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### *WHY I AM WRITING THIS BOOK*

For around 40 years the Lord has guided me to do topical studies on scriptures. When He wanted me to learn about some aspect of my Christian journey with Him, He would teach me through His Word. I put these studies into computer files and saved them so I could keep referring back to them as I was led. Now He wants me to share those scripture studies with you, so you can read them, meditate on them, and learn about life with Him through them.

You will also find here some quotes from books and my personal notes, plus things the Lord spoke to me at times about the topic of the scriptures.

May the Holy Spirit give you revelation as you read through these pages.

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NAMES OF GOD

Nature of God Name of God	Where to find?
Elohim – <i>the one supreme deity - God</i> ELOHIM	Gen 1:1 <i>In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.</i> <i>the strong One, the leading, the sovereign, the hero, the highest power, Master of the universe, of the life of all Nations, who has given a covenant to protect His creation.</i>
El-Olam - <i>the everlasting God</i>	Gen 21:33 <i>And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.</i>
El-Shaddai - <i>our all sufficient /almighty God</i> EL SHADDAI	Gen 17:1 <i>And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.</i> <i>The all sufficient God, the all comprising, the One, who fulfils and brings fruit about, but also the One who judges, purifies, corrects B in short: the Almighty, for Whom everything is possible!</i>
Jehovah Elohim - <i>the Lord God</i>	Gen 2:4 <i>These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,</i>
Jehovah Ori - <i>the Lord my light</i>	Ps 27:1 <i>A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?</i>
Jehovah El Achba - <i>God that hideth</i>	Ps 27:5 <i>For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.</i> Ps 32:7 <i>Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.</i>
El Oheenu - <i>the Lord our God</i>	Ps 99:5,8-9 <i>Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy. Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.</i> <i>Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his</i>

	<i>holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.</i>
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## *MY COLLECTION OF SCRIPTURES AND PROCLAMATIONS FROM THE LORD.*

I am to start a collection of scriptures and proclamations the Lord gives me to use, and print these out, and pray them regularly.

**Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. (Psalm 141:3)**

**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 19:14)**

**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? (Psalm 27:1)**

**But you, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head. (Psalm 3:3)**

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PLANTING THE WORD IN YOUR HEART AND MIND

The Word of God is like a seed you plant in your heart as you read it and speak it. As you water and feed that Word it grows in you and produces a harvest of righteousness - right thinking, and right attitudes. Read these scriptures OUT LOUD each morning after awakening, and each evening before going to sleep. Be sure to read them out loud because "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. (Romans 10:17)

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? (Psalm 27:1)

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation...This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:14,24)

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

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed (fixed) on Thee because he trusts in Thee. (Isaiah 26:3)

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

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

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

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. (Psalm 55:22)

He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. (Isaiah 50:4b)

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

The righteous will live by his faith. (Habakkuk 2:4b)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

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## *SCRIPTURES ON ABIDING IN HIS DWELLING*

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

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)

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:5)

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me. (Psalm 27:6a)

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues. (Psalm 31:20)

Remain (abide) in me, and I will remain (abide) in you. (John 15:4)

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

Surely goodness and love (mercy) will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)

I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

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

(Anna)...and then (she) was a widow...She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. (Luke 2:37)

How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. (Psalm 36:7-8)

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SCRIPTURES ON ASSURANCE AND SECURITY

The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. (Isaiah 32:17)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. (Psalm 23:1)

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

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

To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ. (Jude 1)

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## *SCRIPTURES ABOUT BEING STILL, STANDING, WAITING*

Exodus 3:5

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

Exodus 13:13-14

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.

2 Chron. 20:17

You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.

Psalms 24:3-6

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is

false. He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Psalm 27:14

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

Psalm 37:7

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Psalm 40:1-2

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, and out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 119:130

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

Psalm 130:5-6

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Prov. 1:33

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

Prov. 8:10

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Prov. 8:12, 14

I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence, I possess knowledge and discretion. Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power.

Prov. 8:34-35

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

Prov. 20:24

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

Isa. 7:9b

If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.



Isa. 30:18

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

Isa. 40:8b

The word of our God stands forever.

Isa. 54:17

“No weapon formed against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me,” declares the Lord.

Jer. 1:12

I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.

Lam. 3:24

I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”

Hab. 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...

Hab. 2:4

The righteous will live by his faith.

Hab. 2:20

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.

Zech 2:13

Be still before the Lord, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

Matt. 10:22

All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Luke 21:19

By standing firm you will gain life.

John 10:10

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

Acts 1:4

Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

Rom. 14:4

Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

1 Cor. 10:12-13

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

1 Cor. 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you.

1 Cor. 16:13

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.

2 Cor. 12:9

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

Gal. 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Eph. 6:13-14

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

2 Thess. 2:15

So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you.

James 5:7-8

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.

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SCRIPTURES ON BELIEVING

Mark 9:23-24 "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Luke 24:25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!"

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

John 2:21 (NLT) But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said.

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

John 4:41 And because of his words many more became believers.

John 6:69 We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

John 9:35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

John 11:40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

John 13:19 I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He.

John 16: 30 Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.

John 19:35 The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.

Acts 16: 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Acts 27:25 So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said.

Rom. 3:25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

Rom. 10:9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Rom. 10:14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Rom. 14:23 But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you are sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning.

Rom. 16:26 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.

1 Cor. 1:21 Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, He has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.

1 Cor 15:2 It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you--unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. (or unless you never believed it in the first place)

Eph 2:8 (NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

Eph 2:8 (NLT) God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

1 Thess. 4:14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

Heb. 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

1 John 5:10 Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

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## *SCRIPTURES ON BLESSINGS AND PROSPERITY*

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse. (Genesis 12:3)

So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide (Jehovah Jirah). And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." (Genesis 22:14)

I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me. (Genesis 22:17-18)

I will look after you, and multiply you, and fulfill my covenant with you. (Lev 26:9 TLB)

So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today -- to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul -- then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. (Deut. 11:13-15)

There (the place where God wants you to worship Him) in the presence of the Lord your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the Lord your God has blessed you....and you are to rejoice before the Lord your God in everything you put your hand to. Be careful not to neglect the Levites (who have no allotment or inheritance of their own) as long as you live in your land. (Deuteronomy 12:7, 18b, 19)

The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. (Deut 28:8)

The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. (Deut 28:12-13)

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

Those who honor me, I will honor. (1 Sam. 2:30)

But if you will look to God and plead with the Almighty, if you are pure and upright, even now he will rouse himself on your behalf and restore you to your rightful place. Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be. (Job 8:5-7)

Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you. Accept instruction from his mouth and lay up his words in your heart.....the Almighty will be your gold , the choicest silver for you. (Job 22:21, 22, 25)

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways. (Job 22:28 KJV)

What you decide on will be done, and light will shine on your ways. (Job 22:28 NIV)

The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. (Job. 42:12)

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. (Psalm 1:3)

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous. (Psalm 1:6)

From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people. (Psalm 3:8)

I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8)

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

Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. (Psalm 16:6)

I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. (Psalm 16:8)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (Psalm 23:1-3)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (Psalm 23:5 KJV)

Surely goodness and love shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)

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? (Psalm 27:1)

The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace. (Psalm 29:11)

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. (Psalm 34: 9-10)

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry. (Psalm 34:15)

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. (Psalm 37:3)

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37 4)

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.. (Psalm 37:5)

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. (Psalm 27:7)

If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. (Psalm 37:23)

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed. (Psalm 37:25-26)

I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me. He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; God sends his love and his faithfulness. (Psalm 57:2-3)

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

He that dwells in the shelter (secret place) of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." (Psalm 91:1-2)

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

If you make the Most High your dwelling--even the Lord, who is my refuge--then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (Psalm 91:9-11)

“Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and honor him.” (Psalm 91:14-15)

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:2-5)

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. (Psalm 111:5)

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. (Psalm 112:1,3,7)

The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. (Psalm 115:14)

I lift up my eyes to the hills--where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip--he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 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. (Psalm 121:1-8)

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

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. (Psalm 128:1-2)

I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor will I satisfy with food. (Psalm 132:15)

...but whoever listens to me (Wisdom) will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm. (Proverbs 1:33)

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. (Prov 2:1-8)



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. (Prov 3:5-6)

Long life is in her (Wisdom's) right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is the tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed. (Prov 3:16-18)

My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment...they will be life for you...When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. (Prov 3:24)

The Lord ... takes the upright into his confidence. (Prov 3:32)

His secret is with the righteous. (Prov 3:32 KJV)

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasures full. (Prov 8:17-21)

Blessings crown the head of the righteous (Prov 10:6)

The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it. (Prov 10:22)

What the righteous desire will be granted. (Prov 10:24)

He who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward. (Prov 11:18)

The righteousness of the blameless makes a straight way for them. (Prov. 11:5)

A good man obtains favor of the Lord. (Prov 12:2)

The light of the righteous shines brightly. Prosperity is the reward of the righteous. (Prov 13: 9, 21)

A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. (Prov 13:22)

The house of the righteous contains great treasure. (Prov 15:6a)

When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him. (Prov 16:7)

In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. (Prov. 16:9)

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. (Prov 18:12)

He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor. (Prov 21:21)

Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life. (Prov 22:4)

A faithful man shall abound with blessings. (Prov. 28:20)

To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. (Eccl. 2:26)

I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil--this is the gift of God. (Eccl. 3:12-13)

Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds. (Isaiah 3:10)

Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him--for this is his lot. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God. He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart. (Eccl. 5:18-19)

But the Lord Almighty will be exalted by his justice, and the holy God will show himself holy by his righteousness. Then sheep will graze as in their own pasture; lambs will feed among the ruins of the rich. (Isaiah 5:16-17)

I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. (Isaiah 42:16)

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1b-2)

They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord. (Isaiah 65:21-23)

I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten. (Joel 2:25)

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? (Matt 6:25-27)

So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. (Matt 6:31-32)

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matt 6:33)

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 6:38)

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. (John 12:26)

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

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

Consider Abraham: “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. (Galatians 3:6-9)

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:12-13)

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

God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. (1 Tim 6:17)

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. (3 John 2)

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. (Rev. 3:7-8)

I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars -- I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. (Rev. 3:8-9)

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

For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord gives rain on the land." She went away and did as Elijah had told her (THAT'S THE KEY!). So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, **in keeping with the word of the Lord** spoken by Elijah. (1 Kings 17:14-16 NIV)

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," (THAT'S THE KEY!) he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and **looking up to heaven, he gave thanks** and broke the loaves. **Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.** They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. (Matthew 14:15-21 NIV)

(Also Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14; Mark 8:1-9)

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SCRIPTURES ON BREAKING INTIMIDATION

And sections from John Bevere's book *Breaking Intimidation*

(8) Countless Christians battle intimidation, yet most wrestle with its effects rather than battling the source.

