

The Women's Passionate and Powerful Prayer Flock Group

I'll pour a spirit of grace and prayer over them (Zechariah 12:10 MSG)



But the end and culmination of all things has now come near; **keep sound minded** and **self-restrained** and **alert** therefore **for [the practice of] prayer**. **⁸Above all things have intense and unfailing love for one another** for love covers a multitude of sins [forgives and disregards the offenses of others].

1 Peter 4:7-8 AMP

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The Voice of My Beloved

(Song of Solomon 2:8-15)

⁸ The voice of my beloved!
Behold, he comes
Leaping upon the mountains,
Skipping upon the hills.
⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Behold, he stands behind our wall;
He is looking through the windows,
Gazing through the lattice.

¹⁰ **My beloved spoke, and said to me:**

**“ Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away.**

¹¹ For lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over *and* gone.

¹² The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtledove
Is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree puts forth her green figs,
And the vines *with* the tender grapes
Give a *good* smell.

**Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away!**

¹⁴ **“ O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
In the secret places of the cliff,
Let me see your face,
Let me hear your voice;
For your voice is sweet,
And your face is lovely.”**

HER Brothers

¹⁵ Catch us the foxes, The little
foxes that spoil the vines, For
our vines *have* tender grapes.

The Beloved:

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Jeremiah 33:3

Call to Me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.

Psalms 2:8

Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession.

Ezekiel 36:36-38

Thus says the Lord GOD: “I will also let the house of Israel **Inquire of Me** to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock. Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.”

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

James 4:8

There Is A Place Near Me

where you may stand on a rock

Exodus 33:1-23

¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and ***go up to the land I promised*** on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' ² I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ³ ***Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey.*** But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way." ⁴ When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn and no one put on any ornaments. ⁵ For the LORD had said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you.'" ⁶ So the Israelites stripped off their ornaments at Mount Horeb.

⁷ Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "***tent of meeting.***" Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. ⁸ And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. ⁹ ***As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses.*** ¹⁰ Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. ¹¹ ***The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.*** Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.'" ¹³ ***If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you*** and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ The LORD replied, "***My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.***"

Philippians 3

¹⁰[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope] ¹¹That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" ¹⁷ And **the LORD said** to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because **I am pleased with you and I know you by name.**" ¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." ¹⁹ And the LORD said, "**I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence.** I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." ²¹ Then the LORD said, "**There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.** ²² When my glory passes by, **I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand** until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Seated In Heavenly Places

Hebrews 3:1

"Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the **heavenly calling**, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess"

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places** in Christ,

Ephesians 1:20

which He worked in Christ when **He raised Him from the dead** and **seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places**

Ephesians 2:6

and **raised us up together**, and made us **sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**

Ephesians 3:10

to the intent that **now** the manifold **wisdom of God** might be **made known** by the church **to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places**

Ephesians 6:12

For **we** do not **wrestle against** flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the **rulers of the darkness of this age**, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places**

1 Peter 1:3-11

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has **begotten us again to a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ **to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled** and that does not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you**, ⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith **for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.** ⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ **receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.** ¹⁰ **Of this salvation** the **prophets** have inquired and searched carefully, who **prophesied of the grace that would come to you**, ¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the **Spirit of Christ** who was in them was indicating when He **testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.**

There's So Much More!

Hebrews 6:1-20

¹⁻³**So come on**, let's leave the preschool fingerpainting exercises on Christ and get on with the grand work of art. **Grow up in Christ**. The basic foundational truths are in place: turning your back on "salvation by self-help" and turning in trust toward God; baptismal instructions; laying on of hands; resurrection of the dead; eternal judgment. God helping us, we'll stay true to all that. But **there's so much more. Let's get on with it!**

⁴⁻⁸Once people have seen the light, gotten a taste of heaven and been part of the work of the Holy Spirit, once they've personally experienced the sheer goodness of God's Word and the powers breaking in on us—if then they turn their backs on it, washing their hands of the whole thing, well, they can't start over as if nothing happened. That's impossible. Why, they've re-crucified Jesus! They've repudiated him in public! Parched ground that soaks up the rain and then produces an abundance of carrots and corn for its gardener gets God's "Well done!" But if it produces weeds and thistles, it's more likely to get cussed out. Fields like that are burned, not harvested.

⁹⁻¹²I'm sure that won't happen to you, friends. I have better things in mind for you—salvation things! God doesn't miss anything. **He knows perfectly well all the love you've shown him by helping needy Christians, and that you keep at it.** And now I want each of you to extend that same intensity toward a full-bodied hope, and keep at it till the finish. Don't drag your feet. **Be like those who stay the course with committed faith and then get everything promised to them.**

¹³⁻¹⁸When **God made his promise to Abraham**, he backed it to the hilt, putting his own reputation on the line. **He said, "I promise that I'll bless you with everything I have—bless and bless and bless!" Abraham stuck it out and got everything that had been promised to him.** When people make promises, they guarantee them by appeal to some authority above them so that if there is any question that they'll make good on the promise, the authority will back them up. **When God wanted to guarantee his promises, he gave his word**, a rock-solid guarantee—**God can't break his word.** And because **his word cannot change**, the **promise is likewise unchangeable.** ¹⁸⁻²⁰**We who have run for our very lives to God** have every reason to **grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go.** It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, **reaching past all appearances** right **to the very presence of God** where Jesus, running on ahead of us, has taken up his permanent post as high priest for us, in the order of Melchizedek.

Our Heart Cry

Psalm 51:12-13

*Give me back the joy of your salvation. **Keep me strong by giving me a willing spirit.** Then I will teach your ways to those who do wrong, and sinners will turn back to you.*

God's Promise

Philippians 2:13

for it is **God** who **works in you** both **to will** and **to do** for His good pleasure.

God's Vision

I'll pour a spirit of grace and prayer over them (Zechariah 12:10 MSG)

God's Vision

We are intercessory shepherds, called to work together with Christ, saturated in the spirit of grace and prayer, while seated with Him in heavenly places, boldly contending, declaring, decreeing and anticipating, under God's delegated authority, that His perfect will is manifested and done in the earth as it is in heaven.

Intercessory

1. the act of interceding
2. prayer, petition, or entreaty in favor of another
3. to come in or between by way of hindrance or modification; to interfere usually by force or threat of force in another nation's internal affairs especially to compel or prevent an action

Shepherdess

1. A girl or woman whose job is to take care of sheep
2. A girl or woman who herds, guards, and tends sheep
3. A girl or woman who keeps the sheep together in a flock

Contend

1. To strive in opposition or against difficulties; struggle: armies contending for control of strategic territory
2. To compete, as in a race; vie
3. To maintain or assert

Declare

1. To make known formally or officially
2. To state emphatically or authoritatively
3. To reveal or make manifest; show

Decree

1. To issue a legally binding command or decision
2. An authoritative order having the force of law
3. An edict, law, etc., made by someone in authority

Anticipate

1. To cause to happen in advance; accelerate
2. To feel or realize beforehand; foresee
3. To look forward to, especially with pleasure; expect

Fellowship

Love

Outreach

Care

Kingdom encouragement

In an effort to encourage the advancement of the Kingdom of God, the Women's Passionate and Powerful Prayer Flock Group eagerly assembles together, on one accord, to enter boldly into God's throne room of great grace, being **serious and watchful in prayer**. We intimately fellowship, love, serve and minister unto the Lord in heartfelt, fervent, Word-focused prayer, praise and worship, with the **expressed purpose** of being in the Lord's presence while **undergirding and saturating** the Northgate Community Church, the Body of Christ, Living Grace Christian School, our families and our community **in powerful, effectual prayer**. We believe this laser focused prayer will hasten the release and manifestation of God's almighty presence and our ability to personally experience God's perfect will being done in the earth as it is in heaven - NOW!

In this season, we know that the Lord is alert and actively watching over His Word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12). As a result, when we, the Lord's disciples, arise out of sleep and slumber, by the grace of God, and become obedient to the call of God upon our lives, the Lord will, in turn, work through us, confirming what He says and does through us, by many miraculous signs and wonders (Mark 16:20). Because God's Word is forever settled in heaven, when His Word is released from our mouths, His Word will not return to Him void, but will accomplish that which He please and purpose; His Word will prosper in the thing for which He sent it (Isaiah 55:11).

Habakkuk 2:2-4

²And the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision and engrave it so plainly upon tablets that everyone who passes may [be able to] read [it easily and quickly] as he hastens by. ³For the vision is yet for an appointed time and it hastens to the end [fulfillment]; it will not deceive or disappoint. Though it tarry, wait [earnestly] for it, because it will surely come; it will not be behindhand on its appointed day.

1 Chronicles 28:12

"He gave him the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind for the courts of the temple of the LORD"

Proverbs 19:21

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails"

Proverbs 16:1-9

¹ The preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. ² All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes But the LORD weighs the spirits. ³ Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established. ⁴ The LORD has made all for Himself, Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom. ⁵ Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; though they join forces, none will go unpunished. ⁶ In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil. ⁷ When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. ⁸ Better is a little with righteousness, Than vast revenues without justice. ⁹ A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

We are walking and praying in the Spirit and manifesting God's glory through living a life of revival while working together in partnership with Him!

Brokenness

Luke 20:17-19

¹⁷ Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: *The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone*?"¹⁸ Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

Isaiah 66:1-2

¹THUS SAYS the Lord: Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. What kind of house would you build for Me? And what kind can be My resting-place? ²For all these things My hand has made, and so all these things have come into being [by and for Me], says the Lord. But this is the man to whom I will look and have regard: he who is humble and of a broken or wounded spirit, and who trembles at My word and reveres My commands.

2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Psalms 51:17

The sacrifice God wants is a broken spirit. God, you will not reject a heart that is broken and sorry for sin.

Psalms 34:18

The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Psalms 51:1-17

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin *is* always before me. ⁴ Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, *And* blameless when You judge.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. ⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Make me hear joy and gladness, *that* the bones You have broken may rejoice. ⁹ Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit. ¹³ *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You. ¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, *And* my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. ¹⁶ For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it*; You do not delight in burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

Matthew 26:36-45

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He told His disciples, Sit down here while I go over yonder and pray. ³⁷And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to show grief and distress of mind and was deeply depressed. ³⁸Then He said to them, My soul is very sad and deeply grieved, so that I am almost dying of sorrow. Stay here and keep awake and keep watch with Me. ³⁹And going a little farther, He threw Himself upon the ground on His face and prayed saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will [not what I desire], but as You will and desire. ⁴⁰And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, What! Are you so utterly unable to stay awake and keep watch with Me for one hour? ⁴¹All of you must keep awake (give strict attention, be cautious and active) and watch and pray, that you may not come into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. ⁴²Again a second time He went away and prayed, My Father, if this cannot pass by unless I drink it, Your will be done. ⁴³And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down with sleep. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, using the same words. ⁴⁵Then He returned to the disciples and said to them, Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of [especially wicked sinners [whose way or nature it is to act in opposition to God].

