm 107:19-20**

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

**Psalm 118:16-17**

**The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things! I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

**Psalm 119:45**

**I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.**

**Proverbs 3:7-8**

**Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.**

**Proverbs 4:20-22**

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

**Isaiah 53:4-5**

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

**Isaiah 55:10-11**

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

**Jeremiah 17:14**

**Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.**

**Jeremiah 29:11-14**

**For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord.**

**Jeremiah 30:17**

**"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the Lord...**

**Jeremiah 33:6**

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

**Malachi 4:2**

**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 4:23-24**

**Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them.**

**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.**

**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 8:7, 13**

**Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." ... Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.**

**Matthew 8:17**

**This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases." (sorrows)**

**Matthew 9:29**

**Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you," and their sight was restored.**

**Matthew 9:35**

**Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.**

**Matthew 10:1**

**He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.**

**Matthew 14:14**

**When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.**

**Matthew 15:30**

**Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.**

**Matthew 17: 20-21**

**I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.**

**Matthew 19:2**

**Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.**

**Mark 1:34**

**Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.**

**Mark 5:34**

**He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." (Woman who touched Jesus' robe)**

**Mark 9:23**

**(If you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.) "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."**

**Mark 10:52**

**"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. (Bartimaeus asked to see)**

**Mark 11:22-24**

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

**Luke 6:19**

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

**John 6:63**

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

**John 10:10b**

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

**John 14:13-14**

**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.**

**Acts 3:16**

**By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him.**

**Acts 10:38**

**...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.**

**Romans 8:11**

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

**Romans 10:17**

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

**Hebrews 13:8**

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

**James 5:15**

**Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous man is powerful and effective.**

**1 Peter 2:24**

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.**

**1 John 4:4**

**You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.**

**3 John 2**

**Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.**

(Quotes from the book: *THE MEAL THAT HEALS*, by Perry Stone)

Both sin and sickness became a reality after Adam was expelled from the garden. For this reason, early in Scripture the Almighty God revealed Himself as a healer to those who would trust Him. (p 1)

The word salvation not only means to save from sin; it also means to deliver, to protect, and to heal! (p 2)

It is the will of God to keep our tri-part being (body, soul, and spirit) preserved until such time that our life is complete or until Christ returns, whichever comes first. (p 3)

Isaiah, God's anointed prophet, also revealed a threefold redemptive work that would be accomplished through the suffering Messiah. Isaiah 53:5 reveals the mystery:

1. **He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquity.** This speaks of *spiritual healing* and is related to the forgiveness of sins.
2. **The chastisement of our peace was upon Him.** This speaks of *emotional healing* for the mind and the soul.
3. **With His stripes we are healed.** This refers to *physical healing* for the body.

Spiritual healing transforms the human spirit; emotional healing renews the mind; and physical healing brings healing and life to the physical body. (p 6)

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JOY

**Deuteronomy 16:15**

**For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete**

**1 Chronicles 16:27**

**Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.**

**Nehemiah 8:10**

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

**Psalms 4:7**

**You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound.**

**Psalms 21:6**

**Surely you have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence.**

**Psalm 43:4**

**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight.**

**Psalm 51:12**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit,  
to sustain me.**

**Psalm 66:1**

**Shout with joy to God, all the earth!**

**Psalm 100:1-2**

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with  
gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

**Proverbs 10:28**

**The prospect of the righteous is joy.**

**Isaiah 35:8-10**

**And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of  
Holiness...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.**

**Habakkuk 3:18-19**

**I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength;  
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the  
heights.**

**John 15:11**

**I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy  
may be complete.**

**John 16:20**

**I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices.  
You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16**

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

**Hebrews 12:2**

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



**for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

**James 1:2-4**

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

Lord, You are my joy. Can I say God is Joy?

*Yes, you can say that for joy is a part of love. And there will be great joy in heaven when you arrive here. There is eternal and forever joy in heaven. It never stops. You will never be sad or depleted ever again. You will always be strong - for the joy of the Lord is your strength. That is one of My gifts to those whom I love - My joy. Remember how often I mentioned that?*

**AS the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. if you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. (John 15:9-11)**

**I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. (John 16:20)**

**Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. (John 16:22)**

**I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. (John 16:23-24)**

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

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KNOWING GOD  
WE SEEK TO UNDERSTAND AND 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

**Psalm 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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## MOUTH AND TONGUE