(9) (a prophecy God gave John regarding this book): Son, there are many called to my great end-time army of believers who are bound by intimidation. They have pure hearts

toward God and man; however, like Gideon of old, they are held captive by the fear of man (Judg. 6-8). The gifts I placed in them are dormant. I will anoint the message of this book to liberate multitudes of them. They will step out and fearlessly obey Me. They shall be valiant warriors and shall bring forth great victories in the strength of their God.

(12) Walk in your God-given authority, or someone will take it and use it against you.

(17) This is how intimidation will change your focus. The reason: The root of intimidation is fear, and fear causes people to focus on themselves. Perfect love casts out fear because love puts the focus on God and others and denies itself (1 John 4:18)

(22) Satan seeks to displace us in order to regain the authority Jesus stripped from him.

(23-27) First, it is important to understand there is a dwelling place or position in the spirit that we hold as believers in Jesus. With this position comes authority. This authority is what the enemy wants. If he can get us to yield our God-given authority, he will take it and use it against us. This not only affects us but also those entrusted to our care. There are several scriptures pertaining to our place of authority in the spirit...

(Psalm 91:1) He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

(Psalm 18:19) He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.

(Psalm 26:12) My foot stands in an even place; in the congregations I will bless the Lord.

(Matt. 28:18-20) Before He returned to His Father, Jesus declared, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

(Eph. 1:19-20) Paul prayed we would know "what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe...which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*."

(Eph. 2:2, 6) and you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins...and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus.

(27) These *places* are where His redeemed children are to dwell. Now the question, Where are these dwelling places, and what position do they hold? The answer is found in Ephesians 1:21: **far *above* all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."**

A redeemed man hidden in Christ is now given a position in the spirit above the devil. Jesus boldly declared, **"Behold, I give you the authority...over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."** (Luke 10:19)

Jesus understood the authority He was entrusting to believers. Our rebirth rights have positioned us in those heavenly places far above the enemy's authority and power.

(28) Just as he did with Adam in the Garden of Eden, Satan now seeks to displace us in the spirit in order to regain the authority Jesus stripped from him. If Satan can steal or cause individuals to lay down their position of authority, then he once again has authority to operate. Paul says so clearly, **"Do not give place to the devil"** (Eph. 4:27) We believers must not forfeit our place in the spirit.

(31) The first step to breaking intimidation is to confront the matters in your own heart.

(32) Revelation is of no value without the wisdom and character to live it out.

(33) When the Holy Spirit led me through the scriptures about confronting intimidation, He showed me two extremes that will throw a believer's life out of balance; the first extreme is pursuing power; the second is false humility.

(34) As Christians, character should be our first priority and pursuit. What our Father looks for is not power, but character...1 Cor 14:1 instructs us to **"pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts."** However, we have perverted that command. We *pursue* the gifts and the anointing and just *wish* for the fruit of love in our lives. God is love, and until we walk in love we will not attain His nature.

(36) The Lord said to John: "The goal of the high call of Christianity is not the power of God or ministry; it is to know Me." (see Phil. 3:10-15)

(37) Paul measured Timothy's virtues by the purity of his heart and the faithfulness of his service. We must also set this standard before us and allow the Holy Spirit to accurately weigh us. This extremely important prerequisite cannot be overemphasized as we go into battle with the spirit of intimidation. Without this undergirding, the truth in this message will not set you free and could possibly do you more damage than good. For it is not the words themselves that carry the power to liberate, but it is the spirit and substance behind them.

(43) God gives a place, or position, in the spirit to each believer. Paul explained that God has **"raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"** (Eph. 2:6) Its location is **"far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body"** (Eph. 1:21-23).

(45) 1 Peter 4:10: **As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

(46) Eph. 4:7: **"But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

1 Cor 7:7: **"For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that."**

(48) The point is, we are not here to take a vacation. Our lives are not even our own, for even they were purchased and given back to us for stewardship. We're sojourners, not permanent residents. Too many people act as if this life were their final destination!

(49) God's gifts are not for our excess. God will test us with His goodness. We are to use the ability of God in our life to serve those who are weak, young, or unable that the body might be whole.

(50) **1 Pet. 4:11: If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies."**

(51) Paul explains, **"No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor."** (1 Cor. 12:22-23) This elevates the importance of the unnoticed. God made the unseen even more crucial than the seen. You can live without a voice but not without a liver or heart. Without these there would be no walking or talking.

(52) What an amazing fact. Men serving widows cause the word of God to spread and the disciples to greatly multiply!

(53) It is the joint operation of these gifts the enemy wants to stop. When successful he can severely hinder our growth! He knows he cannot stop God from giving these gifts, so he is after our freedom to exercise them. Intimidation is the primary way he hinders this.

(204) Prayer: Father, in the name of Jesus I ask You to strengthen me through Your love and wisdom. Forgive me for drawing back in times of difficulty in order to preserve my own comfort and security. Lord Jesus, this day I choose to deny myself, take up my cross and follow You. I am Your servant; I receive Your grace that empowers so I might speak Your word and perform Your will with all boldness and love.

Now address the spirit of fear and control: I break the words of intimidation and control spoken over my life by myself or others. I break the grip of the fear of man off my life. You unclean spirits of darkness, I submit myself to God and I resist you. I will give you no place in my life, so go in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Jude 24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior,

Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

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## *ETERNAL JUDGMENTS*

(from book *Driven By Eternity* by John Bevere, p. 8-9)

Many today are not building their lives on the eternal--God's Word--but rather cultural thinking, tradition, assumptions, and emotional feelings about who God is. This doesn't just apply to people who are not Christians, but to many believers as well. It's a scary thing to believe something temporal as being the eternal truth. If this is done, your foundation is faulty and setting you up for a sure fall. You'll believe a lie and are in a deceived state.

I am amazed at how many people I meet who base their lives on what's not eternal. Some will tell me of God and their belief in His Son, but whom they declare just isn't the One revealed in His Word. The deception runs deep. How can they believe what they have simply imagined within their own minds, shaped by a society that has already been declared contrary to God's nature? Jesus said:

He who...does not receive My words, has that which judges him--*the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day*. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. (John 12:48-49 Emphasis mine)

There is a Judgment Day, which has been appointed from the foundation of the world (Acts 17:31). That day will not bring new revelations of truth; rather, it will measure all things by what has already been spoken. His Word, which we currently possess, will judge us in that last day. It is eternal. It is final. There are no exceptions, alterations, or revisions. Wouldn't it benefit us to know and live by what He says, rather than assume what He said?

The judgments made in that day are called *eternal* (Heb. 6:2). In other words, the decisions made that day, which will be based on how we lined our lives up with His eternal Word, will determine how we spend the rest of eternity! There will never be any changes to those decisions, for they are called *eternal judgments*.

So many, both believers and nonbelievers, are ignorantly allowing the appointed judgment to hasten toward them without cause for investigation. They've taken a false hope in concepts that are not found in the Bible. Some think God will take into account all the good they've done and if it outweighs the bad, they will find favor. Others who profess a new birth experience have thought that they will not stand before Jesus as Judge because He is their Savior. They believe they are exempt from any form of judgment. They will be most surprised. There are some who think everything will just pan out. They are trusting in an unscriptural mercy.

None of these concepts are what the New Testament reveals and teaches. These notions and many others that people have devised in their own imaginations are temporal,



not eternal, and will not stand in that day. There will be stunned men and women, and I personally think there will be more professing Christians than unbelievers who are shocked on Judgment Day.

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SCRIPTURES FOR COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. (2 Chronicles 15:7)

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

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

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

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. (Psalm 50:15)

For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. (Prov 2:6)

He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. (Prov 2:7-8)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight. (Prov 3:5-6)

The light of the righteous shines brightly. (Prov 3:9)

A heart at peace gives life to the body. (Prov 14:30)

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (Prov 15:1)

When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God. (Eccl. 5:19)

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

The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. (Isaiah 32:17)

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. (Isa 40:29)

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isa 40:31)

“No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me,” declares the Lord. (Isa 54:17)

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

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

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

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

For he himself is our peace. (Eph 2:14)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6-7)

We are praying, too, that you will be filled with his mighty, glorious strength so that you can keep going no matter what happens - always full of the joy of the Lord. (Col 1:11 TLB)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. (Colossians 3:15)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:6-7)

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

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody. (1Thess. 4:11-12)

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. (2 Thess 3:16)

Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others. (1 Tim 4:16)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)

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. (James 5:7-8)
Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:23)

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

They overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony. (Rev 12:11)

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## *SCRIPTURES ON BEING CONTENT/CONTENTMENT*

**I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:11-13)**

**Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. (1 Timothy 6:6-8)**

**Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)**

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DEATH AND THINGS THAT LEAD TO DEATH

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

This fits with what the Lord has shown me lately about things that bring life and things that bring death. This is under the "death" list.

Romans 8:5-6

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

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## *SCRIPTURES ON "DON'T BE AFRAID"*

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. (Gen 26:24)

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. (Exodus 14:11-14)

Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning. (Exodus 20:20)

See, the Lord your God has given you the land. Go up and take possession of it as the Lord, the God of your fathers, told you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deuteronomy 1:21)

Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you. (Deuteronomy 3:22)

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. (Deut 4:24)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

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.” (2 Chronicles 20:15, 17)

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 23:4-5)

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 27:1, 3)

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. (Ps 34:4)

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

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. (Ps 56:3)

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. (Psalm 91:4-6)

But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm. (Proverbs 1:33)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight (or he will direct your paths). (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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

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 3:25-26)

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 41:10)

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 41:13)

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 43:1-2)

Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. (Isaiah 54:4)

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you. (Jeremiah 1:8)

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. (Matthew 10:28)

And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:31)

And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. (Mt 28:20)

Don't be afraid; just believe. (Mk 5:36)

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

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

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

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?" (Hebrews 13:5-6)

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened. (1 Peter 3:14)

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SCRIPTURES ON FAITH

2 Chronicles 20:20 As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.”

Habakkuk 2:4 The righteous will live by his faith.

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 17:20 He replied, “Because you have so little faith. 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.”

Mark 11:22-24 “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 17:5-6 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” He replies, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.”

Romans 1:17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Romans 3:21-22 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Romans 4:5 To a man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

Romans 10:17 Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain (NLT – three things will last forever): faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.

2 Corinthians 5:7 We live by faith and not by sight.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 3:11 Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, “The righteous will live by faith.”