1 Corinthians 11:24

And when He had given thanks, He broke [it] and said, Take, eat. This is My body, which is broken for you. Do this to call Me [affectionately] to remembrance.

Hebrews 12:2

Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, **for the joy** [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 5:3

Blessed [are] the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

2 Corinthians 7:10-11

¹⁰ For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. ¹¹ For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, *what* clearing of yourselves, *what* indignation, *what* fear, *what* vehement desire, *what* zeal, *what* vindication! In all *things* you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

Luke 11:1-4

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "**Lord, teach us to pray**, as John also taught his disciples." So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,
 Hallowed be Your name.
 Your kingdom come.
 Your will be done
 On earth as *it is* in heaven.
 Give us day by day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our sins,
 For we also forgive everyone who is indebted
 to us.
 And do not lead us into temptation,
 But deliver us from the evil one."

The Model Prayer - Matthew 6:5-8

⁵ "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 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. ⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

ACTS MODEL OF PRAYER	ABC MODEL OF PRAYER	ASK MODEL OF PRAYER
A doration C onfession T hanksgiving S upplication	A sk B elieve C laim	A sk S eek K nock

1 Corinthians 4:20

For the kingdom of God consists of and is based on not talk but power
 (moral power and excellence of soul).

All Manner of Prayer

Pray the Answer, Pray the Word

Prayer of Binding and Loosing

Truly I tell you, whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit and declare proper and lawful on earth must be what is already permitted in heaven. ["Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven"] (Matthew 18:18).

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God (Philippians 4:6).

Through Him, therefore, let us constantly and at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His name (Hebrews 13:15).

Prayer of Unity (One Accord)

²³ And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵ who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: ' Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? ²⁶ The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.' ²⁷ "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. ²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:23-31).

Prayer of Dedication and Worship (Getting your will in line with God's will)

³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." ³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. ³⁸ Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." ³⁹ He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will" (Matthew 26:36-39).

Prayer of Committal (Casting Your Cares)

⁶Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you, ⁷Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully (1 Peter 5:6-7).

Praying in the Spirit

²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God (Romans 8: 26-27).

Prayer of Agreement

"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven (Matthew 18: 19).

Prayer of Petition

¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him (1 John 5: 14-15).

Prayer of Faith

And the *prayer of faith* will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven (James 5: 15).

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have them (Mark 11: 24).

Spiritual Warfare

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ⁶ and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Isaiah 59:17

He put on righteousness as his body armor and placed the helmet of salvation on his head. He clothed himself with a robe of vengeance and wrapped himself in a cloak of divine passion.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Psalm 8:2

Of the mouth of young children, not speaking and sucking milk, thou hast made perfect praising, for thine enemies; that thou destroy the enemy and the avenger. (Out of the mouths of young children, who do not speak, but who suck milk, thou hast rebuked thy mighty enemies; yea, thou hast destroyed the enemy and the avenger.)

Psalm 149:5-9

⁵ Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. ⁶ *Let* the high praises of God *be* in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, ⁷ To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; ⁸ To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; ⁹ To execute on them the written judgment— This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

Luke 10:19

Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.

The Flesh Lusts Against the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-26

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

¹ Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; ² for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. ⁷ For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore he who rejects *this* does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

Mark 7:20-23

²⁰ And He said, What comes out of a man is what makes a man unclean and renders [him] unhallowed. ²¹ For from within, [that is] out of the hearts of men, come base and wicked thoughts, sexual immorality, stealing, murder, adultery, ²² Coveting (a greedy desire to have more wealth), dangerous and destructive wickedness, deceit; unrestrained (indecent) conduct; an evil eye (envy), slander (evil speaking, malicious misrepresentation, abusiveness), pride (the sin of an uplifted heart against God and man), foolishness (folly, lack of sense, recklessness, thoughtlessness). ²³ All these evil [purposes and desires] come from within, and they make the man unclean and render him unhallowed.

Romans 8:1-30

¹ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us^[b] with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Temptation

(to attempt to persuade or entice to do something, especially morally, wrong or unwise)

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹ For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. 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 endure it. ¹⁴ Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵ I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? ¹⁹ Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. ²² Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

Philippians 2:12-13

¹²Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ). ¹³[Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

James 1:12-15

¹² God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. ¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires,

which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

1 Timothy 6:9

But those who crave to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish (useless, godless) and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction and miserable perishing.

Romans 2:19-24

¹⁹And if you are confident that you [yourself] are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, and [that ²⁰You are] a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the childish, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and truth-- ²¹Well then, you who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you teach against stealing, do you steal (take what does not really belong to you)? ²²You who say not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery [are you unchaste in action or in thought]? You who abhor and loathe idols, do you rob temples [do you appropriate to your own use what is consecrated to God, thus robbing the sanctuary and doing sacrilege]? ²³You who boast in the Law, do you dishonor God by breaking the Law [by stealthily infringing upon or carelessly neglecting or openly breaking it]? ²⁴For, as it is written, The name of God is maligned and blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you! [The words to this effect are from your own Scriptures.]

Ephesians 5:1-25

¹THEREFORE BE imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father]. ²And walk in love, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance. ³But immorality (sexual vice) and all impurity [of lustful, rich, wasteful living] or greediness must not even be named among you, as is fitting and proper among saints (God's consecrated people). ⁴Let there be no filthiness (obscenity, indecency) nor foolish and sinful (silly and corrupt) talk, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting or becoming; but instead voice your thankfulness [to God]. ⁵For be sure of this: that no person practicing sexual vice or impurity in thought or in life, or one who is covetous [who has lustful desire for the property of others and is greedy for gain]--for he [in effect] is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶Let no one delude and deceive you with empty excuses and groundless arguments [for these sins], for through these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of rebellion and disobedience. ⁷So do not associate or be sharers with them. ⁸For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light [lead the lives of those native-born to the Light]. ⁹For the fruit (the effect, the product) of the Light or the Spirit [consists] in every form of kindly goodness, uprightness of heart, and trueness of life. ¹⁰And try to learn [in your experience] what is pleasing to the Lord [let your lives be constant proofs of what is most acceptable to Him]. ¹¹Take no part in and have no fellowship with the fruitless deeds and enterprises of darkness, but instead [let your lives be so in contrast as to] expose and reprove and convict them. ¹²For it is a shame even to speak of or mention the things that [such people] practice in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed and reproved by the light, it is made visible and clear; and where everything is visible and clear there is light. ¹⁴Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light.) ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), ¹⁶Making the very most of

the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit. ¹⁹Speak out to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with voices [and instruments] and making melody with all your heart to the Lord, ²⁰At all times and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. ²¹Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Matthew 6:13

And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

Matthew 18:7

"What sorrow awaits the world, because it tempts people to sin. Temptations are inevitable, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting.

Matthew 26:41

Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!"

Luke 8:13

The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation.

Luke 22:40

There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation."

Luke 22:46

"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation."

Romans 6:12-14

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be so deceived and misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore we also, **since** we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every **weight**, and the **sin** which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

John 16:8

⁷However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you]. ⁸And when He comes, **He will convict** and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:

Conviction vs. Seduction

Conviction is what the Holy Spirit uses to draw you to the Father

Seduction is what the enemy uses to sway you to darkness

John 12:32

³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will **draw** all *peoples* to Myself."

Isaiah 45:19-21

¹⁹I have not spoken in secret, in a corner of the land of darkness; I did not call the descendants of Jacob [to a fruitless service], saying, Seek Me for nothing [but I promised them a just reward]. I, the Lord, speak righteousness (the truth--trustworthy, straightforward correspondence between deeds and words); I declare things that are right.²⁰Assemble yourselves and come; **draw** near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about [in religious processions or into battle] their wooden idols and keep on praying to a god that cannot save.

John 6:44

No one is able to come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me attracts and **draws** him and gives him the desire to come to Me, and [then] I will raise him up [from the dead] at the last day.

1 John 5:19

We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway* of the wicked one.

Ephesians 2:2

In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course and fashion of this world [were under the **sway** of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].

2 Timothy 3:6

For among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate silly and weak-natured and spiritually dwarfed women, loaded down with [the burden of their] sins [and easily] **swayed** and led away by various evil desires and seductive impulses.

Don't Be A Fool!

(Only a fool will continue to not take heed to all of God's warnings and repent!)

Psalm 53:1

The fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*"

Proverbs 15:5

A fool despises his father's instruction and correction, but he who regards reproof acquires prudence.

Proverbs 29:11

A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back.

Proverbs 10:18

whoever spreads slander is a fool.

Proverbs 13:18-20

¹⁸Poverty and shame come to him who refuses instruction and correction, but he who heeds reproof is honored. ¹⁹Satisfied desire is sweet to a person; therefore it is hateful and exceedingly offensive to [self-confident] fools to give up evil [upon which they have set their hearts]. ²⁰He who walks [as a companion] with wise men is wise, but he who associates with [self-confident] fools is [a fool himself and] shall smart for it.

Galatians 3:3

Are you so foolish and so senseless and so silly? Having begun [your new life spiritually] with the [Holy] Spirit, are you now reaching perfection [by dependence] on the flesh?

1 Corinthians 3:18-21

¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness"; ²⁰ and again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." ²¹ Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours:

1 Corinthians 1:21

For when the world with all its earthly wisdom failed to perceive and recognize and know God by means of its own philosophy, God in His wisdom was pleased through the foolishness of preaching [salvation, procured by Christ and to be had through Him], to save those who believed (who clung to and trusted in and relied on Him).

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ **"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:** ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

James 1:22-24

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Proverbs 28:26

He who leans on, trusts in, and is confident of his own mind and heart is a [self-confident] fool, but he who walks in skillful and godly Wisdom shall be delivered.