**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. Then you will be prosperous and successful.**

**Psalm 19:14**

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

**Psalm 35:28**

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

**Psalm 39:1**

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

**Psalm 40:3**

**He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise for our God.**

**Psalm 45:1**

**My tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.**

**Psalm 119:103**

**How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

**Psalm 141:3**

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

**Proverbs 12:14**

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

**Proverbs 12:18**

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

**Proverbs 13:2**

**From the fruit of their lips people enjoy good things.**

**Proverbs 13:3**

**Those who guard their lips preserve their lives**

**Proverbs 16:23**

**A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction.**

**Proverbs 18:21**

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

**Proverbs 27:2**

**Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.**

**Isaiah 50:4**

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

**Isaiah 51:16**

**I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand.**

**Matthew 12:34-37**

**You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.**

**Matthew 15:11**

**What goes into a man's mouth does not make him "unclean", but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him "unclean."**

**Romans 10:8-10**

**The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming. That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

**Philippians 2:9-11**

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

**James 1:26**

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

**James 3:5**

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

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## MYSTERIES

A secret or mystery in scripture is a previously hidden truth now divinely revealed.

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

**Proverbs 3:32**

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

**Proverbs 3:32 KJV**

**His secret is with the righteous.**

**Amos 3:7**

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

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

**Matthew 13:11**

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

**Mark 4:11**

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

**Romans 16:25-27**

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

**1 Corinthians 4:1**

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

**1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

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

**Ephesians 1:9**

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

**Ephesians 3:3-5**

**That is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to**

**understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.**

**Ephesians 3:6**

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

**Ephesians 5:32**

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

**Ephesians 6:19**

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

**Colossians 1:26-27**

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

**Colossians 2:2**

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

**1 Timothy 3:16**

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



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

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



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## NOTHING WILL HARM YOU

**Psalm 121:5-7**

**The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

**Genesis 26:24**

**Do not be afraid, for I am with you.**

**Exodus 14:11-14**

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

**Deuteronomy 3:22**

**Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you.**

**Deuteronomy 4:24**

**Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.**

**Deuteronomy 23:5**

**However, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.**

**Joshua 1:9**

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

**2 Chronicles 20:15, 17**

**This is what the Lord says to you: “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s...You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you...do not be afraid; do**

**not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.”**

**Psalm 3:4-5**

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

**Psalm 23:4-5**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**Psalm 27:1, 3**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? ... Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.**

**Psalm 34:4**

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.**

**Psalm 46:1**

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

**Psalm 91:4-6**

**He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.**

**Proverbs 1:33**

**But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.**

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

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

**Proverbs 3:24**

**When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.**

**Proverbs 3:25-26**

**Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.**

**Proverbs 29:25**

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

**Isaiah 41:10**

**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

**Isaiah 41:13**

**For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.**

**Isaiah 43:1-2**

**But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.**

**Isaiah 54:4**

**Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated.**

**Isaiah 54:14**

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

**Jeremiah 1:8**

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

**Jeremiah 29:11**

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

**Matthew 28:20**

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

**Mark 16:18**

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

**Luke 10:17-19**

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

**John 14:27**

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

**Romans 8:37-39**

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

**2 Thessalonians 3:3**

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

**2 Timothy 4:18**

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

**Hebrews 7:25**

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

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

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

**Hebrews 13:5-6**

**God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”**

**1 Peter 3:12-14**

**For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.**

**1 John 5:18**

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

**Revelation 2:11**

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

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## TONGUES

**Isaiah 28:11**

**With foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people.**

**Mark 16:17-18**

**And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.**

**Acts 2:1-4**

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

**Acts 10:44-46**

**While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.**

**Acts 19:5-6**

**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.**

**1 Corinthians 12:7-11**

**Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one just as he determines.**

**1 Corinthians 12:28-31**

**And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts.**

**1 Corinthians 14:2**

**For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.**

**1 Corinthians 14:4-5**

**He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.**

**1 Corinthians 14:13-15**

**For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays,**

**but my mind is unfruitful. Shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.**

**1 Corinthians 14:18-19**

**I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.**

**1 Corinthians 14:39**

**Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.**

**Ephesians 4:7-8**

**But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."**

**Ephesians 4:11-13**

**It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

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## GOD MADE SOME FOR MERCY AND SOME FOR DESTRUCTION

Today I was reading Proverbs 16:4 which says:

**The Lord has made everything for his own purposes, even the wicked for a day of disaster. (Proverbs 16:4)**

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

**Isaiah 43:1-13**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Isaiah 43:25**

**I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.**

**Romans 9:22**

**In the same way, even though God has the right to show his anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom his anger falls, who are destined for destruction.**