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

Ephesians 6:16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Colossians 1:23 ---if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Hebrews 11:1 NIV Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1 NLT Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please God; because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

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

1 John 5:4-5 For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

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## *SCRIPTURES ON SALVATION OF FAMILY*

I will pour out my Spirit on all people. (Joel 2:28)

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household. (Acts 16:31)

But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 14:15)

He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge. (Proverbs 14:26)

All your sons will be taught by Lord, and great will be your children's peace. (Isaiah 54:13)

Repent and be baptized...and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children...for all whom the Lord our God will call. (Acts 2:38-39)

For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace. (1 Corinthians 7:14-15)

I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. (Isaiah 44:3)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:34-36)

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SCRIPTURES ABOUT FEAR AND GOD'S PROTECTION

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. (Gen 26:24)

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. (Exodus 14:11-14)

Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning. (Exodus 20:20)

Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you. (Deuteronomy 3:22)

O Sovereign Lord, you have begun to show to your servant your greatness and your strong hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works you do? (Deuteronomy 3:24)

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. (Deut 4:24)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

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." (2 Chronicles 20:15, 17)

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 3:4-5)

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 23:4-5)

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 27:1, 3)

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. (Ps 34:4)

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

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. (Ps 56:3)

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. (Psalm 91:4-6)

But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm. (Proverbs 1:33)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight (or he will direct your paths). (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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

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 3:25-26)

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. (Proverbs 29:25)

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 41:10)

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 41:13)

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 43:1-2)

I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mortal men, the sons of men, who are but grass. (Isaiah 51:12)

Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. (Isaiah 54:4)

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. (Isaiah 54:14)

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you. (Jer 1:8)

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. (Matthew 10:28)

And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. (Mt 28:20)

Don't be afraid; just believe. (Mk 5:36)

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. (Luke 10:19)

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

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

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." (Romans 8:15)

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. (Romans 8:37-39)

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

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

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

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 12:1-2)

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?" (Hebrews 13:5-6)

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 Peter 3:12-14)

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## *SCRIPTURES ON FEAR NOT*

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And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. (Mt 28:20)

Don't be afraid; just believe. (Mk 5:36)

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. (Heb 13:6)

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? (Psalm 27:1)

No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Joshua 1:5)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

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

You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:7-8)

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. (Proverbs 4:23)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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SCRIPTURES ON THE FEAR OF THE LORD

(From *The Fear of the Lord* by John Bevere, pg xvi)

The fear of the Lord is not grasped by the mind but etched in our hearts. It is revealed by the Holy Spirit as we read His Word. It is one of the manifestations of the Spirit of God (Isa. 11:1-2) God will impart it to the hearts of those who earnestly seek Him. (Jer. 29:11-14; 32-40)

(From *The Fear of the Lord* by John Bevere, chapter beginnings)

1. Do you think the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is going to come into a place where He is not given due honor and reverence?
2. There are people who are quick to acknowledge Jesus as Savior, Healer, and Deliverer...yet they reduce His glory to the level of corruptible men by their actions and heart attitudes.

3. The more extensive our comprehension of God's greatness...the greater our capacity for fear or reverence of Him.
4. Before God's glory comes, there first must be divine order
5. We cannot expect to be admitted into His presence with an attitude of disrespect.
6. Jesus makes it clear that to follow Him, we must first count the cost...the price is nothing short of our lives.
7. If you desire the praise of man, you will fear man. If you fear man, you will serve him--for you will serve what you fear.
8. The greater God's revealed glory, the greater and swifter the judgment of irreverence!
9. Where we have been and where we are is not where we are headed! We must raise our eyes to the horizon and look for His coming glory!
10. Prepare the way of the Lord by making His people ready for His glory!
11. A person who fears God trembles at His Word and in His presence.
12. The fear of the Lord will keep us from compromising God's truth for the pursuit of personal gain.
13. To fear God is to believe God. To believe God is to obey Him.
14. Holy fear gives God the place of glory, honor, reverence, thanksgiving, praise, and preeminence He deserves.

What does it mean to tremble at His Word? It can be summed up in one statement: to willingly obey God even when it appears more advantageous to compromise or not obey His Word. (p 141)

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Proverbs 2:1-5

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

Ecclesiastes 12:13 NLT

Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commandments, for this everyone's duty.

Proverbs 23:17

Be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day.

Psalms 25:14

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

Psalms 25:14 NLT

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

Psalm 111:10

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

2 Corinthians 7:1

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

Psalm 55:19

Because they do not change, therefore they do not fear God. (do not change when they hear God's Word)

Philippians 2:12-14

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining and disputing.

Deut. 5:29

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

Exodus 20:20

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

Hebrews 2:1

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

Hosea 6:1-2

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

Romans 11:22

Consider the goodness and severity of God.

Hebrews 12:28

Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Eccles. 8:11-13 NLT

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



2 Cor. 5:10 NLT

For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in our bodies.

1 Peter 1:15-17

He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear.

Philippians 2:12

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Psalms 19:9

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever.

Proverbs 16:6

By the fear of the Lord one departs from evil.

Leviticus 10:3

By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified.

Psalms 34:9

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

Psalms 89:6-7

For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord? God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

2 Samuel 23:3

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

Isaiah 33:5-6 NIV

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

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SCRIPTURES ON WHAT THE FEAR OF THE LORD DOES

Positions our hearts to receive answers:

Hebrews 5:7

Who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear.

Assures that God's great goodness abounds:

Psalm 31:19

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

Promises angelic protection:

Psalm 34:7

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

Secures God's attention:

Psalm 33:18

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

Supplies His provision:

Psalm 34:9

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

Contains great mercy:

Psalm 103:11

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

Provides assurance of food:

Psalm 111:5

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

Promises protection:

Psalm 115:11

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

Fulfills our desires and delivers us from harm:

Psalm 134:19

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

Provides wisdom and understanding:

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Is our confidence and refuge:

Proverbs 14:26

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

Is life and protection in the face of death:

Proverbs 14:27

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

Provides peace of mind:

Proverbs 15:16

Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure with trouble.

Results in life, satisfaction and not being visited with evil:

Proverbs 19:23

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

Leads to riches, honor, and life:

Proverbs 22:4

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.

Will keep us on the path:

Jeremiah 32:40

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

Provides households:

Exodus 1:21

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

Provides clarity and direction:

Psalms 25:12

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

Results in enjoyment of our labor, and full, rewarding lives:

Psalms 128:1-4 NLT

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

Produces successful leadership:

Exodus 18:21

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

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## *SCRIPTURES ON FINANCES AND PROSPERITY*

(Gen 21:19)

God provides water for Hagar

(Exodus 16)

God provides manna, meat, and water in desert for Israelites - also keeps clothes and shoes from going bad

(1 Kings 17:6)

Food brought to Elijah in ravine

(1 Kings 17:7ff)

Widow's oil and flour do not run dry as she feeds Elijah

(2 Kings 4)

Elisha tells widow to pour oil into many vessels, sell oil.

(John 2:1ff)

Jesus turns water into wine

(John 6:1ff)

Jesus feeds the 5000

(Matthew 17:24-27)

Jesus tells Peter to catch a fish and use the coin in its mouth to pay taxes.

(Deuteronomy 15:1-3)

At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts...he shall not require payment from his...brother, because the Lord's time for canceling debts has been proclaimed...you must cancel any debt your brother owes you.

(Deut. 28:1-14)

If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:

- You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

- The fruit of your womb will be blessed.
- The crops of your land and the young of your livestock.
- Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.
- You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.
- The enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you.
- The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to.
- The Lord will bless you in the land he is giving you.
- The Lord will establish you as his holy people.
- The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity.
- The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.
- You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.
- The Lord will make you the head, not the tail.
- You will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

(1 Chron 29:12)

Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things.

(1 Chron 29:14)

Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.

(1 Chron 29:16)

It (abundance) comes from Your hand; and all of it belongs to You.

(Eccl. 5:10)

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income.

(Isaiah 5:2)

Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

(Isaiah 61:6)

And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

(Haggai 2:8)

“The silver is mine and the gold is mine” declares the Lord Almighty.

(Malachi 3:8-12)

“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’” “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their

fruit,” says the Lord Almighty. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” say the Lord Almighty.

(Matthew 6:1-4)

Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

(Matthew 6:9-11)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

(Matthew 6:19-21; 24-33)

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

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money (mammon).

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or eat or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

(Romans 13:8)

Let no debt remain outstanding.

(1 Cor. 2:16)

But we have the mind of Christ

(2 Cor. 8:7)

See that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Cor. 9:6-8)

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

(2 Cor 9:10-11)

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

(Philippians 4:19)

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

(James 1:5)

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

(1 John 5:14-15)

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

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SCRIPTURES ON FIRE OF GOD

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

That makes you think of the last scene in your series of visions in 1985, doesn't it? That last scene is starting to happen now. It is increasing and going faster every day, and touching millions of people. It will accelerate much faster. You will see it. Much will be happening in that I have been getting you and Beth in place for. You will be part of it - the "much happening". It will surely involve your church in a profound way, and you both will be part of that, as well as one-on-one with others and also personally for each of you.

You see in your mind that “ball of fire” moving up and around, touching people here and there. If you think of that sanctuary in which you see it moving as ‘the world’ then you can see that ball of fire going around ‘the world’ and touching people and groups all over the world. That’s what the sanctuary represents - it represents where I am working around the world, in My sanctuary, the place where I am dwelling and working.

My Holy Spirit ball of fire is using and taking My people all around the world to people groups and setting them on fire for Me.

My fire is burning!

Look up all the Scriptures that fit this scenario and write them here:

“Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord...?” (Jeremiah 23:29)

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. (Acts 2:3)

...for our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:29)

I have come to bring fire on the earth... (Luke 12:49)

I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north--an immense cloud with flashing lighting and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. (Ezekiel 1:4-5)

And high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. (Ezekiel 1:27)

As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. (Daniel 7:9-10)

This is now, My daughter. I am on My throne with the books open and judging the ten thousand times ten thousand (meaning all peoples) who are ‘before Me’ - as My eyes run to and fro throughout the earth. The court with Me is also seated meaning they are also ready and waiting to judge with Me and watch Me judge the earth. The books are now open for the judgment. That judgment is like a fire coming out from before Me to the earth.

There is very little ‘time’ left for people to change positions from where they are right now.

In that day -- The Lord will.....cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire. (or the Spirit of fire) (Isaiah 4:4)

He makes....his servants flames of fire. (Hebrews 1:7)

My fire is burning. It is making judgment throughout the earth. You (people) will either be consumed by fiery passion for Me or fiery passion for the enemy. Soon there will be no "in between." People must choose. They chose Me or they reject Me (which means they choose to live on earth without Me). If they choose to live without Me, then they will be deceived by the enemy and will think they are right, but they will be dead wrong!

Come, My children, come to Me and be saved! I want you for Mine, but I allow you freedom to choose to live without Me. It is a sad choice to do so, a sad choice. It means you will die. There will be no 'life' in you for I am Life. If you have no Life, then you die.