Jeremiah 5:1-31

¹RUN TO and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now and take notice! Seek in her broad squares to see if you can find a man [as Abraham sought in Sodom], one who does justice, who seeks truth, sincerity, and faithfulness; and I will pardon [Jerusalem-- for one uncompromisingly righteous person]. ²And though they say, As the Lord lives, surely they swear falsely. ³O Lord, do not your eyes look on the truth? [They have meant to please You outwardly, but You look on their hearts.] You have stricken them, but they have not grieved; You have consumed them, but they have refused to take correction or instruction. They have made their faces harder than a rock, they have refused to repent and return to You. ⁴Then I said, Surely these are only the poor; they are **[sinfully] foolish and have no understanding, for they know not the way of the Lord, the judgment (the just and righteous law) of their God.** ⁵I will go to the great men and will speak to them, for they must know the way of the Lord, the judgment (the just and righteous law) of their God. But [I found the very reverse to be true] these had all alike broken the yoke [of God's law] and had burst the bonds [of obedience to Him]. ⁶Therefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the desert shall destroy them, a leopard or panther shall lie in wait against their cities. Everyone who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces, because their transgressions are many, their backslidings and total desertion of faith are increased and have become great and mighty. ⁷Why should I and how can I pass over this and forgive you for it? Your children have forsaken Me and sworn by those that are no gods. When I had fed them to the full and bound them to Me by oath, they committed [spiritual] adultery, assembling themselves in troops at the houses of [idol] harlots. ⁸They were like fed stallions roaming at large; each one neighed after his neighbor's wife. ⁹Shall I not punish them for these things? says the Lord; and shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this? ¹⁰Go up within [Jerusalem's] walls and destroy [her vines], but do not make a full and complete end. Trim away the tendrils [of her vines], for they are not the Lord's. ¹¹For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very faithlessly and treacherously against Me, says the Lord. ¹²They have lied about and denied the Lord by saying, It is not He [Who speaks through His prophets]! Evil shall not come upon us; nor shall we see war or famine. ¹³And [say they] the prophets will become wind [what they prophesy will not come to pass], and the word [of God] is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them [as they threatened would be done to us]. ¹⁴Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: Because you [the people] have spoken this word, behold, I will make My words fire in your mouth [Jeremiah] and this people wood, and it will devour them. ¹⁵Behold, I am bringing a nation upon you from afar, O house of Israel, says the Lord. It is a mighty and enduring nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, nor can you understand what they say. ¹⁶Their quiver is [filled with deadly missiles] like an open sepulcher [filled with dead bodies; the foes] are all mighty men (heroes). ¹⁷They shall consume your harvest and your food; they shall consume your sons and your daughters; they shall consume your flocks and your herds; they shall consume your vines and your fig trees. They shall break down and impoverish your fortified cities in which you trust, with the sword [they shall destroy them]. ¹⁸But even in those days, says the Lord, I will not make a full and complete end of

you. ¹⁹And when your people say, Why has the Lord our God done all these things to us? then you shall answer them, As you have forsaken Me, says the Lord, and have served strange gods in your land, so shall you serve strangers (gods) in a land that is not yours. ²⁰Declare this in the house of Jacob and publish it in Judah: ²¹Hear now this, **O foolish people without understanding or heart, who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not: ²²Do you not fear and reverence Me? says the Lord. Do you not tremble before Me?** I placed the sand for the boundary of the sea, a perpetual barrier beyond which it cannot pass and by an everlasting ordinance beyond which it cannot go? And though the waves of the sea toss and shake themselves, yet they cannot prevail [against the feeble grains of sand which God has ordained by nature to be sufficient for His purpose]; though [the billows] roar, yet they cannot pass over that [barrier]. [Is not such a God to be reverently feared and worshiped?] ²³But these people have hearts that draw back from God and wills that rebel against Him; they have revolted and quit His service and have gone away [into idolatry]. ²⁴Nor do they say in their hearts, Let us now reverently fear and worship the Lord our God, Who gives rain, both the autumn and the spring rain in its season, Who reserves and keeps for us the appointed weeks of the harvest. ²⁵Your iniquities have turned these blessings away, and your sins have kept good [harvests] from you. ²⁶For among My people are found wicked men; they watch like fowlers who lie in wait; they set a trap, they catch men. ²⁷As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit and treachery; therefore they have become great and grown rich, ²⁸They have grown fat and sleek. Yes, they surpass in deeds of wickedness; they do not judge and plead with justice the cause of the fatherless, that they may prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy. ²⁹Shall I not punish them for these things? says the Lord. Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this? ³⁰An appalling and horrible thing [bringing desolation and destruction] has come to pass in the land: ³¹The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests exercise rule at their own hands and by means of the prophets. And My people love to have it so! But what will you do when the end comes?

Isaiah 32:1-20

¹BEHOLD, A King will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice. ²And each one of them shall be like a hiding place from the wind and a shelter from the storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land [to those who turn to them]. ³Then the eyes of those who see will not be closed or dimmed, and the ears of those who hear will listen. ⁴And the mind of the rash will understand knowledge and have good judgment, and the tongue of the stammerers will speak readily and plainly. ⁵The fool (the unbeliever and the ungodly) will no more be called noble, nor the crafty and greedy [for gain] said to be bountiful and princely. **⁶For the fool speaks folly and his mind plans iniquity: practicing profane ungodliness and speaking error concerning the Lord, leaving the craving of the hungry unsatisfied and causing the drink of the thirsty to fail.** ⁷The instruments and methods of the fraudulent and greedy [for gain] are evil; he devises wicked devices to ruin the poor and the lowly with lying words, even when the plea of the needy is just and right. ⁸But the noble, openhearted, and liberal man devises noble things; and he stands for what is noble, openhearted, and generous. ⁹Rise up, you women who are at ease! Hear my [Isaiah's] voice, you confident and careless daughters! Listen to what I am saying! ¹⁰In little more than a year you will be shaken with anxiety, you careless and complacent women; for the vintage will fail, and the ingathering will not come. ¹¹Tremble, you women who are at ease! Shudder with fear, you complacent ones! Strip yourselves bare and gird sackcloth upon your loins [in grief]! ¹²They shall beat upon their breasts for the

pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine, ¹³For the land of my people growing over with thorns and briars--yes, for all the houses of joy in the joyous city. ¹⁴For the palace shall be forsaken, the populous city shall be deserted; the hill and the watchtower shall become dens [for wild animals] endlessly, a joy for wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks, ¹⁵Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is valued as a forest. ¹⁶Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) will abide in the fruitful field. ¹⁷And the effect of righteousness will be peace [internal and external], and the result of righteousness will be quietness and confident trust forever. ¹⁸My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting-places. ¹⁹But it [the wrath of the Lord] shall hail, coming down overpoweringly on the forest [the army of the Assyrians], and the capital city shall be utterly humbled and laid prostrate. ²⁰Happy and fortunate are you who cast your seed upon all waters [when the river overflows its banks; for the seed will sink into the mud and when the waters subside, the plant will spring up; you will find it after many days and reap an abundant harvest], you who safely send forth the ox and the donkey [to range freely].

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹ Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses. ² Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon, as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon. There the LORD will display his glory, the splendor of our God. ³ With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. ⁴ Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you." ⁵ And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf. ⁶ The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy! Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will water the wasteland. ⁷ The parched ground will become a pool, and springs of water will satisfy the thirsty land. Marsh grass and reeds and rushes will flourish where desert jackals once lived. ⁸ And a great road will go through that once deserted land. It will be named the Highway of Holiness. Evil-minded people will never travel on it. It will be only for those who walk in God's ways; **fools will never walk there**. ⁹ Lions will not lurk along its course, nor any other ferocious beasts. There will be no other dangers. Only the redeemed will walk on it. ¹⁰ Those who have been ransomed by the LORD will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness.

Titus 3:1-7

¹ Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. ³ For **we ourselves were also once foolish**, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Name of the Lord

Proverbs 18:10

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

Romans 10:13

For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.'

Joel 2:32

And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

Isaiah 52:6

But I will reveal my name to my people, and they will come to know its power. Then at last they will recognize that I am the one who speaks to them."

Psalms 9:10

Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for you.

Philippians 2:10-11

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Exodus 20:7

You shall not use or repeat the name of the Lord your God in vain [that is, lightly or frivolously, in false affirmations or profanely]; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Old Testament Names of God

NAME OF GOD	REFERENCE	MEANING
ELOHIM	Genesis 1: 1, Psalm 19:1	"God", a reference to God's power and might
ADONAI	Malachi 1:6	"Lord", a reference to the Lordship of God
JEHOVAH--YAHWEH	Genesis 2:4	A reference to God's divine salvation
JEHOVAH-MACCADESHEM	Exodus 31:13	The Lord thy sanctifier
JEHOVAH-ROHI	Psalm 23:1	The Lord my shepherd
JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH	Ezekiel 48:35	The Lord who is present
JEHOVAH-RAPHA	Exodus 15:26	The Lord our healer
JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU	Jeremiah 23:6	The Lord our righteousness
JEHOVAH-JIREH	Genesis 22:13-14	The Lord will provide
JEHOVAH-NISSI	Exodus 17:15	The Lord our banner
JEHOVAH-SHALOM	Judges 6:24	The Lord is peace
JEHOVAH-SABBAOTH	Isaiah 6:1-3	The Lord of Hosts
JEHOVAH-GMOLAH	Jeremiah 51:6	The God of Recompense
EL-ELYON	Genesis 14:17-20, Isaiah 14:13-14	The most high God
EL-ROI	Genesis 16:13	The strong one who sees
EL-SHADDAI	Genesis 17:1, Psalm 91:1	The God of the mountains or God Almighty
EL-OLAM	Isaiah 40:28-31	The everlasting God

More Names of God

NAME OF GOD	REFERENCE
ABBA	Romans 8:15
ADVOCATE	I John 2:1
ALMIGHTY	Genesis 17:1
ALPHA	Revelation 22:13
AMEN	Revelation 3:14
ANCIENT OF DAYS	Daniel 7:9
ANOINTED ONE	Psalms 2:2
APOSTLE	Hebrews 3:1
ARM OF THE LORD	Isaiah 53:1
AUTHOR OF LIFE	Acts 3:15
AUTHOR OF OUR FAITH	Hebrews 12:2
BEGINNING	Revelation 21:6
BLESSED & HOLY RULER	1 Timothy 6:15
BRANCH	Jeremiah 33:15
BREAD OF GOD	John 6:33
BREAD OF LIFE	John 6:35
BRIDEGROOM	Isaiah 62:56
BRIGHT MORNING STAR	Revelation 22:16
CHIEF SHEPHERD	1 Peter 5:4
CHOSEN ONE	Isaiah 42:1
CHRIST	Matthew 22:42
CHRIST OF GOD	Luke 9:20
CHRIST THE LORD	Luke 2:11
CHRIST, SON OF LIVING GOD	Matthew 16:16
COMFORTER	John 14:26
COMMANDER	Isaiah 55:4
CONSOLATION OF ISRAEL	Luke 2:25
CONSUMING FIRE	Deut. 4:24, Heb. 12:29
CORNERSTONE	Isaiah 28:16
COUNSELOR	Isaiah 9:6
CREATOR	1 Peter 4:19
DELIVERER	Romans 11:26
DESIRED OF ALL NATIONS	Haggai 2:7
DOOR	John 10:7
END	Revelation 21:6
ETERNAL GOD	Deut. 33:27
EVERLASTING FATHER	Isaiah 9:6
FAITHFUL & TRUE	Revelation 19:11
FAITHFUL WITNESS	Revelation 1:5
FATHER	Matthew 6:9
FIRSTBORN	Rom.8:29,Rev.1:5,Col.1:15
FIRSTFRUITS	1 Cor.15:20-23