**Romans 11:33-36**

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



**Galatians 4:21-31**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

**And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!**

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

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

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

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

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

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

**2 Timothy 2:20-21**

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

**Romans 8:28-30**

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

**Romans 9:20-24**

**No, don't say that. Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, "Why have you made me like this?"**

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

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

**Romans 9:10-16**

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

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

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

**Romans 11:1-7**

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

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

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

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

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

**Romans 11:22**

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

**John 6:44-45**

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

**Acts 2:38-39**

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

**1 Thessalonians 1:4**

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

**2 Peter 1:10**

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

**Mark 13:20**

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

**1 Corinthians 1:26-28**

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

**Acts 13:48**

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

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## ELECTION

(From NIV Scofield Study Bible, selected topics, page 1717)

**Rom. 9:11**

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

**Romans 11:5**

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

**1 Thessalonians 1:4**

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

**2 Peter 1:10**

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

**Mark 13:20**

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

**Luke 18:7**

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

**Romans 8:29**

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

**1 Corinthians 1:27**

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

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## PREDESTINATION

(From NIV Scofield Study Bible, Selected topics, page 1727)

### **Ephesians 1:5**

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

### **Romans 8:29**

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

### **Romans chapters 9-11**

#### **Romans 9**

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

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

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

**14 What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! 15 For he says to Moses,**

**"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.**

**19 One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" 20 But who are you, O man, to talk back to God?**

"Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?' " 21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

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

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

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

### **Romans 10**

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

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

of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

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

#### **Romans 11**

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

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

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

13 I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry 14 in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. 15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but



life from the dead? 16 If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

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

22 Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. 23 And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24 After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

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

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

#### **Doxology**

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

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WHEAT AND WEEDS AND LOST SHEEP

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

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

**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 13:24-25)**

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

**Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? (Luke 14:3-4)**

In John 6:37:40 Jesus says:

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

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## EACH MAN'S WORK

### **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.



**Joshua 24:15**

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

**Matthew 5:16**

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

**Matthew 13:8**

Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has an ear, let him hear.

**Matthew 25:14-15**

It will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents or money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability.

**John 6:27**

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.

**John 9:4**

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

**Acts 9:36**

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha..., who was always doing good and helping the poor.

**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.

**Ephesians 4:11**

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of

**God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

**Philippians 2:13**

**It is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.**

**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.**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

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

**Hebrews 6:10**

**God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.**

**James 2:14, 17-18**

**What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? ...Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.**

**1 Peter 2:12**

**Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.**

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## OVERCOMING

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

*You have now “inherited the earth.” It is accomplished. Receiving the manifestation of what that means is a process which has now begun. You will see it come into being gradually as this process continues. It means that through*

*waiting on the Lord (resting) and trusting in Him, a process of “overcoming” has taken place - like spoken of in Revelation.*

I’m being led to write down here the fruits or consequences of overcoming as mentioned in Revelation:

#### EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE

**To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (Revelation 2:7)**

#### TREE OF LIFE

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

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

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

#### NOT BE HURT BY THE SECOND DEATH

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

#### HIDDEN MANNA, WHITE STONE WITH A NEW NAME

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

Manna = Jesus, the Bread of Life (John 6:49-51).

Hidden = only overcomers get to know.

*You will become like what you eat from, what you look at, what you behold. Eat from the manna of Jesus and become like Him. Eat from the tree of life and take on its characteristics: the 12 fruit it bears monthly and the healing in its leaves.*

*Jesus is Life, so eating from this tree gives you Him, His Life. The new name is what you will be - as He created you to be.*

#### AUTHORITY, MORNING STAR

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

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

#### DRESSED IN WHITE, NAME IN BOOK OF LIFE, ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE FATHER AND ANGELS

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

#### PILLAR, GOD'S NAME ON ME, NAME OF CITY ON ME, JESUS' NEW NAME ON ME

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

#### SIT WITH JESUS ON HIS THRONE

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

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## GATES

**Job 38:17**

**Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?**

**Psalm 24:7**

**Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

**Psalm 100:4-5**

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

**Psalm 122:2**

**Out feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.**

**Isaiah 26:2**

**Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith.**

**Matthew 7:13**

**Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.**

**Mark 13:26-29**

**And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.**

**From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.**

**Matthew 16:18**

**Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."**

**John 10:1-3**

**I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The**

**man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice.**

**John 10:7-9**

**I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

**Hebrews 13:12**

**And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.**

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The Lord wants 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](http://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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