I want My own to come to Me, My daughter, and I want you to pray for that as often as I bring it to your mind. They have mostly come already, but there are a few more.

I didn't know it was that close, Lord.

It is. There is not much time left.

Come to Me, My children. I love you and I want you to be Mine. When I close the opportunity to choose Me, I want you to be with Me. And the opportunity will close soon. Then I will take My own to heaven to be with Me, and you (if you don't choose Me) will be left on earth to face the judgment. Some of you will choose Me then, and I will love you for that, but you will have to 'go through' the judgment just the same.

It is so much better if you choose Me now, before the Rapture...so much better! Come, My children and choose Me while there is still time.

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## SCRIPTURES ON GIVING, NEEDY, POOR, WIDOWS, ORPHANS

(Romans 12:13)

Share with God's people who are in need.

(Acts 2:45)

Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

(Eph 4:28)

...but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

(1 Tim 5:3,5)

Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need...The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and ask God for help.

(James 1:27)

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

(1 John 3:17)

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

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SCRIPTURES REGARDING GOSSIP/SLANDER:

Do not go about spreading slander among your people. (Lev 19:16)

Remind the people...to slander no one. (Titus 3:1-2)

When we are slandered, we answer kindly. (1 Cor. 4:13)

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. (Rom 2:1)

Teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers... (Titus 2:3)

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## *SCRIPTURES ON 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 31:28)

"Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," 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.

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HEALING SCRIPTURES AND QUOTES

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all our sins and **heals all our diseases**. (Ps 103:2-3)

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and **healing every disease and sickness among the people**. (Matt 4:23)

So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel **and healing people everywhere**. (Luke 9:6)

He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and **healed those who needed healing.** (Luke 9:11)

“But I will **restore you to health and heal your wounds,**” declares the Lord... (Jer. 30:17)

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 3:16)

“The faith was obviously not in the man. It was in the hearts of Peter and John...This was a Spirit-born faith that God gave to Peter.” (THE MEAL THAT HEALS, by Perry Stone #4, p 80) or (*Fresh Power*, Jim Cymbala, p 80)

The Lord will sustain him on his sickbed and **restore him from his bed of illness.** (Ps 41:3)

Surely he took up our infirmities....**and by his wounds we are healed.** (Isa 53:4-5)

“Take heart, daughter,” he said, “**your faith has healed you.**” (Matt 9:22)

He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, **saw that he had faith to be healed,** and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. (Acts 14:9)

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. (James 5:16)

...by his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

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. (Mal 4:2)

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.**” (Exod 15:26)

(John G Lake said) “It is always God’s will to heal...Healing is part of salvation.”

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:

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and by his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

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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## SCRIPTURES ON HOLY SPIRIT

Studying the Holy Spirit:

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| Matt 3:11  | Jesus will baptize us with Holy Spirit and fire                                                                                    |
| Matt 3:16  | Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove                                                                                         |
| Matt 4:1   | Jesus led by Spirit into desert                                                                                                    |
| Matt 10:20 | You will be given what to say by Spirit of your Father, He speaks through you                                                      |
| Matt 12:18 | Father put His Spirit on Jesus                                                                                                     |
| Matt 12:28 | Jesus drove out demons by the Spirit                                                                                               |
| Matt 12:31 | Blasphemy against Spirit will not be forgiven                                                                                      |
| Matt 12:32 | Anyone who speaks against Holy Spirit will not be forgiven                                                                         |
| Matt 22:43 | David spoke by the Spirit                                                                                                          |
| Matt 28:19 | Baptize in name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit                                                                                    |
| Luke 1:15  | John Baptist filled with Holy Spirit even from birth                                                                               |
| Luke 1:35  | Holy Spirit came on Mary                                                                                                           |
| Luke 1:41  | Elizabeth was filled with Holy Spirit and spoke                                                                                    |
| Luke 1:67  | Zechariah was filled with Holy Spirit and spoke                                                                                    |
| Luke 11:13 | Father will give Holy Spirit to those who ask him                                                                                  |
| John 3:5   | No one can enter kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit                                                          |
| John 3:6   | The Spirit gives birth to spirit                                                                                                   |
| John 3:34  | God gives the Spirit without limit to Jesus                                                                                        |
| John 4:14  | Spring of water welling up to eternal life (the indwelling Spirit)                                                                 |
| John 7:39  | Spirit not given until Jesus glorified                                                                                             |
| John 14:16 | Counselor to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth                                                                              |
| John 14:26 | Father will send Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. He will teach you all things.<br>He will remind you of everything Jesus said to them. |
| John 15:26 | Holy Spirit will testify about Jesus                                                                                               |

John 16:7 Unless Jesus goes away, Holy Spirit will not come to them. If Jesus goes,  
He will send Holy Spirit to them  
John 16:8 Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth. He will speak only what He hears  
and will tell you what is yet to come  
John 16:14 Holy Spirit will bring glory to Jesus  
Acts 1:8 Holy Spirit is the power of service  
Acts 2:2 Wind  
Acts 2:3 Tongues of fire  
Acts 2:4 Filled with Holy Spirit, spoke in other tongues  
Acts 8:17 Sometimes Holy Spirit imparted by laying on hands  
Acts 16:6-7 Holy Spirit guides members in their service  
Eph 1:13 Holy Spirit seals us for God  
Eph 4:30 Holy Spirit seals us for God  
1 Cor 12:7-11 Holy Spirit imparts gifts for service

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“...but wait for the gift my Father promised...you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 1:4-5)

“...I will pour out my Spirit on all people...” (Joel 2:28)

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#### Studying the 7 Spirits of God:

Isa 11:2 Spirit of the Lord, wisdom, understanding, counsel, power, knowledge, fear of the Lord

Eph 1:17-18 Spirit of wisdom and revelation

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Genesis 1:2

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

2 Kings 2:9

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

Psalms 139:7

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

Joel 2:28

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

Zechariah 4:6

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty.

Romans 8:5-6

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

Romans 8:9

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

Romans 8:11

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

Romans 8:13

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

Romans 8:26-27

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

1 Cor. 2:9-10

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

1 Cor. 2:12

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

1 Cor. 2:14

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

1 Cor 6:19

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

2 Cor. 3:6

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

2 Cor. 3:17

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

2 Cor. 5:5

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

Gal. 5:22

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

Eph. 1:13-14

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

Eph. 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.

Eph. 4:30

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

Eph. 5:18

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Eph. 6:17

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

1 Thess. 5:19

Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt.

2 Thess. 2:13

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

Hebrews 4:12

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

2 Peter 1:21

For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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SCRIPTURES ON HOPE

Psalms 42:5

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.

Psalms 62:5-6

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.

Psalms 119:74

May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word.

Psalms 147:11

The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Isaiah 40:31

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

Romans 5:4-5

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

Romans 8:24

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

Romans 12:12

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

Romans 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

1 Corinthians 13:7

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

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Colossians 1:27

To them [the Saints] God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

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

1 Timothy 6:17

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Hebrews 6:19

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf.

1 John 3:2-3

We know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

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### *SCRIPTURES ON HUMILITY*

**God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (1 Peter 5:5-6)**

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

**He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. (Psalm 25:9)**

**He...gives grace to the humble. (Proverbs 3:34)**

**This is the one I esteem; he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word. (Isaiah 66:2b)**

**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)**

**Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Eph. 4:2)**

**The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matthew 23:11-12)**

**Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 18:4)**

**With humility comes wisdom. (Proverbs 11:2b)**

**Show true humility toward all men. (Titus 3:2)**

**In humility consider others better than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)**

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SCRIPTURES ON JESUS BEING IN ME

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matthew 28:20)

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

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 3:5-6)

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. (Psalm 103:2-3)

“But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,” declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 30:17)

I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. (Jeremiah 33:6)

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. (Malachi 4:2)

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## *SCRIPTURES ON JESUS' AUTHORITY*

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows...But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5)

For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 AMP)

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. (Matthew 26:64-28:20)

...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. (Acts 10:38)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

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

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

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 4:23-24)

The words that I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. (John 14:10b)

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:8)

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SCRIPTURES ON WHAT HE GAVE HIS DISCIPLES AUTHORITY TO DO

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. (Matthew 28:18–20)

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you. (John 15:7)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 29:11-14)

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. (Matthew 10:1)

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

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. (John 14:1)

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (John 14:12–14)

I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. (John 17:13–19)

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:20–21)

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

Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven. (John 18:36–20:23)

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## JOY

*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 (Deuteronomy 16:15)*

*Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. (1 Chronicles 16:27)*

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

*You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. (Psalm 4:7)*

*Surely you have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence (Psalm 21:6)*

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

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (Psalm 51:12)*

*Shout with joy to God, all the earth! (Psalm 66:1)*

*The prospect of the righteous is joy. (Proverbs 10:28)*

*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. (Isaiah 35:8-10)*

*I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete (John 15:11)*

*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)*



*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. (Hebrews 12:2)*

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)*

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs (Psalm 100:1-2)*

*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. (Habakkuk 3:18-19)*

*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16)*

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JUSTICE

Ex. 23:6 Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits.

Job 37:23 In his justice and great righteousness, he does not oppress.

Ps. 9:8 He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.

Ps. 9:16 The Lord is known by his justice.

Ps. 11:7 For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice.

Ps. 45:6 A scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Ps. 101:1 I will sing of your love and justice.

Ps. 106:3 Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.

Pr. 21:15 When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous.

Pr. 28:5 Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully.

Pr. 29:4 By justice a king gives a country stability.

Pr. 29:26 It is from the Lord that man gets justice.

Isa. 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.

Isa. 28:17 I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line.

Isa. 30:18 For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Isa. 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.

Isa. 42:3b-4 In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on the earth.

Isa. 56:1 Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

Isa. 61:8 For I, the Lord, love justice.

Jer. 30:11b I will discipline you but only with justice.

Eze. 34:16 I will shepherd the flock with justice.

Am. 5:15 Maintain justice in the courts.

Am. 5:24 But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Zec. 7:9 Administer true justice, show mercy and compassion to one another.

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.

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## *SCRIPTURES ON LIFE*

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Deut. 30:19-20)

You have made known to me the path of life. (Psalm 16:11)

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

For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life... (Proverbs 6:23)

Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:34-35)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. (Proverbs 11:30)

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

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. (John 1:4)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:15)

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)

Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (John 4:14)

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life...For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. (John 5:24, 26)

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. (John 6:47-48)

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (John 6:68)

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10b)

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:28)

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” (John 11:25)

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:30-31)

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. (Acts 13:48)

Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. (Romans 6:13)

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:22- 23)

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (2 Corinthians 3:6)

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life. (Philippians 2:16)

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (2 Peter 1:3)

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world. (Revelation 13:8)

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it...And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. (Revelation 20:11-12)

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 21:27)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. (Revelation 22:1-2)

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SCRIPTURES ON LIGHT

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

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

2 Samuel 22:29

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

Job 38:19

What is the way to the abode of light? And where does darkness reside?