NAME OF GOD	REFERENCE
FOUNDATION	1 Cor. 3:11
FRIEND OF TAX COLLECTORS & SINNERS	Matthew 11:19
GENTLE WHISPER	1 Kings 19:12
GIFT OF GOD	John 4:10
GLORY OF THE LORD	Isaiah 40:5
GOD	Genesis 1:1
GOD ALMIGHTY	Genesis 17:1
GOD OVER ALL	Romans 9:5
GOD WHO SEES ME	Genesis 16:13
GOOD SHEPHERD	John 10:11
GREAT HIGH PRIEST	Hebrews 4:14
GREAT SHEPHERD	Hebrews 13:20
GUIDE	Psalms 48:14
HEAD OF THE BODY	Colossians 1:18
HEAD OF THE CHURCH	Ephesians 5:23
HEIR OF ALL THINGS	Hebrews 1:2
HIGH PRIEST	Hebrews 3:1
HIGH PRIEST FOREVER	Hebrews 6:20
HOLY ONE	Acts 2:27
HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL	Isaiah 49:7
HOLY SPIRIT	John 15:26
HOPE	Titus 2:13
HORN OF SALVATION	Luke 1:69
I AM	Exodus 3:14, John 8:58
IMAGE OF GOD	2 Cor. 4:4
IMAGE OF HIS PERSON	Hebrews 1:3
IMMANUEL	Isaiah 7:14
JEALOUS	Exodus 34:14
JEHOVAH	Psalms 83:18
JESUS	Matthew 1:21
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD	Romans 6:23
JUDGE	Isaiah 33:22, Acts 10:42
KING	Zechariah 9:9
KING ETERNAL	1 Timothy 1:17
KING OF KINGS	1 Timothy 6:15
KING OF THE AGES	Revelation 15:3
LAMB OF GOD	John 1:29
LAST ADAM	1 Cor. 15:45
LAWGIVER	Isaiah 33:22
LEADER	Isaiah 55:4
LIFE	John 14:6
LIGHT OF THE WORLD	John 8:12
LIKE AN EAGLE	Deut. 32:11
LILY OF THE VALLEYS	Song 2:1
LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH	Revelation 5:5
LIVING STONE	1 Peter 2:4
LIVING WATER	John 4:10

NAME OF GOD	REFERENCE
LORD	John 13:13
LORD GOD ALMIGHTY	Revelation 15:3
LORD JESUS CHRIST	1 Cor. 15:57
LORD OF ALL	Acts 10:36
LORD OF GLORY	1 Cor. 2:8
LORD OF HOSTS	Haggai 1:5
LORD OF LORDS	1 Tim. 6:15
LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS	Jeremiah 23:6
LOVE	1 John 4:8
MAN OF SORROWS	Isaiah 53:3
MASTER	Luke 5:5
MEDIATOR	1 Timothy 2:5
MERCIFUL GOD	Jeremiah 3:12
MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT	Malachi 3:1
MESSIAH	John 4:25
MIGHTY GOD	Isaiah 9:6
MIGHTY ONE	Isaiah 60:16
NAZARENE	Matthew 2:23
OFFSPRING OF DAVID	Revelation 22:16
OMEGA	Revelation 22:13
ONLY BEGOTTEN SON	John 1:18
OUR PASSOVER LAMB	1 Cor. 5:7
OUR PEACE	Ephesians 2:14
POTTER	Isaiah 64:8
POWER OF GOD	1 Cor. 1:24
PRINCE OF PEACE	Isaiah 9:6
PROPHET	Acts 3:22
PURIFIER	Malachi 3:3
RABBONI (TEACHER	John 20:16
RADIANCE OF GOD'S GLORY	Heb.1:3
REDEEMER	Job 19:25
REFINER'S FIRE	Malachi 3:2
RESURRECTION	John 11:25
RIGHTEOUS ONE	1 John 2:1
ROCK	1 Cor.10:4
ROOT OF DAVID	Rev. 22:16
ROSE OF SHARON	Song 2:1
RULER OF GOD'S CREATION	Rev. 3:14
RULER OVER KINGS OF EARTH	Rev 1:5
RULER OVER ISRAEL	Micah 5:2
SAVIOR	Luke 2:11
SCEPTER OUT OF ISRAEL	Numbers 24:17
SEED	Genesis 3:15
SERVANT	Isaiah 42:1
SHEPHERD OF OUR SOULS	1Peter 2:25
SHIELD	Genesis 15:1
SON OF DAVID	Matthew 1:1

NAME OF GOD	REFERENCE
SON OF GOD	Matthew 27:54
SON OF MAN	Matthew 8:20
SON OF THE MOST HIGH	Luke 1:32
SOURCE	Hebrews 5:9
SPIRIT OF GOD	Genesis 1:2
STAR OUT OF JACOB	Numbers 24:17
STONE	1 Peter 2:8
SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS	Malachi 4:2
TEACHER	John 13:13
TRUE LIGHT	John 1:9
TRUE WITNESS	Revelation 3:14
TRUTH	John 14:6
VINE	John 15:5
WAY	John 14:6
WISDOM OF GOD	1 Cor. 1:24
WITNESS	Isaiah 55:4
WONDERFUL	Isaiah 9:6
WORD	John 1:1
WORD OF GOD	Revelation 19:13
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I AM

The Bread Of Life

"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).

The Light Of The World

"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).

The Gate

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture (John 10:9).

The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11).

The Resurrection And The Life

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 11:25-26).

The Way, The Truth, And The Life

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

The Vine

"I am the vine, you are the branches. *He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing* (John 15:5).

Grace

God's Riches At Christ's Expense

2 Corinthians 6

¹ We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says: " In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Acts 6:5-8

⁵... they selected Stephen, a man full of faith (a strong and welcome belief that Jesus is the Messiah) and full of and controlled by the Holy Spirit ⁸Now Stephen, full of grace (divine blessing and favor) and power (strength and ability) worked great wonders and signs (miracles) among the people.

Psalms 84:11

For the Lord God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.

Acts 14:3

But the apostles stayed there a long time, preaching boldly about the grace of the Lord. And the Lord proved their message was true by giving them power to do miraculous signs and wonders.

Acts 15:11

We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus."

Acts 20:24

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

Acts 20:32

"And now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself.

Romans 1:7

I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

What is Grace?

The empowering presence of God that enables you to be everything God wants you to be and to do everything God wants you to do.

Romans 5:15

But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:20

God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.

Romans 5:21

So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 11:5-6

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

1 Corinthians 15:10

But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.

1 Corinthians 16:23

May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

2 Corinthians 1:2

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

2 Corinthians 1:12

We can say with confidence and a clear conscience that we have lived with a God-given holiness and sincerity in all our dealings. We have depended on God's grace, not on our own human wisdom. That is how we have conducted ourselves before the world, and especially toward you.

2 Corinthians 4:15

All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.

2 Corinthians 8:9

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

2 Corinthians 9:13-15

¹³ As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. ¹⁴ And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. ¹⁵ Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

2 Corinthians 12:9

Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Galatians 1:3

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

Galatians 2:21

I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.

Galatians 5:4

For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace.

Galatians 6:18

Dear brothers and sisters, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Ephesians 1:6

So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.

Ephesians 1:7

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

Ephesians 3:7

By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.

Ephesians 6:24

May God's grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:6

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

2 Thessalonians 1:12

Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:15-17

¹⁵ With all these things in mind, dear brothers and sisters, stand firm and keep a strong grip on the teaching we passed on to you both in person and by letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope, ¹⁷ comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say.

1 Timothy 1:2

I am writing to Timothy, my true son in the faith. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

2 Timothy 1:9

For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:1

Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus.

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people.

Titus 3:7

Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Hebrews 2:9

What we do see is Jesus, who was given a position "a little lower than the angels"; and because he suffered death for us, he is now "crowned with glory and honor." Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.

Hebrews 4:16

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Hebrews 12:15

Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.

1 Peter 1:2

God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace.

1 Peter 5:12

I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in grace (undeserved favor, spiritual strength) and ^[h]recognition and knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him [be] glory (honor, majesty, and splendor) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (so be it)!

Jude 1:3-5

³ Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. ⁴ I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. ⁵ So I want to remind you, though you already know these things, that Jesus first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those who did not remain faithful.

2 John 1:3

Grace, mercy, and peace, which come from God the Father and from Jesus Christ—the Son of the Father—will continue to be with us who live in truth and love.

Psalms 144:12

May our sons flourish in their youth like well-nurtured plants. May our daughters be like graceful pillars, carved to beautify a palace.

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. ⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ 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.

The Word

John 1:1

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

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Psalms 138:1-2

¹I WILL confess and praise You [O God] with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praises to You. ²I will worship toward Your holy temple and praise Your name for Your loving-kindness and for Your truth and faithfulness; for You have exalted above all else Your name and Your word and You have magnified Your word above all Your name!

Psalms 119:89

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

Jeremiah 1:12

Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."

Mark 16:19-20

¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Proverbs 4:20-22

²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; ²² For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 2:1-4

¹ So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. ² For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. ³ So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? ⁴ And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.

Romans 11:22

Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in *His* goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

And we also [especially] thank God continually for this, that when you received the message of God [which you heard] from us, you welcomed it not as the word of [mere] men, but as it truly is, the Word of God, which is effectually at work in you who believe [exercising its superhuman power in those who adhere to and trust in and rely on it].

The Blood

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Romans 5:9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Hebrews 10:10

By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Colossians 1:20

and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Faith, Love and Forgiveness

F-A-I-T-H... Full Assurance in the Hope found in God's Promises

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him

Habakkuk 2:4

" Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

Romans 1:17

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "*The just shall live by faith.*"

Galatians 3:11

But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

Hebrews 10:38

Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Luke 18:8

I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

1 Peter 1:9

for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Galatians 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

Ephesians 3:17

that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love

1 Thessalonians 1:3

remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father

2 Thessalonians 1:3

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

1 Timothy 1:14

And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

2 Corinthians 8:7

But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.

Matthew 21:21-22

²¹ So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done. ²² And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

Colossians 1:21-23

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Matthew 6:14-15

¹⁴ “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

1 John 1:8-10

⁸If we say we have no sin [refusing to admit that we are sinners], we delude and lead ourselves astray, and the Truth [which the Gospel presents] is not in us [does not dwell in our hearts]. ⁹If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action]. ¹⁰If we say (claim) we have not sinned, we contradict His Word and make Him out to be false and a liar, and His Word is not in us [the divine message of the Gospel is not in our hearts].

2 Corinthians 2:10

Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. ²³ Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ³⁰ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. ³² Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' ³⁴ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵ "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

2 Corinthians 2:3-11

³ And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is *the joy* of you all. ⁴ For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you. ⁵ But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but all of you to some extent—not to be too severe. ⁶ This punishment which *was inflicted* by the majority *is* sufficient for such a man, ⁷ so that, on the contrary, you *ought* rather to forgive and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow. ⁸ Therefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love to him. ⁹ For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things. ¹⁰ Now whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one^[a] for your sakes in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Royal Priesthood

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Hebrews 4:15-16

¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Peter 2:4-6

⁴ Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Watchman

Psalm 127:1-2

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. ² *It is* vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; *For* so He gives His beloved sleep.