Psalms 4:6

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

Psalms 19:8

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

Psalms 27:1

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

Psalms 56:13

For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Psalms 76:4

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

Psalms 104:2

He wraps himself in light as with a garment

Psalms 119:130

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

Psalms 139:12

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

Isaiah 2:5

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

Isaiah 9:2

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

Isaiah 42:6-7

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

Isaiah 45:7

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

Isaiah 49:6

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

Matthew 4:16

The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 5:14-16

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

Luke 2:32

[Simeon] For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 11:33-36

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

John 1:4

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

John 1:9

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

John 3:19-21

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come

into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

John 8:12

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

John 9:4-5

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

John 12:35-36 NLT

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

2 Corinthians 4:6

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

2 Corinthians 6:14

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

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

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

Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)

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

Ephesians 1:18 (NLT)

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

Ephesians 5:8 (NIV)

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

Ephesians 5:8-9 (NLT)

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

1 Thessalonians 5:5

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

1 Timothy 6:16

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

1 Peter 2:9

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

1 John 1:5

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

1 John 1:7

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

1 John 2:8

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

1 John 2:9

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

Rev. 21:23

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

CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

(Luke 2:29-32) Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant [Simeon] in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have

prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

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

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

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

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

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

GOD IS LIGHT

Lord, am I walking in the light?

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

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

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

CHILDREN OF LIGHT, DISCIPLES OF LIGHT

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

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

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

LIGHT CREATED BY GOD

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

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

LIGHT AS A TYPE OF GOD'S FAVOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

GOD'S WORD PRODUCES LIGHT

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

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

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

INSTANCES OF MIRACULOUS LIGHT

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

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

Yes, Lord.

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

(Matthew 17:2) There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

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

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## *SCRIPTURES ON LOVE*

(Deuteronomy 6:5)

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

(Deuteronomy 10:12)

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

(Deuteronomy 11:1)

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

(Joshua 22:5)

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

(Nehemiah 1:5)

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

(Psalm 31:25)

Love the Lord, all his saints!

(Psalm 145:20)

The Lord watches over all who love him.

(Song of Songs 2:4)

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

(Daniel 9:4)

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

(Matthew 10:37-38)

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

(Matthew 22:37-40)

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

(John 13:34-35)

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

(John 15:12-13)

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

(Romans 12:9-10)

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

(1 Corinthians 2:9)

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

(1 Corinthians 8:3)

But the man who loves God is known by God.

(Ephesians 5:2)

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

(1 John 4:7-10)

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

(Revelation 1:5)

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

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GOD'S WORD TO DECLARE ABOUT MY MINISTRY

(See Prayer Strategy Resource Book by Ruth Shinness)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I am not fearing because the Lord has called me by name and I belong to Him. When I go through difficult times, He is with me and saves me because He is my Savior. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned (called) you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1-3b)

I am a witness that the Lord is God, and His servant whom He has chosen, so that I may know and believe and understand that He is Lord. You are my witnesses, declares the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed--I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses, declares the Lord, that I am God. (Isaiah 43:10-12)

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

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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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SCRIPTURES ON NOTHING WILL HARM YOU

“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.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

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. Luke 10:17-19)

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. (Deuteronomy 23:5)

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. (Psalm 121:5-7)

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. (1 John 5:18)

They will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all. (Mark 16:18) (applies to drugs, RX, dizziness, witchcraft and pharmacaia)

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. (Revelation 2:11)

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. (2 Timothy 4:18) sozo (p. 207 D. Prince)

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. (Gen 26:24)

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. (Exodus 14:11-14)

Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you. (Deuteronomy 3:22)

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. (Deut 4:24)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

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." (2 Chronicles 20:15, 17)

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 3:4-5)

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 23:4-5)

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 27:1, 3)

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. (Ps 34:4)

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

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. (Psalm 91:4-6)

But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm. (Proverbs 1:33)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight (or he will direct your paths). (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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

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 3:25-26)

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. (Proverbs 29:25)

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 41:10)

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 41:13)

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 43:1-2)

Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. (Isaiah 54:4)

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. (Isaiah 54:14)

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you. (Jer 1:8)

And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. (Mt 28:20)

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

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. (Romans 8:37-39)

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

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 12:1-2)

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?" (Hebrews 13:5-6)

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 Peter 3:12-14)

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## *SCRIPTURES ON OBJECTS OF WRATH AND OBJECTS OF GLORY*

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.**

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 33

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 Thess. 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 Cor. 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.

### SELECTED TOPIC ON ELECTION

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.

Rom. 11:5

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

1 Thess. 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 Cor. 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.

## SELECTED TOPIC ON PREDESTINATION

Eph. 1:5

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

Romans 8:29

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

Romans 9

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.

#### QUIET TIME NOTES FROM MY JOURNAL

This is the idea that formed in me today from the Lord as I pondered the Scriptures I was reading (from Matthew 26).



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

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

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

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SCRIPTURES ON 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)

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

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

Eat from the tree of life

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

Tree of life

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

“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)

Not be hurt by the second death

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

Hidden manna, white stone with a new name

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

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

Authority, morning star

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sit with Jesus on His throne

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

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

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

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## SCRIPTURES TO BUILD PATIENCE

*A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense. (Proverbs 19:11)*

*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:1-2)*

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, cloth yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (Col 3:12-14)*

*As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in*

*purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love... (2 Cor. 6:6)*

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. (Gal. 5:22-24)*

*We pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience... (Col. 1:10-11)*

*A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel. (Proverbs 15:18)*

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Rom. 12:12)*

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. (1 Cor. 13:4-8)*

*We urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. (1 Thess 5:14-15)*

*I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. (Psalm 40:1-3)*

*Hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Rom 8:25*

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PEACE SCRIPTURES

Numbers 6:26

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

Numbers 25:12

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

Judges 6:24

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

Judges 18:6

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

Psalms 4:8

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

Psalms 29:11

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

Psalms 37:11

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

Psalms 119:165

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

Proverbs 16:7

When the LORD takes pleasure in anyone's way, he causes their enemies to make **peace** with them.

Isaiah 9:7

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

Isaiah 26:3

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

Isaiah 26:12

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

Isaiah 32:17

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

Isaiah 55:12

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

Isaiah 60:17

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

Daniel 10:19

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

Matthew 5:9

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

Luke 2:14

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

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my **peace** I give you. I do not give to you as the

world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 16:33

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

Romans 1:7

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

Romans 8:6

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

Romans 15:13

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

Galatians 5:22

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

Ephesians 2:14

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

Philippians 4:7

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

Colossians 3:15

Let the **peace** of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to **peace**. And be thankful.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

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

Hebrews 7:2

And Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means "king of righteousness"; then also, "king of Salem" means "king of **peace**."

James 3:17

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

2 Peter 3:14

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

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*SCRIPTURES ON PERSEVERANCE*

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. (Romans 5:3-4)

It [Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

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

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. (Hebrews 10:36)

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:16)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)



Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness, and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:5-8)

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SCRIPTURES ON PRAISE

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

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

Psalms 9:1-2

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

Psalms 29:1-2

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

Psalms 33:1-5

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

Psalms 34:1, 3

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

Psalms 95:1-7

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

Psalms 96:1-4

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

Psalms 96:7-10

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

Psalms 100

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

Psalms 101:1

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

Psalms 103:1-5

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

Psalms 104:33-34

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

Psalms 105:1-5

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

1 Chronicles 16:23-

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name.

Daniel 2:20-23

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

Habakkuk 3:3-4

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

Luke 1:46-50

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

Luke 1:68-69

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

Ephesians 1:3-6

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

Ephesians 1:7-12

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

Revelation 19:5-8

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

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### **SCRIPTURES ON PROSPERING:**

I will look after you, and multiply you, and fulfill my covenant with you.  
(Lev 26:9 TLB)

A faithful man shall abound with blessings. (Prov 28:20)

The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. (Psalm 115:14)

Blessings are upon the head of the just. (Proverbs 10:6)

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. (3 John 2)

The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season. (Deut 28:12)

I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten. (Joel 2:25)

The Lord will send a blessing on your barns (storehouses) and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord will bless you in the land he is giving you. (Deut 28:8)

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. (Psalm 112:1,3)

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SCRIPTURES ABOUT BEING PROTECTED

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 1:33
Proverbs 2:7-8
Proverbs 3:5-6
Proverbs 3:23-24
Proverbs 8:10
Proverbs 8:12, 14, 17
Proverbs 8:18-19
Proverbs 8:20-21
Proverbs 8:32-33
Proverbs 8:34-35
Proverbs 15:16-17
Proverbs 19:21
Proverbs 20:24
Proverbs 22:3
Proverbs 30:8-9

Psalm 9:10
Psalm 23:1-6
Psalm 31:14

Psalm 32:8
Psalm 32:10b
Psalm 56:3
Psalm 56:9
Psalm 57:1
Psalm 91:1-16
Psalm 107:5, 8-9
Psalm 112:7, 9
Psalm 119:130
Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Eccl. 7:12

Haggai 2:8

1 Samuel 2:7

Isaiah 26:3
Isaiah 30:21
Isaiah 43:1-3
Isaiah 54:17
Isaiah 55:8-9
Isaiah 58:9b-10
Isaiah 60:17

Daniel 3:16-18

Genesis 50:20-21

Jeremiah 1:12
Jeremiah 30:17
Jeremiah 33:3

Deut. 8:16

Habakkuk 2:1
Habakkuk 2:3
Habakkuk 2:4, 20

Exodus 14:13-14

NEW TESTAMENT

James 1:2-4
James 1:5
James 1:17

James 4:2b

Matthew 6:31-33

Matthew 7:7-8

Hebrews 4:13

Hebrews 10:24-25

Hebrews 11:7

Hebrews 12:2

Hebrews 12:26-27

Hebrews 13:5-6

Hebrews 13:8

1 Cor 2:9-10, 12b

1 Cor 10:24

1 Cor 12:9-10

2 Cor 8:15

2 Cor 9:8

2 Cor 9:10

2 Cor 12:9

Galatians 6:9-10

Philippines 2:3

Philippians 2:5

Philippians 4:6-7

Philippians 4:13

Philippians 4:19

1 John 5:4-5

2 Timothy 1:7

John 10:10

John 11:4

John 14:1

John 14:27

John 15:16

John 16:33

1 Peter 2:9

1 Peter 5:7

Acts 3:16

2 Thess 3:3

Ephesians 3:20-21

Mark 10:45

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## *SCRIPTURES ON RAPTURE*

(Gen. 5:24)

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

(John 14:2-3)

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

(John 10:3-4)

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

(1 Cor 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.

(1 Cor 15:20-26)

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



(Phil 3:20-21)

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

(1 Thess 4:15-17)

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

(Hebrews 11:5)

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

(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."

(Rev. 11:12)

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

(Matthew 24:30-31)

At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (He gathers His elect who are already in heaven to return with Him to the earth at His glorious appearing)

(Matthew 24:39-42, 44)

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

(Matthew 25:1-13)

(Jesus speaking) At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

(Titus 2:14)

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

(Rev. 22:20)

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

#### TYPES/SHADOWS/PARALLELS IN OLD TESTAMENT OF RAPTURE:

Moses represents dead saints raptured.

Enoch represents living saints translated

Elijah represents Jewish remnant (144,000) caught up mid-trib, Rev. 7

## ESCAPING OF THE RIGHTEOUS

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| Heb 11:7  | Heb 11:31     |
| Gen 18:25 | Luke 21:21    |
| Gen 19:22 | Dan 11:41     |
| Gen 19:29 | Rev 7:3       |
| Exo 12:23 | Ezek 14:13-14 |

Scofield says in my NIV Bible "The good works mentioned are the proof but not the ground of faith and salvation. The fact that the righteous and the unrighteous are still mingled (Matthew 25:31-46 story of sheep and goats) and require separation after the establishment of Christ's throne on earth makes evident that no rapture, i.e. translation of the saints, could have taken place at the time of Christ's coming to the earth after the tribulation. In such a case the separation here described would have already occurred before the establishment of the throne. The sheep are Gentiles saved on earth during the period between the rapture and Christ's second coming to the earth."

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SCRIPTURES ON REST

[Jeremiah 6:16](#)

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

[Psalm 91:1](#)

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

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.

Exodus 16:29

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

Exodus 20:10

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

Exodus 33:14

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

Deuteronomy 12:10

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

Joshua 21:44

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

1 Kings 8:56

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

2 Chronicles 14:7

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

2 Chronicles 15:15

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

Exodus 31:15

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

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*SCRIPTURES ON RESTORER*

**“For I will restore them to the land I gave their forefathers. But now I will send for many fishermen,” declares the Lord, “and they will catch them. After that I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them down on every mountain and hill and from the crevices of the rocks.” (Jeremiah 16:15b-16)**

**He restores my soul. (Psalm 23:3)**

**I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. (Joel 2:25)**

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SCRIPTURES ON REWARDS

Bruce Wilkinson (A Life God Rewards, workbook)

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The Bible clearly teaches that you only die once (Hebrews 9:27). There is no reincarnation, no way to improve on your choices later.

When you die, you will either spend eternity in heaven or hell. Hell is a real place, a place of everlasting fire.

Your eternal destination is decided by what you believe on earth. When you choose to believe that Christ died on the cross for your sins and you accept His forgiveness, you receive the gift of eternal life and will spend eternity in heaven. But did you know that what you do after you become a Christian determines how you will spend eternity?

(p. 20)

Between your life on earth and every later event in your life, there is an invisible, one-way connection. Your choices on earth have direct consequences on your life in eternity. Jesus wants you to know that the positive consequences of your actions and beliefs today can change your eternity in astounding and wonderful ways—and He doesn't want you to waste another minute believing otherwise.

(p 26)

Think of the three tests that follow—all gleaned from the teachings of Jesus—as the gold standard to help you evaluate whether the work you do for God will endure:

1. *The test of Relationship:* Jesus said unless His followers stay close to Him and obey His commands, they will not bear “much fruit” for Him—“for without Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)
2. *The test of Motive:* Jesus said, “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven” (Matthew 6:1). What should be our motive? To serve God and bring Him glory.” (1 Cor. 10:31)
3. *The test of Love:* Jesus said, “But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.” (Luke 6:35) “Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing” (1 Cor. 13:3).

(p. 27)

Two keys to your eternal future

There are two keys to your eternal future. The first key is belief. It unlocks the door to eternal life and determines where you will spend eternity. The second key is your behavior. It unlocks the door to reward and determines how you will spend eternity.

(p. 33)

The seven main works God rewards

What are the main works that God rewards? You might be surprised by what they are. You don't have to be a spiritual superstar to qualify for eternal rewards. Are you a good husband? Are you a loving mom? Are you a loyal employee? The activities that God rewards are woven into the warp and woof of life, from the time you get up until the time you go to bed.

1. Work to make your employer successful. (Eph. 6:5-9)
2. Honor the Lord through prayer, fasting, praise, and worship. (Matthew 6:6)
3. Give those in urgent need—the poor, widows, orphans, and prisoners. (Titus 3:14; James 1:25; Mark 9:41)
4. Love and encourage your spouse and family. (1 Timothy 5:4,8; Colossians 3:18-20)
5. Make disciples of everyone. (Matthew 28:19-20a; John 4:35b-36)
6. Share your finances and resources with others. (Matthew 6:3-4; Matthew 19:29)
7. Serve and follow Christ with your whole heart. (Matthew 16:24-27)

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What the Bible says about rewards

[Jesus] His words show that when you do a worthy deed for a person who cannot repay you:

1. You will be repaid.
2. Your payment will come in the next life.
3. When you receive it, you will be blessed.

(p. 39)

The eternal reward of rulership

When we see our Savior in heaven, we are going to have such a deep desire to respond to His love that worship and praise aren't going to be enough. We will want to do something for Him—to serve Him. In heaven, our highest reward will be more opportunity to serve God wholeheartedly...the more

faithful a servant you are on earth, the more you will be given to rule over in heaven.

(p.44)

Doing is a servant's language of devotion. In heaven, more opportunity to do God's will through loving service will be our highest reward. The highest word for serving is ruling. (See Matthew 19:28) When the curse of sin is removed and you and I are restored to our creation purpose, we will be free to rule for God to our fullest powers while bringing only the highest good to ourselves and to others. (See Matthew 25:21,23) Serve faithfully here, rule perfectly there. Serve Him faithfully on earth and you will be wonderfully, fully, perfectly prepared to do what you will desperately crave to do in heaven.

SCRIPTURES ON REWARDS

Ruth 2:12 NIV

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

Ruth 2:12 KJV

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

1 Samuel 2:30

Those who honor me, *I will honor*.

2 Chronicles 15:7

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

Psalms 16:6

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

Psalms 16:11

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

Psalms 17:15

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

Psalms 19:11

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

Psalms 37:4

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

Psalms 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*.

Psalms 37:18

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

Psalms 65:4a

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

Psalms 112:1,3

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

Psalms 128:1-2

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

Proverbs 2:1-8

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you *will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God*. For the Lord gives *wisdom*, and from his mouth come *knowledge and understanding*. He

holds *victory* in store for the upright, he is a *shield* to those whose walk is blameless, for he *guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones*.

Proverbs 3:16-18

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

Proverbs 3:32

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

Proverbs 3:32 KJV

His secret is with the righteous.

Proverbs 8:17-21

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

Proverbs 8:34

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

Proverbs 10:6

Blessings crown the head of the righteous

Proverbs 10:22

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

Proverbs 10:24

What the righteous desire will be granted.

Proverbs 11:18

He who sows righteousness reaps *a sure reward*.

Proverbs 13:9

The *light of the righteous shines brightly*.

Proverbs 13:13b

He who respects a command is *rewarded*.

Proverbs 13:21

Prosperity is the reward of the righteous.

Proverbs 21:21

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

Proverbs 22:4

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

Proverbs 25:21-22

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

Proverbs 28:20

A faithful man shall *abound with blessings*.

Isaiah 3:10

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

Isaiah 51:11

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

Isaiah 62:3

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

Malachi 3:16-17

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. *A scroll of remembrance* was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. "*They will be*

mine,” says the Lord Almighty, “in the day when I make up my treasured possession (jewels).”

Malachi 4:1-2

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

Matthew 5:12

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

Matthew 6:1-4

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

Matthew 6:6

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

Matthew 6:17-18

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

Matthew 6:19-21

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

Matthew 10:41-42

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

Matthew 16:27

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

Matthew 6:33

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

Matthew 19:29

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

Matthew 19:30

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

Matthew 25:23

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

Mark 9:41

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

Luke 6:22-23

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

Luke 6:35

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

Luke 6:38

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

Luke 14:12-14

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

John 4:36

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

John 5:28-29

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

John 12:26

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

John 14:2-3

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for

you, I will come again and *receive you to Myself*; that were I am, there you may be also.

Romans 4:4, 5, 16

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

Romans 14:10-12

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

1 Corinthians 4:5

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

1 Corinthians 2:9

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

1 Corinthians 3:8

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

1 Corinthians 3:12

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

1 Corinthians 9:25

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

1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV

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

2 Corinthians 4:17

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

2 Corinthians 5:10

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

2 Corinthians 9:6, 10

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

Galatians 6:7-9

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

Ephesians 5:15-17

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

Philippians 3:14-16

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved

generation, in which *you shine like stars in the universe* as you hold out the word of life.

Philippians 3:20-21

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

Colossians 3:23, 24

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

1 Thess. 2:19

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

1 Timothy 6:17-19

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

2 Timothy 2:5

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

2 Timothy 4:8

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

Hebrews 11:6

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

James 1:12

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

James 4:8

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

1 Peter 5:2-4

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

2 John 8

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

Revelation 2:7

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

Revelation 2:10

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

Revelation 2:11

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

Revelation 2:17

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

Revelation 2:26, 28

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

Revelation 3:4

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

Revelation 3:5

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

Revelation 3:8

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

Revelation 3:10

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

Revelation 3:12

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

Revelation 3:20

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

Revelation 3:21

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

Revelation 11:18

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

Revelation 20:12

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

Revelation 22:3b, 4, 5b

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

Revelation 22:12

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

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

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

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

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Those who honor me, I will honor. (1 Samuel 2:30)

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

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

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

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**But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. (2 Chronicles 15:7)**

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

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

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Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. (Psalm 16:6)

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

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

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**You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (Psalm 16:11)**

*The path of life is known to the righteous, My daughter, and you are righteous in My sight. I knew you were righteous even before the foundation of the world. I KNEW YOU. I provided for you to find the*

*path of life – and I AM THE PATH OF LIFE. I provided for you to know Me.*

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

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

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

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

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

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And I—in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness. (Psalm 17:15)

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

of that as a reward. I know how many times you have wanted Me to hug you and have thought what that might be like. Well, you will experience that as a reward when you come here.