Luke 21:34-36

³⁴ But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose; ³⁵ For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth. ³⁶ Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

Ezekiel 22:30

"I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one.

Ezekiel 33:1-6

¹ Once again a message came to me from the Lord: ² "Son of man, give your people this message: 'When I bring an army against a country, the people of that land choose one of their own to be a watchman. ³ When the watchman sees the enemy coming, he sounds the alarm to warn the people. ⁴ Then if those who hear the alarm refuse to take action, it is their own fault if they die. ⁵ They heard the alarm but ignored it, so the responsibility is theirs. If they had listened to the warning, they could have saved their lives. ⁶ But if the watchman sees the enemy coming and doesn't sound the alarm to warn the people, he is responsible for their captivity. They will die in their sins, but I will hold the watchman responsible for their deaths.

A Word to the Shepherds from The Shepherd

Ezekiel 34:1-31

Irresponsible Shepherds

¹ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ² "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?" ³ You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, *but* you do not feed the flock. ⁴ The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them. ⁵ So they were scattered because *there was* no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. ⁶ My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching *for them.*" ⁷ 'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸ "*As I live,*" says the Lord GOD, "surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock"— ⁹ therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD! ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I *am* against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them."

God, the True Shepherd

¹¹ 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment." ¹⁷ 'And *as for* you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. ¹⁸ *Is it* too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture—and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? ¹⁹ And *as for* My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet." ²⁰ 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, ²² therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge

between sheep and sheep. ²³ I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. ²⁵ "I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶ I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷ Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸ And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make *them* afraid. ²⁹ I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore. ³⁰ Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, *am* with them, and they, the house of Israel, *are* My people," says the Lord GOD." ³¹ "You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you *are* men, *and* I *am* your God," says the Lord GOD.

One Another Scriptures

Pray for one another (James 5:16)

Greet one another (Rom. 16:16, 1 Cor. 16:20, 2 Cor. 13:12, 1 Pet. 5:14)

Meet with one another (Heb. 10:25)

Comfort one another (1 Thess. 4:18)

Forgive one another (Col. 3:13)

Build one another up (Rom. 15:2; 1 Thess. 5:11)

Bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2)

Encourage one another (Heb. 10:25)

Be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving towards one another (Eph. 4:32, Rom. 12:10)

Receive (welcome) one another as Christ received us (Rom. 15:7)

Care for one another (1 Cor. 12:25)

Minister one to another (1 Pet. 4:10)

Show hospitality to one another (1 Pet. 4:9)

Serve one another (Gal. 5:13)

The Great Commission

Mark 16:14-18

¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Luke 10:1-3

¹ After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ² Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves."

Mindset

Philippians 4:7

And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Romans 12:1-3

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. ³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Romans 8:6

For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

Colossians 3: 1 - 3

¹ IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth. ³ For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Colossians 3:2

Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

2 Corinthians 11:3

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Hebrews 8:10

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their minds, even upon their innermost thoughts and understanding, and engrave them upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ

1 Peter 4:1

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin

Philippians 2:1-4

¹⁻⁴If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Romans 7:24-25

²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

2 Corinthians 6:4-10

⁴ But in all *things* we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, ⁵ in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; ⁶ by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, ⁷ by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, ⁸ by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and *yet* true; ⁹ as unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and *yet* not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice!

James 1:2-4

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Hold Fast Your Confidence

Hebrews 3:6

but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Hebrews 3:14

For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end

Hebrews 4:14

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession.

Hebrews 10:35

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

2 Timothy 1:12

For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

1 John 3:21

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

1 John 5:14-15

¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of *all*: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Romans 12:4-8

⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it in our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Ephesians 4:8; 11-16

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ ¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

1 Peter 4:9-11

⁹Practice hospitality to one another (those of the household of faith). [Be hospitable, be a lover of strangers, with brotherly affection for the unknown guests, the foreigners, the poor, and all others who come your way who are of Christ's body.] And [in each instance] do it ungrudgingly (cordially and graciously, without complaining but as representing Him). ¹⁰As each of you has received a gift (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment), employ it for one another as [befits] good trustees of God's many-sided grace [faithful stewards of the extremely diverse powers and gifts granted to Christians by unmerited favor]. ¹¹Whoever speaks, [let him do it as one who utters] oracles of God; whoever renders service, [let him do it] as with the strength which God furnishes abundantly, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever (through endless ages). Amen (so be it).

Corporate Prayers

Ephesians 1:3-11

³ 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. ⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ 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. ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹ God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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.

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, ¹⁶ I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, ¹⁷ asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. ¹⁸ 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 rich and glorious inheritance. ¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. ²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. ²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Colossians 1:9-14

⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 4:2-4

² Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; ³ meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, ⁴ that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

Colossians 4:12

¹² Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

Colossians 2:6-10

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. ⁸ Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Acts 17:28

for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵ for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷ just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. ⁸ For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. ⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

¹¹ Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness and the work of faith with power, ¹² that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

¹ Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, ² and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. ⁵ Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-28

¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing. ¹² And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. ¹⁵ See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies. ²¹ Test all things; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil. ²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it*. ²⁵ Brethren, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss. I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren. ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

3 John 1:2

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

1 Peter 2:4

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious

James 2:5

Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

1 Corinthians 1:27-29

²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹ that no flesh should glory in His presence.

Acts 22:14-15

¹⁴ Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. ¹⁵ For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.

Matthew 22:14

"For many are called, but few are chosen."

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

James 4:1-4

¹ Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires* for pleasure that war in your members? ² You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. ⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Romans 12:12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

James 5:13-25

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. ¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. ¹⁹ Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

1 Timothy 4:12

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Hebrews 13:17-19

¹⁷ Obey your spiritual leaders and submit to them [continually recognizing their authority over you], for they are constantly keeping watch over your souls and guarding your spiritual welfare, as men who will have to render an account [of their trust]. [Do your part to] let them do this with gladness and not with sighing and groaning, for that would not be profitable to you [either]. ¹⁸ Keep praying for us, for we are convinced that we have a good (clear) conscience, that we want to walk uprightly and live a noble life, acting honorably and in complete honesty in all things. ¹⁹ And I beg of you [to pray for us] the more earnestly, in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

Isaiah 11:1-5

¹⁻⁵ A green Shoot will sprout from Jesse's stump, from his roots a budding Branch. The life-giving Spirit of God will hover over him, the Spirit that brings wisdom and understanding, The Spirit that gives direction and builds strength, the Spirit that instills knowledge and Fear-of-God. Fear-of-God will be all his joy and delight. He won't judge by appearances, won't decide on the basis of hearsay. He'll judge the needy by what is right, render decisions on earth's poor with justice. His words will bring everyone to awed attention. A mere breath from his lips will topple the wicked. Each morning he'll pull on sturdy work clothes and boots, and build righteousness and faithfulness in the land.

Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

2 Corinthians 7:6

But God, Who comforts and encourages and refreshes and cheers the depressed and the sinking, comforted and encouraged and refreshed and cheered us by the arrival of Titus.

Proverbs 29:2

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

1 Chronicles 5:20

He heeded their prayer, because they put their trust in Him.

1 Peter 4:7

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

1 Peter 3:12

For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

My God Shall Supply All Your Need

Philippians 4:1-23

¹ My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God. ²I urge Euodia and Syntyche to iron out their differences and make up. God doesn't want his children holding grudges. ³And, oh, yes, Syzygus, since you're right there to help them work things out, do your best with them. These women worked for the Message hand in hand with Clement and me, and with the other veterans—worked as hard as any of us. Remember, their names are also in the Book of Life. ⁴⁻⁵Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! ⁶⁻⁷Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. ⁸⁻⁹Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

¹⁰⁻¹⁴I'm glad in God, far happier than you would ever guess—happy that you're again showing such strong concern for me. Not that you ever quit praying and thinking about me. You just had no chance to show it. Actually, I don't have a sense of needing anything personally. I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am. I don't mean that your help didn't mean a lot to me—it did. It was a beautiful thing that you came alongside me in my troubles. ¹⁵⁻¹⁷You Philippians well know, and you can be sure I'll never forget it, that when I first left Macedonia province, venturing out with the Message, not one church helped out in the give-and-take of this work except you. You were the only one. Even while I was in Thessalonica, you helped out—and not only once, but twice. Not that I'm looking for handouts, but I do want you to experience the blessing that issues from generosity.

¹⁸⁻²⁰And now I have it all—and keep getting more! The gifts you sent with Epaphroditus were more than enough, like a sweet-smelling sacrifice roasting on the altar, filling the air with fragrance, pleasing God no end. You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus. Our God and Father abounds in glory that just pours out into eternity. Yes. ²¹⁻²²Give our regards to every follower of Jesus you meet. Our friends here say hello. All the Christians here, especially the believers who work in the palace of Caesar, want to be remembered to you. ²³Receive and experience the amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, deep, deep within yourselves.

Salvation

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

John 3:16-17

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Rededication

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Proverbs 28:13

He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.

Baptism of Holy Spirit

Luke 11:9-13

⁹ "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 2:4

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 8:15-17

¹⁵ who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:1-6

¹ And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ² he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." ⁵ When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Jude 1:20

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 14:2

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

1 Corinthians 14:14

For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody].

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God

Romans 14:17

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

John 16:8

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Ephesians 4:17-32

¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. ²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, "*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*" for we are members of one another. ²⁶ "*Be angry, and do not sin*": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil. ²⁸ Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. ²⁹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Healing

Isaiah 53:4-5

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24

who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Psalms 103:3

Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases

Psalms 107:20

He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

Isaiah 53:5

But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

Jeremiah 17:14

Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved, For You are my praise.

Jeremiah 30:17

For I will restore health to you And heal you of your wounds,' says the LORD,

Malachi 4:2

But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings

Matthew 9:35

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Luke 6:12-19

¹² Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. ¹³ And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; ... ¹⁷ And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, ¹⁸ as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. ¹⁹ And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all

James 5:14-16

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

1 Peter 2:24

who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Mark 16:17

...*In My name* they will cast out demons

Mark 16:18

... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Acts 3:1-10

¹ Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. ² And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; ³ who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. ⁴ And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." ⁵ So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. ⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰ Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 5:12-16

¹² And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. ¹³ Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. ¹⁴ And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Exodus 15:26

and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I *am* the LORD who heals you."

Prayer Focus

Faithfully undergirding and saturating Northgate Community Church, the Body of Christ, Living Grace Christian School, our families and our community in prayer.

Ephesians 4

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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PERSONAL PRAYERS

- ☆ Prayers of Commitment
- ☆ Prayers to the Father
- ☆ Prayers for Needs and Concern of Individuals
- ☆ Prayers for Needs and Concerns of Single, Divorced, Widowed
- ☆ Prayers for Needs and Concerns of Marriage Partners and Head of Households
- ☆ Prayers for Children

GROUP PRAYERS

- ☆ An Intercessory Prayer Group
- ☆ God's People, Ministers, and Ministries
- ☆ Peoples and Nations
- ☆ Special Needs of Others

SEVEN MOUNTAINS

- ☆ Family
- ☆ Government
- ☆ Education
- ☆ Economy
- ☆ Religion
- ☆ Arts and entertainment
- ☆ Media

"He who occupies these mountains controls the harvest."