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

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

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**By them [ordinances of the Lord] is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. (Psalm 19:11)**

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

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

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Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)

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

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

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

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**Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. (Psalm 37:5)**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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**The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and
their inheritance will endure forever. (Psalm 37:18)**

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

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

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**What joy for those you choose to bring near, those who  
live in your holy courts. (Psalm 65:4a)**

Is this a scripture on rewards Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. (Psalm 84:10-11)**

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SELF-CONTROL

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

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled...But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. (1 Thessalonians 5:6)

Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (1 Timothy 3:2-4)

Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. (Titus 2:2)

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. (Titus 2:3-5)

Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled . (Titus 2:6)

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:11-13)

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. (1 Peter 1:13)

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. (1 Peter 4:7)

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 5-8)

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## STRENGTH

*The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. (Exodus 15:2-3)*

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength (Deuteronomy 6:5)*

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

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

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

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

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)*

*Through him who gives me strength (Phil 4:13)*

*It with the strength God provides. (1 Peter 4:11)*

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

*Strengthen me according to your word. (Psalm 119:28)*

*I said, "You are my servant; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:9-10)*

*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. (Eph 3:16)*

*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed (2 Thess. 2:16-17)*

*Strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. (Heb. 12:12)*

*(Nehemiah said when building the wall around Jerusalem:) But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands." Nehemiah 6:9*

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TAKING THE KINGDOM BY FORCE

(Matthew 11:12)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Bob Sorge says in *Secrets of the Secret Place*:

“The term ‘spiritual violence’ captures the intensity with which the last days’ generation will pursue God. They will seek God with their entire being, denying themselves and throwing off all entangling sins, in order to run the race with passion, purity, and perseverance. This is the hour to seek God with violent abandonment! (pg 41)

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

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“It will also require violence to provide your body with sufficient rest so that, when you get to the secret place, you’re not constantly falling asleep....The man of violence and

wisdom will enact whatever measures are necessary to be alert and engaged on a regular basis in this the most delightful portion of the day.<sup>1</sup>

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

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

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NATURAL ZEAL OR TRUE SPIRITUAL FERVENCY?

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

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“It’s easy to confuse natural zeal with spiritual violence. (That’s what I’ve seen in worship services at times - natural zeal!) Some people display incredible zeal for God--in the way they worship or share their faith or attend Bible studies. But if it’s a natural zeal, it’s a zeal that lasts only as long as others are watching. When that person is alone with God, the zeal fizzles, and the intense level of activity suddenly collapses. Natural zeal must be exchanged for true spiritual fervency--a zeal that is energized by an inward, holy fire that burns even when no one is looking.

Fasting: (43) “There is no spiritual merit in fasting; it doesn’t earn extra points with God. But it does tenderize your spirit, sensitize your hearing, and accelerate the pace of divine flow in and through your life.

(43) “Jesus doesn’t respond to all believers alike. He responds differently to those who seek more diligently.”¹

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

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## *SCRIPTURES ON THANKSGIVING*

1 Chronicles 16:8

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

**Psalm 18:1-3**

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

Psalm 18:28-36

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

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

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

Psalm 34:1, 3, 4, 7, 15, 19, 22

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

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

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

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

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry.



A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all. The Lord redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

**Psalm 50:14, 23**

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

**Psalm 95:1-2**

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

**Psalm 100:4**

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

**Psalm 107:1, 8-9, 21-22, 32, 43**

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

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

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

Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord.

**Psalm 136:1-3, 26**

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

**Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever.**

**Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.**

**Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.**

**Romans 14:6-8**

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

**1 Corinthians 15:57**

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

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

**2 Corinthians 2:14**

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

**2 Corinthians 9:10-11**

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

**2 Corinthians 9:12-15**

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

**Ephesians 5:19-21**

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

**Philippians 4:4-7**

**Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about**

**anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4:8

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

**Colossians 2:6-7**

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

Colossians 3:17

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

**Colossians 4:2**

**Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.**

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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

**Hebrews 12:28**

**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.**

1 Timothy 4:4

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

**Revelation 7:12**

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

Revelation 11:16-17

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

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SCRIPTURES ON THE HEART

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."
(Proverbs 4:23)

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." (Matt 5:8)

"The Lord says: 'These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.'" (Isaiah 29:13)

"The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message." (Acts 16:14b)

"Knowledge puffs up but love builds up...the man who loves God is known by God." (1 Cor 8:1,3)

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### *THE KINGDOM OF GOD*

1 Chronicles 29:11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Psalm 22:27-28 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

Psalm 45:6 Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Psalm 145:11-13 They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Isaiah 24:23 The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders, gloriously.

Daniel 2:44 In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

Daniel 4:17 The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of men.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matt 21:43 Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

**Matthew 3:1-2 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

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

Matthew 16:27-28 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

Matthew 26:29 I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.

John 18:36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

2 Peter 1:10-11 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## WHO SHALL ENTER

Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Luke 9:62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow, and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

John 3:3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

Acts 14:21-22 They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom God.

1 Corinthians 15:50 I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.

## PARABLES CONCERNING

Matthew chapter 13

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SCRIPTURES ON THE WORD AND HEALING

Deut. 8:3

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

Psalms 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.

Psalms 119:11

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

Psalms 119:16

I will not neglect your word.

Psalms 119:105

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

Proverbs 4:22-23

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

Isaiah 53:4-5

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

Isaiah 55:10-11

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

Jeremiah 1:12

I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.

Matthew 24:35

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

John 1:1

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

John 6:63

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

John 15:7

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

Romans 10:17

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

Ephesians 6:17

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

Hebrews 4:12

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

1 Peter 1:25

The word of the Lord stands forever.

2 Peter 1:19

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

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## *SCRIPTURES ON THE WORD*

Humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does. (James 1:21b-25 NIV)

**But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. (James 1:22 NLT)**

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

The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop--thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown. (Mark 4:14-20 NIV)

For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 AMP)

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. (Hebrews 4:12 NLT)

**In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself....In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it]. (John 1:1,4,5 AMP)**

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever. (1 Peter 1:24-25 NIV)

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all you must understand that no prophecy of scripture came about by the prophets own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:19-21 NIV)

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

**The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. (Psalm 19:7 NLT)**

He humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Deut. 8:3 NLT)

**Hold firmly to the word of life. (Philippians 2:16 NLT)**

Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear. (Matthew 24:35 NLT)

But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! (John 15:7 NLT)

### *WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE "THE WORD"*

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

Psalm 119:1-7

1. Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord.
2. Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts.
3. They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths.
4. You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully.
5. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees!
6. Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands.
7. As I learn your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should!

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SCRIPTURES ON THOSE CUT OFF FROM THE LORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

Today the Lord led me to read again John 15:5-8. He then gave me revelation about verse 6. To help explain it, He led me to Matthew 13:3-8 and had me read that scripture.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. They don't produce fruit (John 15:2)
2. They don't remain in him (John 15:6)
3. They don't use what the Lord gave them (Matthew 25:29-30)

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

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

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

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SCRIPTURES ON HIS TREASURED POSSESSION

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

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.” (Malachi 3:16-17)

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. (Deut. 7:6)

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. (Exodus 19:5)

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the Lord has chosen you to be his treasured possession. (Deut. 14:2)

And the Lord has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands. (Deut. 26:18)

(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. (Titus 2:14)

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

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## *SCRIPTURES ON UNBELIEF*

Mark 9:24b Help me overcome my unbelief!

### UNBELIEF AS SIN:

Hebrews 3:18-19 And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

1 Corinthians 7:14 For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

John 16:9 When he (Counselor) comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me.

Titus 1:15-16 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

1 John 5:10b Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

#### THE SOURCE OF UNBELIEF:

Mark 16:14 Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

Luke 8:12 Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

Luke 24:25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!"

John 5:38 ...nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.

John 8:43-47 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! ... If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

John 10:26-27 You do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice.

John 12:39 For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: “He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.

Acts 19:9 But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them...

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Ephesians 2:2 ...in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

2 Thessalonians 2:10b-12 They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

Hebrews 3:12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving **heart that turns away from the living God.**

#### IT'S EFFECTS:

1 Kings 17:18 You have abandoned the Lord's commands and have followed the Baals.

2 Kings 7:2 The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, “Look, even if the Lord should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?” “You will see it with your own eyes,” answered Elisha, “but you will not eat any of it!”

Psalms 78:19 They spoke against God

Psalm 106:24-25 Then they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe his promise. They grumbled in their tents and did not obey the Lord.

Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Matthew 24:11 ...and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

John 12:37 Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.

John 16:9 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me.

Acts 14:2 But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.

Acts 19:9 But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them...

Romans 11:20 They (branches) were broken off because of unbelief.

Hebrews 3:12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

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SCRIPTURES ON WATCHMEN

Jeremiah 1:11-12 (The watchman prophet spends time before the Lord and speaks/writes what he sees and hears)

The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you see, Jeremiah?"

"I see the branch of an almond tree," I replied.

The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."

2 Samuel 18:25 (The watchman tells the king what he sees as he stands on the wall.)

While David was sitting between the inner and outer gates the watchman went up to the roof of the gateway by the wall. As he looked out, he saw a man running alone. The watchman called out to the king and reported it.

2 Kings 9:17 (The watchman watches for troops coming to see whose side they are on)

When the lookout standing on the tower in Jezreel saw Jehu's troops approaching, he called out, "I see some troops coming."

Psalms 127:1 (The watchmen must co-labor with the Lord or their watching is in vain.)

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

Song of Solomon 3:3 (The watchmen go throughout the city and help people)

The watchmen found me as they made their rounds in the city. "Have you seen the one my heart loves?"

Isaiah 21:6-7 (The watchman watches what is happening and is alert, fully alert.)

This is what the Lord says to me: "Go, post a lookout and have him report what he sees. When he sees chariots with teams of horses, riders on donkeys or riders on camels, let him be alert, fully alert."

Isaiah 21:11 (The watchman looks to see what is left of the night)

An oracle concerning Dumah: Someone calls to me from Seir, "Watchman, what is left of the night? Watchman, what is left of the night? If you would ask, then ask; and come back yet again."

Isaiah 52:7-8 (The watchmen speak good news proclaiming salvation and God reigns; when the Lord returns they will see it with their own eyes)

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Jeremiah 6:17 (The watchmen watch and tell the people like a trumpet sounding)

[The Lord says] "I appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!'"

Jeremiah 31:6 (The watchmen will call people to go to the Lord)

**There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim,
'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'**

Ezekiel 3:17 (The watchman is to hear the word the Lord speaks and warn others from Him)

At the end of seven days the word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.