Matthew 9:37-38

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. ³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Living Grace Christian School

Prayer of Agreement

Isaiah 54:13

And all your [spiritual] children shall be disciples [taught by the Lord and obedient to His will], and great shall be the peace and undisturbed composure of your children.



Supporting the Mission of Living Grace School: Raising Up Champions for God

“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. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph. 2:8-10).

Please share with your friends about Living Grace Christian School, a school where the parents, teachers, and children work together in positive Biblical teamwork and relationship to raise up champions for God—servant leaders of godly character who advance the cause of Christ and make disciples of all nations. Living Grace Christian School is committed to Christian Discipleship, Academic Excellence, and Godly Character Development. Families are encouraged to apply for financial assistance based on need.

Please pray about supporting Living Grace Christian School in the following ways:

1. Praying for the school.
2. Becoming a prayer partner—the school is committed to having consistent prayer support through seeking up to twelve prayer partners who agree to pray daily for the school.
3. Helping families who cannot pay the full tuition to send their children to the school through the “Student Champions Fund.” We are committed to a ministry philosophy of “ministry over money” in which no family is excluded from the school due to financial hardship. Checks should be made out to Living Grace Christian School with “Student Champions Fund” written in the memo.
4. Supporting the long-term establishment of the school through the “Living Grace Christian School Endowment Fund.” Checks should be made out to Living Grace Christian School with “Endowment Fund” written in the memo.
5. Providing volunteer help at the school.

If you desire to help in any of these ways, please feel free to call or email Dr. Switzer.

Prayer Needs

As stated above, the school is committed to having consistent prayer support through seeking twelve prayer partners who agree to pray daily for the school. If you would like to be a designated prayer partner, please talk to Dr. Switzer. Obviously, we encourage everyone to be praying for the school—parents, teachers, students, and extended family.

Please pray for the following significant areas:

1. The spiritual life of all parents, teachers, and students, that our relationships with the Lord would be grace-filled and marked by integrity.
2. That parents, teachers, students, and Northgate congregants work together in positive Biblical teamwork and unified relationship.
3. Effective leadership and teaching, and a commitment to Christian discipleship, academic excellence, and godly character development.
4. Walking out our comprehensive plan for parent participation: pray that the teachers would effectively communicate with parents, be receptive and accessible to them, and treat them as partners in the educational process.
5. God’s provision for families, including financial and transportation needs.
6. Parents as they fulfill the role as their child’s primary teachers. Pray that parents would “reserve judgment” when their children give them a negative report about a school situation until they have the opportunity to talk with the respective teacher.
7. Excellent study habits, godly relationships, and prosperous health and safety for the entire school body.
8. Pastors and the larger Body of Christ to increasingly see the need to educate their children (and the future leaders of the Church) in a manner consistent with their Biblical beliefs.
9. Volunteers to help in the classrooms, office, and building.
10. Consistent financial support to help needy families to be able to send their children to the school through the “Student Champions Fund.”
11. The families of all the teachers, parents, and students.
12. That these children would know that God has a plan for their lives; that God would raise up these children to be champions for God—servant leaders of godly character who advance the cause of Christ and make disciples of all nations! **Thank you for your prayers!**



Daniel's Prayer

Daniel 9:1-27

¹⁻⁴ "Darius, son of Ahasuerus, born a Mede, became king over the land of Babylon. In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, **was meditating on the Scriptures** that gave, **according to the Word of God** to the prophet Jeremiah, the number of years that Jerusalem had to lie in ruins, namely, seventy. I turned to the Master God, **asking for an answer—praying earnestly, fasting from meals, wearing rough penitential burlap**, and **kneeling** in the ashes. I **poured out my heart, baring my soul to God**, my God:

⁴⁻⁸ "'O Master, great and august God. You never waver in your covenant commitment, never give up on those who love you and do what you say. Yet we have sinned in every way imaginable. We've done evil things, rebelled, dodged and taken detours around your clearly marked paths. We've turned a deaf ear to your servants the prophets, who preached your Word to our kings and leaders, our parents, and all the people in the land. You have done everything right, Master, but all we have to show for our lives is guilt and shame, the whole lot of us—people of Judah, citizens of Jerusalem, Israel at home and Israel in exile in all the places we've been banished to because of our betrayal of you. Oh yes, God, we've been exposed in our shame, all of us—our kings, leaders, parents—before the whole world. And deservedly so, because of our sin.

⁹⁻¹² "'Compassion is our only hope, the compassion of you, the Master, our God, since in our rebellion we've forfeited our rights. We paid no attention to you when you told us how to live, the clear teaching that came through your servants the prophets. All of us in Israel ignored what you said. We defied your instructions and did what we pleased. And now we're paying for it: The solemn curse written out plainly in the revelation to God's servant Moses is now doing its work among us, the wages of our sin against you. You did to us and our rulers what you said you would do: You brought this catastrophic disaster on us, the worst disaster on record—and in Jerusalem!

¹³⁻¹⁴ "'Just as written in God's revelation to Moses, the catastrophe was total. Nothing was held back. We kept at our sinning, never giving you a second thought, oblivious to your clear warning, and so you had no choice but to let the disaster loose on us in full force. You, our God, had a perfect right to do this since we persistently and defiantly ignored you.

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ "'Master, you are our God, for you delivered your people from the land of Egypt in a show of power—people are still talking about it! We confess that we have sinned, that we have lived bad lives. Following the lines of what you have always done in setting things right, setting people right, please stop being so angry with Jerusalem, your very own city, your holy mountain. We know it's our fault that this has happened, all because of our sins and our parents' sins, and now we're an embarrassment to everyone around us. We're a blot on the neighborhood. **So listen, God, to this determined prayer of your servant.** Have mercy on your ruined Sanctuary. Act out of who you are, not out of what we are.

¹⁸ "'Turn your ears our way, God, and listen. Open your eyes and take a long look at our ruined city, this city named after you. We know that we don't deserve a hearing from you. Our appeal is to your compassion. This prayer is our last and only hope:

¹⁹ "'Master, listen to us!
Master, forgive us!
Master, look at us and do something!
Master, don't put us off!
Your city and your people are named after you:
You have a stake in us!'

²⁰⁻²¹ "**While I was pouring out my heart**, baring my sins and the sins of my people Israel, praying my life out before my God, interceding for the holy mountain of my God—while I was absorbed in this praying, the **humanlike Gabriel**, the one I had seen in an earlier vision, **approached me**, flying in like a bird about the time of evening worship.

²²⁻²³ "He stood before me and said, 'Daniel, I have come to make things plain to you. You had no sooner started your prayer when the answer was given. And now **I'm here to deliver the answer to you. You are much loved!** So **listen carefully to the answer**, the plain meaning of what is revealed:

Open Up, Go Through the Ancient Gates

Isaiah 62:1-9

¹FOR ZION'S sake will I [Isaiah] not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until her imputed righteousness and vindication go forth as brightness, and her salvation radiates as does a burning torch. ²And the nations shall see your righteousness and vindication [your rightness and justice--not your own, but His ascribed to you], and all kings shall behold your salvation and glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name. ³You shall also be [so beautiful and prosperous as to be thought of as] a crown of glory and honor in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem [exceedingly beautiful] in the hand of your God. ⁴You [Judah] shall no more be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land be called Desolate any more. But you shall be called Hephzibah [My delight is in her], and your land be called Beulah [married]; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married [owned and protected by the Lord]. ⁵For as a young man marries a virgin [O Jerusalem], so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. ⁶I have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem, who will never hold their peace day or night; you who [are His servants and by your prayers] put the Lord in remembrance [of His promises], keep not silence, ⁷And give Him no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her a praise in the earth. ⁸The Lord has sworn by His right hand and by His mighty arm: Surely I will not again give your grain as food for your enemies, and [the invading sons of] aliens shall not drink your new wine for which you have toiled; ⁹But they who have gathered it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and they who have brought in the vintage shall drink it [at the feasts celebrated] in the courts of My sanctuary (the temple of My holiness).

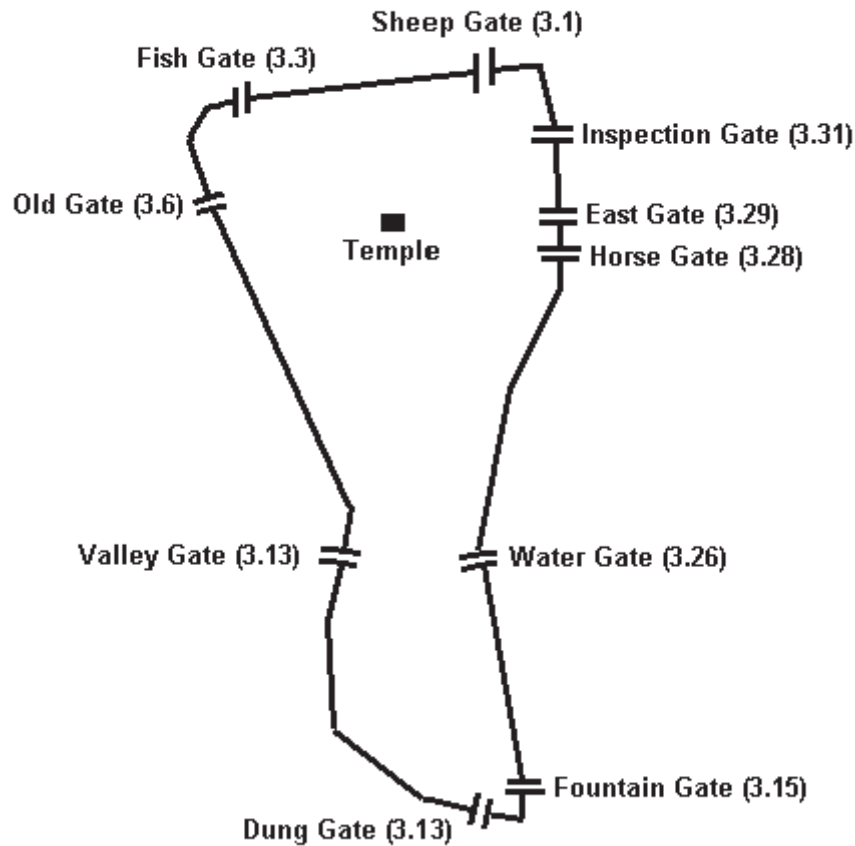
Isaiah 62

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Cast up, cast up the highway! Gather out the stones. Lift up a standard or ensign over and for the peoples. ¹¹Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the Daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes [in the person of the Lord]; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work and recompense before Him. ¹²And they shall call them the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken.