Ezekiel 33 (It was the watchman's duty to sound warnings as the Lord leads him)

Habakkuk 2:1-3 (The watchman sought the Lord and wrote down what He was told so others could run with it)

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

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## *SCRIPTURES ON WHO I AM IN CHRIST*

(Scriptures in NIV unless otherwise indicated)

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

### **1. I am a new creation in Christ.**

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

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

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

### **3. I am the salt of the earth.**

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

### **4. I am the light of the world.**

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

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

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

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

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

**7. I have eternal life.**

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

**8. I have passed from death into life.**

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

**9. Streams of living water flow from within me.**

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

**10. The truth has set me free.**

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

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

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

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

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

**13. I have peace.**

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

**14. I will bear much fruit.**

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

**15. I am loved by Jesus.**

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

**16. I am loved by the Father.**

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

**17. I belong to God.**

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

**18. I have the full joy of Jesus.**

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

**19. I am protected from the evil one.**

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

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

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

**21. I have been sent into the world.**

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

**22. I have God’s glory.**

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

**23. I have forgiveness of sins through Christ.**

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

**24. I have been freed from all sins.**

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

**25. I am among the called of Jesus Christ.**

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



**26. I am loved by God, a saint.**

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

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

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

**28. I have grace through faith.**

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

**29. I have perseverance, character, and hope.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**34. I have died to sin.**

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

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

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

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

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

**37. I am no longer a slave of sin.**

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

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

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

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

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

**40. I am a slave of righteousness.**

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

**41. I have now no condemnation.**

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

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

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

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

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

**44. I am a child of God.**

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

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

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

**46. All things are working together for my good.**

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

**47. I have all things.**

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

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

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

**49. I have a measure of faith.**

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

**50. I have been given gifts.**

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

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

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

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

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

**53. I am sanctified in Jesus Christ.**

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

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

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

**55. I do not lack any spiritual gift.**

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

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

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

**57. I have the mind of Christ.**

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

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

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

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

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

**60. I have been bought with a price.**

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

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

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

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

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

**63. I am delivered from the peril of death.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**68. I walk by faith, not by sight.**

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

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

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

**70. I have the ministry of reconciliation.**

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

**71. I am an ambassador for Christ.**

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

**72. I have all sufficiency in everything.**

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

**73. I am crucified with Christ.**

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

**74. I have the fruit of the Spirit.**

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

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

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

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

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

**77. I am a son through Jesus Christ.**

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

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

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

**79. I am saved by grace through faith.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**88. I will meet the Lord in the air.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**98. God will never leave me or forsake me.**

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

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

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

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

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

**101. By His wounds I am healed.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.** (Jesus opens a door before me that no one can shut even though I have little strength.)

Psalms 23:6

**Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.** (I have goodness and mercy following me all my life)

Psalms 27:4

**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.**

(I dwell in the house of the Lord and look upon Him)



Psalm 139:13

**You knit me together in my mother's womb** (He made me.)

2 Corinthians 5:21

**God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.** (I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus)

Isaiah 30:15

**In quietness and confidence is your strength.** (I am quiet and confident)

Psalm 8:32

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.** (I am being instructed and taught, counseled and watched over)

Matthew 28:20

**And Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.** (Jesus is always with me)

Luke 2:19

**But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.** (I keep things and ponder them)

Jeremiah 1:5

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

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

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

**Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth." (I was known before I was born and was set apart for the Lord's calling. I am to do what He leads me to do and not be afraid. He will be with me.)**

Habakkuk 2:2

**"Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay." (I am to write down what He instructs me and it will come at the appointed time)**

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.** (I am to trust in Him and He will direct my path)

Psalms 27:4

**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.** (I dwell with the Lord and look upon Him, see Him)

Psalms 91:1

**He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.** (I dwell in the secret place and abide under His shadow)

Revelation 14:4

**They follow the Lamb wherever he goes.** (I follow Jesus wherever He goes)

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.** (The Lord gives me words that help others and enables me to listen as He teaches me.)

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(Jesus opens a door before me that no one can shut even though I have little strength.)  
(I have goodness and mercy following me all my life)  
(I dwell in the house of the Lord and look upon Him)  
(He made me.)  
(I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus)  
(I am quiet and confident)  
(I am being instructed and taught, counseled and watched over)  
(Jesus is always with me)  
(I keep things in my heart and ponder them)  
(I was known before I was born and was set apart for the Lord's calling. I am to do what He leads me to do and not be afraid. He will be with me.)  
(I am to write down what He instructs me and it will come at the appointed time)  
(I am to trust in Him and He will direct my path)  
(I dwell with the Lord and look upon Him, see Him)  
(I dwell in the secret place and abide under His shadow)  
(I follow Jesus wherever He goes)  
(The Lord gives me words that help others and enables me to listen as He teaches me.)

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SCRIPTURES ABOUT BEING SAVED FROM GOD'S WRATH

(Psalm 91:7-8)

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

(Matthew 3:7)

But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

(John 5:24)

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

(Romans 5:9)

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

(1 Corinthians 11:32)

When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

(1 Thess. 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.

(2 Thessalonians 2:7)

For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

(1 Thess 5:9)

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Rev. 3:10)

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

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## *SCRIPTURES INDICATING YOU CAN LOSE YOUR SALVATION*

*(Or at least not be raptured)*

You have become weak, so make yourselves strong again. Live in the right way so that you will be saved and your weakness will not cause you to be lost. (Hebrews 12:12-13 NCV)

Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14 NIV)

But the one who endures to the end will be saved. (Matthew 24:13)

Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 25:28-30 NIV)

(The 10 virgins): But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast and the door was locked. (Matthew 25:10)

It seems like some born again believers with the Spirit (as the 10 virgins) will be raptured and some won't. The ones who will have an oil reserve will be. Derek Prince says this oil reserve refers to Bible study, prayer, and waiting on God (*Prophecies on the End Times* p. 107). He compares it to "buying gold" and says it must be paid for like was told to the church at Laodicea.

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SCRIPTURES ABOUT RESURRECTIONS

2 Resurrections: one of "Life" and one of condemnation

John 5:28-29

Jesus: Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

First resurrection of Life

- Three stages of the first resurrection:
 1. Christ, the firstfruits
 2. Believers of the Church Age meet with Him in the air
 3. The martyrs of the tribulation period are raised at the close of the tribulation

Then the end will come (the millennium) when he destroys all dominion, authority, and power and hands over the kingdom to God the Father

- Will occur at the second coming of Christ

1 Cor 15:20-23

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

- Will occur at the time the believers of the Church Age meet Him in the air

1 Thess 4:14-17

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

- Will occur when the martyrs of the tribulation period are raised at the close of the tribulation when Christ returns to earth to inaugurate the millennium

Rev 20:4-6

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been

beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

- The mortal body will be related to the resurrection body as grain sown is related to the harvest

1 Cor 15:37-38

When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

- The resurrection body will be incorruptible, glorious, powerful, and spiritual

1 Cor 15:42-44, 49

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised spiritual body.....And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

- The bodies of living believers will, at the same time, be instantaneously changed

1 Cor. 15:50-53

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

Phil 3:20-32

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

- This change of the living and resurrection of the dead is called the “redemption of our bodies”

Rom 8:23

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Eph 1:13-14

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

Second resurrection of condemnation, judgment

John 5:28-29

Jesus: Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

Rev 20:4b-6, 11-13

They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended). This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Rev. 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

- The first and second resurrections are separated by a period of 1000 years

Rev. 20:5

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.

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## *WHO JESUS SAYS HE IS*

**What Jesus is like, how He thinks, what He desires, what His hopes and dreams are – in His own words – from the book of John.**

You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree.

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

My time has not yet come.

How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!

Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.

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

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven--the Son of Man.

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world,

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

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.

My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.



My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.

I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

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.

He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

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

I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

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.

A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear this voice and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned

By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me.

And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me.

These are the Scriptures that testify about me.

I do not accept praise from men,

I have come in my Father's name

If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me.

The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.

It is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

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

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

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

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

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

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.

No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.

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

I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

The world - hates me because I testify that what it does is evil.

I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come.

My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.

I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true.

You do not know him, but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.

I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me.

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

I know where I came from and where I am going.

I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.

I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.

If you knew me, you would know my Father also.

I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come.

You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.

The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.

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

I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.

Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire.

He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge.

I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.

My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.

I tell you the truth, before Abraham was born, I am!

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

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.

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.

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

I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

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

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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.

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

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.

The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;

No one can snatch them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

I and the Father are one.

Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'? Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does. But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.

(Lazarus) This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.

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

Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

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

Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!

Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.

When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.

For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.

Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.

You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

I know those I have chosen.

I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.

Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

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

Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.

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

In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

You know the way to the place where I am going.

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

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.

If you love me, you will obey what I command.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me.

Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.

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

If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

He who does not love me will not obey my teaching.

These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

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

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.

I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

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

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches.

If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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

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

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.

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

You are my friends if you do what I command.

I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

This is my command: Love each other.

I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.



When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

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.

I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.

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

I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world.

For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

All I have is yours, and all you have is mine.

And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me.

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.

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one. I in them and you in me.

Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.

I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.

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

You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.

Peace be with you!

As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.

Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

You must follow me.

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SCRIPTURES ON JESUS' WORDS

Matthew

- 4:17 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.
 4:19 Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
 5:42 Give to the one who asks you
 5:44 Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.
 5:48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect
 6:1 Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them.
 6:6 When you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray unto your Father who is unseen
 6:10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 6:11 Give us today our daily bread
 6:12 Forgive your debtors
 6:13 Keep us from temptation and deliver us from the evil one
 6:17 When you fast, do it in secret
 6:25 do not worry about your life
 6:19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth.
 6:34 Do not worry about tomorrow.
 6:33 Seek first his kingdom
 7:1 Do not judge
 7:6 Do not give dogs what is sacred.
 7:7 Ask, seek, knock
 7:12 Do to others what you would have them do to you.
 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate
 7:15-16 Watch out for false prophets. By their fruit you will recognize them.
 7:24 Hear these words of Mine and put them into practice
 8:3 Be clean
 8:7 I will go and heal him
 8:13 Go! It will be done just as you believed it would.
 8:22 Follow Me and let the dead bury their own dead.
 8:26 You of little faith, why are you so afraid?
 9:22 Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you.
 9:29 According to your faith will it be done to you.
 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.
 11:27 All things have been committed to me by my Father.
 11:28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
 13:11 The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.
 13:52 Every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of this storeroom new treasures as well as old.
 14:27 Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.
 16:23 Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.
 18:18 I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven

18:19 If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

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## *SCRIPTURES ON INHERITANCE*

**For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land. (Psalm 37:11)**

**The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever. (Psalm 37:29)**

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)**

**As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17)**

**I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (1 Corinthians 15:50)**

**But as for you, the Lord took you and brought you out of the iron-smelting furnace, out of Egypt, to be the people of his inheritance, as you now are. (Deuteronomy 4:20)**

**A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. (Proverbs 13:22)**

**Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:13b-14)**

**I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:18)**

**For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. (Ephesians 5:5)**

**For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. (Hebrews 9:15)**

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:4)**