Psalms 24

⁷ Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter. ⁸ Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord, invincible in battle. ⁹ Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter. ¹⁰ Who is the King of glory? The Lord of Heaven's Armies—he is the King of glory.

Nehemiah's Jerusalem



Sheep Gate (vs 1,32) – The very first gate mentioned is the sheep gate. It was called the sheep gate because this was the gate which the sheep and lambs used in the sacrifice were bought through. No prizes for knowing that this speaks of the very first experience we come into in our Christian life – that is, a realisation that Jesus was the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. The sheep gate then speaks to us of the cross and the sacrifice that was made for our sins. It is the starting point of everything but you will also notice if you read the entire chapter that the sheep gate is also mentioned at the very end once we have come full circle. That is because everything starts and ends with Jesus' death on the cross.

Fish Gate (vs 3) – The Fish gate was next to be mentioned. It was called the fish gate because the fisherman of Galilee would bring their catch in through this gate to be sold. For us, it speaks of evangelism as we have been called to be 'fishers of men'. It is a natural progression in our Christian life that after seeing that Jesus dies for our sins, that we would want to tell others about it. Even surveys have shown that believers who have been saved less than two years win the most people to the Lord. Their simple testimony of what Jesus has done in their lives qualifies them to be great 'fishers of men.'

Old Gate (vs 6) – The Old gate was next and this speaks to us of the old ways of truth. A young Christian having experienced the sheep gate, then the fish gate soon sees the need for experiencing the old gate. This means learning the old ways of truth that never change. Jeremiah 6:16 states 'Thus says the Lord, Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls.'

Valley Gate (vs 13) – Examining the picture above you notice that there is a long distance before you come to the next gate, which is the valley gate. For a new Christian the Lord allows a 'honeymoon' type period where He teaches you and His presence is strong in your life. This can go on for some time as indicated by the positioning of the old and valley gates. But sooner or later the valley gate must come. The valley gate speaks to us of humbling and trials – valley type experiences used by the Lord for our personal growth. Never easy but the Christian needs to remember that in the natural nothing really grows on the mountain tops, but it certainly does down in the valleys. So it is in the spiritual. Never a nice experience but it always produces fruit.

Dung (Refuse) Gate (vs 14) – Again there is quite a distance to the next gate indicating that, unfortunately, the valley experience can carry on for some time. But the result of that experience is clearly seen in this next gate – the dung gate. This is the gate that they would take all the refuse and rubbish out of Jerusalem, down to the valley of Hinnom to be burned. This is what happens in our own life. Valley experiences are used by the Lord to clear away the rubbish so that true faith, refined by the fire, can come forth and produce fruit. Clearing away the rubbish in our lives is never easy but the benefits of this experience can be seen in the next gate. You will notice also that at this point of your Christian life there is a dramatic 'turning of the corner' that takes place. From the diagram above, up until this point we have been moving downward and the experiences have been hard, but having come to this point there is a sharp turn in the road and we begin to move upward again.

Fountain Gate (vs 15) – You will notice from the picture that the fountain gate is located extremely close to the dung gate. In other words, after a valley type experience where rubbish in our lives is cleared out and true faith comes forth, then the fountains begin to flow and it doesn't take long! This speaks to us of the living waters of the Holy Spirit that cleanse our lives and empower us for our Christian life.

Water Gate (vs 26) - The next gate we arrive at is the water gate. The water gate is a picture I believe of the word of God and it's effect in our life. Eph 5:26 states '... having washed her by the water of the word.' It is no coincidence that this gate was located next to the fountain gate as the two often go together. The Holy Spirit is the one who makes the word of God alive to us personally, allowing cleansing, encouragement and direction to take place in our life.

Horse Gate (vs 28) - The horse gate speaks to us of warfare as horses were used in battle and became a symbol of war. Revelation 19:11 'I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness does He judge and make war.' Spiritual warfare, as we will see in this entire study on Nehemiah, is a requirement of every Christian because we are all in a battle whether we know it or not. The last three gates are also prophetic I believe of the end times return of Jesus Christ. You will notice that all three gates are very close together and so are the

events which they symbolise. Prophetically, the horse gate speaks of the day of the Lord and the end time judgement as recorded in the book of Revelation chapters 6-19.

East Gate (vs 29) – The east gate has been set-aside especially by God and was known by Jews for one particular event – the coming of the Messiah! Ezekiel 44: 1-3 ‘... the gate that looked toward the east, and it was shut. The Lord said to me, ‘This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, for the Lord God of Israel has entered by it.’ The east gate opens and looks toward the Mount of Olives and we know that when Jesus returns He will return to this mount. (Zech 14: 4). He will then enter Jerusalem by the east gate. The east gate then speaks of the return of Jesus Christ. For our Christian life is shows us of our need to live with this hope and to long for His return. A specific crown is even given to those who do this (2 Tim 4:8). Prophetically this gate is very close to the horse gate because the day of God’s wrath ends with the coming of the Lord Jesus as described in Revelation 19.

Inspection Gate (vs 31) - The final gate is the inspection gate. This gate speaks to us of the bema seat of Christ where our lives are inspected and rewarded appropriately. In our Christian experience we should be living with this in mind. We are called to live our lives with eternity in view, caring more for the things of eternity than the temporal that we see around us. Prophetically this gate also speaks of the judgement of the nations that takes place when Jesus returns. This is recorded in the sheep and the goats judgement in Mathew 25: 31-46.

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Ezekiel 44:1-4

¹ Then the man brought me back to the outside gate complex of the Sanctuary that faces east. But it was shut. ²⁻³ God spoke to me: "This gate is shut and it's to stay shut. No one is to go through it because God, the God of Israel, has gone through it. It stays shut. Only the prince, because he's the prince, may sit there to eat in the presence of God. He is to enter the gate complex through the porch and leave by the same way." ⁴ ***The man led me through the north gate to the front of the Temple. I looked, and—oh!—the bright Glory of God filling the Temple of God! I fell on my face in worship.***

Isaiah 45:1-3

¹ "Thus says the LORD to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held— To subdue nations before him And loose the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut: ² 'I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron. ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel.

Unlimited Glory Prayer

FATHER, Most High God, in Jesus name;

I praise You that I have not come to a mountain of darkness, but to the heavenly Jerusalem (Heb.12:22), that I may approach the throne of grace with boldness (Heb.4:16), not as a slave, but as a child saying "daddy" (Ro.8:15). Jesus is my mediator (I Tim.2:5). He lives to intercede for me (Heb.7:25). I have been purified by His blood (I John 1:7). Having confessed my sin, You are faithful and just to forgive me (I John 1:9 & II Cor.5:19) and I may now concentrate on You and not on my former sin (Heb.10:22). Jesus is the way (John 14:6) into the Holy of Holies (Heb. 9:8). The old curtain has been torn (Matt. 27:15) that I may enter into Your presence (Heb.10:20) offering a sacrifice of praise from my lips (Heb.13:15). I am the aroma of Christ (II Cor.2:15), my prayers are as incense unto You (Rev.5:8). I have been born of incorruptible seed (I Pe.1:23); indeed, I have been given fellowship with You (I John 1:3). When Jesus said, "It is written" the matter was settled (Matt.4:4). I know that Jesus is the Word (John 1:1) and that You have made known to me the mystery of Your will through Your Word (Eph.5:19). I know You always heard Jesus (John 11:42) who prayed Your will (John 6:39). By lifting up Your Words, which are Your will, I know that I am heard (I John 5:14); therefore, according to Your will I come before You with praise and prayer from Your Holy Word.

I am of the Body of Christ (I Cor.12:27 & 6:15). I am a Son of God (Heb.2:11, Eph.2:10, Ro. 8:14 & I John 3:1). I overcome evil with good (I John 5:4). Satan has no power over me for the Greater One dwells within me. Greater are You that is in me than he that is in the world (I John 4:4). No evil will befall me, neither will any plague come nye my dwelling for You have given Your angels charge over me; they keep me in all my ways, and in my pathway is life (Ps.91:10 - 12). You bless the home of the righteous (Prov.3:33), and because of faith I am counted among the righteous (Ro.4:23).

I thank you Father that no weapon formed against me will prosper (Isa.54:17) but that whatever I do will prosper (Ps.1:3). I commit unto you my very life and all my plans knowing therefore that they will succeed (Prov.16:3). I am a tree planted by the river of water (Ps. 1:3 & John 7:38). You have given me rule over the earth and all that dwells in, on, and over it (Gen. 1:26). The earth has been given to me (Ps.115:16).

I shall not waiver through unbelief regarding Your promises, but shall give all praise, glory, and honor to You; being fully persuaded that You have the power to do what You have promised (Ro.4:20). Your Word has been from the beginning (John 1:2). Your promises, made then, are still in effect today; this year, this very moment (Heb.13:8, 6:17 & Mal.3:6) for You do not lie (Titus 1:2 & Heb.6:18). Heaven and earth shall pass away, but Your Word shall not pass away (Mk.13:31); indeed, Your Word shall be with me even unto the end of the age (Matt.28:20). You have told me that You are watching to see that Your Words are fulfilled (Jer.1:12). To confirm Your covenant with Abraham, You swore by Yourself: Your Word was sufficient (Gen. 22:16-17 & Heb.6:13). Your covenant was kept (Matt.1:1-17)! Now You have made Your Word the surety of Your new covenant with me (Heb.7:22). You are the same Father who calls things that are not as though they were (Ro.4:17). Through You I am sure of things hoped for and certain of things not seen (Heb.11:1). My faith rests on Your power - not man's wisdom (I Cor.2:15), for now I live by faith, and not by sight (II Cor.5:7)

In the name of Jesus I know that You are able to do more for me than I could ever ask, or even imagine (Eph.3:20). Your Word says that whatsoever things I desire when I pray, to believe that I receive them (Mk.11:24). I shall obey Your commands and do what pleases You (I John 3:22); therefore, I believe that my needs are met according to Your riches in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:19). In Christ You have blessed me in the Heavenly realm with every spiritual blessing (Eph.1: 3). I have given; therefore, according to Your word it is given to me in good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over (Lk.6:38). I have abundance and there is no lack - I sow bountifully therefore, I reap bountifully (II Cor.9:6). Father You make all grace abound toward me, and I, having all sufficiency in all things, do abound in every good work (II Cor.9:8), for I am Your workmanship, created in Christ for that very purpose (Eph.2: 10). The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want (Ps.23:1). I have been made rich in every way so that I can be generous on every occasion, and through me this generosity will result in thanksgiving to You (II Cor. 9:11). I set my offering before Jesus, my High Priest (Heb.7:17), who takes it from my hands and places it before Your throne (Deut.26:4). I therefore implore You to look down from heaven and bless my home (Deut.26:15) and open the floodgates of heaven upon me and my family (Mal.3:10).

Your Spirit of Truth abides in me (John 14:17) and teaches me all things while guiding me into all truth (John 16:13). You have given me eyes that see and ears that hear (Matt.13:16); therefore, I confess that the wisdom of God is formed within me (Ja.1:5). I trust in the Lord with all my heart and I lean not on my own understanding (Prov.3:5). I let the Word of Christ dwell in me richly in all wisdom (Col.3:16). I do follow the good Shepherd, I know His voice - the voice of a stranger I will not follow (I Pe.2:25, John 10:27 & Rev.3:20), therefore I am blessed because I do not seek the counsel of the ungodly (Ps.1:1).

I believe that Your Words, and the mysteries of Your very being have been hidden from the world (I Cor.2:14); but that through seeking (Matt.7:7) and in faith believing, the very secrets of God - even the Father and Christ in whom are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge - are being revealed to me (Col.2: 2-3). They have not been hidden from me, but for me that I may use them in Love for Your glory (I Cor.2:9 & Matt.1:25). I proclaim not my righteousness, but my righteousness in Christ Jesus (Phil.3:9 & Ro. 4:22). I praise You and thank You for the health of my body. I am healed by the stripes of Jesus (Isa.53:5) and Your Words are life and health to my physical being (Prov.3:8). You are the God that heals me (Ex.15:26). Not just part of me, but You heal all my diseases (Ps.103:3). By the power and authority of the name of Jesus; given to me by Him (Mk 16:17 & Matt.28:18), which is above all names in heaven and earth (Phil 2:9), I bind all the powers of satan which are directed towards me. With my praise I do further bind his kings and nobles with shackles of iron (Ps.149:8). I extinguish all of satan's fiery darts by my shield of faith (Ro.10:17) which has been freely given through Your Holy Word (Ro.10:17). Not by my power, but by the power of Your living water, I have quenched the fire of my sinful tongue (Ja. 3:6 & John 7:37). I thank You for leading me in triumph through Christ (II Cor. 2:14).

I know from Your Word that only through Your Spirit can I acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (I John 4:2 & 4:15), that Jesus Christ is Lord (I Cor.12:3), and that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead (Ro.10:9). I know that because of these acknowledgments You live in me and that You are Love (I John 4:15-16). I know that the Love that brought Christ to earth to die for me dwells with

in me and that because of that Love, I can love all men. Therefore, Your Love is being made complete in me (I John 4:12 & 2:5). I do further praise You and worship You, for I am persuaded that no power in all creation will be able to separate me from Your Glorious Love (Ro.8:38).

Because I will not be separated from You, I will bear much fruit (John 15:5). You have promised that greater works than Jesus would I do (John 14:12), that in bearing this fruit I will bring glory unto You (John 15:8). Not only by bearing fruit, but You have allowed me to glorify You with my praise (Eph.1:12 & Lk.2:20). You have chosen me and made me a Royal Priest that I may declare Your praises (I Pe.2:9). After allowing me to glorify You with my praise, You tell me that You inhabit the very praise I offer up to You (Ps. 22:3), that I am blessed because I have learned to praise You (Ps.89:15), and that You will delight in me because of my praise (Ps.149:4). I will take You at Your Word and give thanks unto You regardless of the circumstances in which I momentarily find myself (I Thes.5:18). I exchange my spirit of fear for the garment of praise You offer me (Isa.61:3). Your perfect Love, which is in me, drives out all fear (I John 4:18). You are the stronghold, the very fortress of my life (Ps.27:1). Since You are for me, no one can stand against me (Ro.8:31).

Through faith I know that I can cast, not timidly give, but cast all my cares upon You (I Pe 5:7, Phil 4:6 & Ps.54:22). That by hoping in You I have renewed strength (Isa.40:31), perfect peace (Isa.26:3), and will remain in Your everlasting arms (Deut.33:27). Since You give me my strength, I can do everything through You (Phil.4:13). Even though my adversary the devil prowls about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (I Pe.5:8), I have been given Victory in my Lord Jesus Christ (I Cor.15:57) and shall lack no good thing though the lion shall grow weak (Ps.34:10).

You have given me the choice, and I choose life through Your grace (Deut.30:19). Having chosen life, I know that not one of Your promises has ever failed (Josh 23:14), that You do not speak without acting (Nu.23:19), nor does Your Word return unto You void (Isa.55:11). I know that these promises are for today, for in this world I am like Jesus (I John 4:17). I am to act on Your will that I may become pure and blameless in this generation (Phil 2:15) and thereby present myself to You spotless and without wrinkle when You return (Eph.5:27). I shall not pray my problems and thereby become ensnared by the words of my mouth (Prov.6:2), for You know what I need before I pray (Matt.6:8). Rather, I shall pray the solution through Your Word knowing that I have received (I John 5:15). I know that as I lift these words unto You in prayer they will be fulfilled (Ps.145:19) and my faith will grow. (Ro.10:17).

IN CHRIST JESUS, PRAISE BE TO GOD, AMEN.

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Glory

Isaiah 60:2

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you.

Jeremiah 9:23-25

²³Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich [in physical gratification and earthly wealth] glory and boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] riches; ²⁴But let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord. ²⁵Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will punish all who though circumcised [outwardly, in the flesh] are still uncircumcised [in corresponding inward purity]

Habakkuk 2:14

But [the time is coming when] the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest [heaven], and on earth peace among men with whom He is well pleased [men of goodwill, of His favor].

Isaiah 6:3

And one cried to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!

Psalms 57:5

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

1 Chronicles 29:11

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and Yours it is to be exalted as Head over all.

Exodus 15:6

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

1 Chronicles 29:13

Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name and those attributes which that name denotes.

Psalms 8:9

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent (majestic and glorious) is Your name in all the earth!

Psalm 72:19

Blessed be His glorious name forever; let the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!

2 Corinthians 3:12

Since we have such [glorious] hope (such joyful and confident expectation), we speak very freely and openly and fearlessly.

Psalm 72:19

Blessed be His glorious name forever; let the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!

Ephesians 1:6

[So that we might be] to the praise and the commendation of His glorious grace (favor and mercy), which He so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

1 Thessalonians 2:12

To live lives worthy of God, Who calls you into His own kingdom and the glorious blessedness [into which true believers will enter after Christ's return].

Ephesians 5:27

That He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless].

2 Thessalonians 1

¹⁰When He comes to be glorified in His saints [on that day He will be made more glorious in His consecrated people], and [He will] be marveled at and admired [in His glory reflected] in all who have believed [who have adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Him], because our witnessing among you was confidently accepted and believed [and confirmed in your lives]. ¹¹With this in view we constantly pray for you, that our God may deem and count you worthy of [your] calling and [His] every gracious purpose of goodness, and with power may complete in [your] every particular work of faith (faith which is that leaning of the whole human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness). ¹²Thus may the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified and become more glorious through and in you, and may you [also be glorified] in Him according to the grace (favor and blessing) of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Matthew 24:30

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn and beat their breasts and lament in anguish, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory [in brilliancy and splendor].

Revelation 14:7

And he cried with a mighty voice, Revere God and give Him glory (honor and praise in worship), for the hour of His judgment has arrived. Fall down before Him; pay Him homage and adoration and worship Him Who created heaven and earth, the sea and the springs (fountains) of water.

Romans 5:1-5

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Revelation 19:7-9

⁷ Let us rejoice and shout for joy [exulting and triumphant]! Let us celebrate and ascribe to Him glory and honor, for the marriage of the Lamb [at last] has come, and His bride has prepared herself. ⁸ She has been permitted to dress in fine (radiant) linen, dazzling and white--for the fine linen is (signifies, represents) the righteousness (the upright, just, and godly living, deeds, and conduct, and right standing with God) of the saints (God's holy people). ⁹ Then [the angel] said to me, Write this down: Blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who are summoned (invited, called) to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me [further], These are the true words (the genuine and exact declarations) of God.

Isaiah 58:6-9

⁶ " *Is* this not the fast that I have chosen:

To loose the bonds of wickedness,
To undo the heavy burdens,
To let the oppressed go free,
And that you break every yoke?

⁷ *Is it* not to share your bread with the hungry,
And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;
When you see the naked, that you cover him,
And not hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the morning,
Your healing shall spring forth speedily,
And your righteousness shall go before you;
The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I *am*.'

Not By Might Nor By Power, But By My Spirit

Zechariah 4:1-82

¹ Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. ² And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there *is* a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the *stand* seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. ³ Two olive trees *are* by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." ⁴ So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What *are* these, my lord?" ⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."

⁶ So he answered and said to me:

" This *is* the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel:

' Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'
Says the LORD of hosts.

⁷ ' Who *are* you, O great mountain?
Before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain!
And he shall bring forth the capstone
With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"

⁸ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

⁹ " The hands of Zerubbabel
Have laid the foundation of this temple;
His hands shall also finish *it*.
Then you will know
That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.
¹⁰ For who has despised the day of small things?
For these seven rejoice to see
The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.
They are the eyes of the LORD,
Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

¹¹ Then I answered and said to him, "What *are* these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?" ¹² And I further answered and said to him, "What *are these* two olive branches that *drip* into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden *oil* drains?" ¹³ Then he answered me and said, "Do you not know what these *are*?" And I said, "No, my lord." ¹⁴ So he said, "These *are* the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth."

A Song for the King's Wedding

Psalm 45

- ¹ Beautiful words fill my mind.
I am speaking of royal things.
My tongue is like the pen of a skilled writer.
- ² You are more handsome than anyone,
and you are an excellent speaker,
so God has blessed you forever.
- ³ Put on your sword, powerful warrior.
Show your glory and majesty.
- ⁴ In your majesty win the victory
for what is true and right.
Your power will do amazing things.
- ⁵ Your sharp arrows will enter
the hearts of the king's enemies.
Nations will be defeated before you.
- ⁶ God, your throne will last forever and ever.
You will rule your kingdom with fairness.
- ⁷ You love right and hate evil,
so God has chosen you from among your friends;
he has set you apart with much joy.
- ⁸ Your clothes smell like myrrh, aloes, and cassia.
From palaces of ivory
music comes to make you happy.
- ⁹ Kings' daughters are among your honored women.
Your bride stands at your right side
wearing gold from Ophir.
- ¹⁰ Listen to me, daughter; look and pay attention.
Forget your people and your father's family.
- ¹¹ The king loves your beauty.
Because he is your master, you should obey him.
- ¹² People from the city of Tyre have brought a gift.
Wealthy people will want to meet you.
- ¹³ The princess is very beautiful.
Her gown is woven with gold.
- ¹⁴ In her beautiful clothes she is brought to the king.
Her bridesmaids follow behind her,
and they are also brought to him.
- ¹⁵ They come with happiness and joy;
they enter the king's palace.
- ¹⁶ You will have sons to replace your fathers.
You will make them rulers through all the land.
- ¹⁷ I will make your name famous from now on,
so people will praise you forever and ever.