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1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: **I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.** Genesis 15:1

God Begg us to turn from our Wicked Ways

6 **Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:**

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: **and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him;** and to our God, **for he will abundantly pardon.** Isaiah 55:6

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die,** O house of Israel? Ezekiel 33:11

36 **“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life;** and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” John 3:36

. . . (John 3:36 quoted) **Every man may come into possession of this priceless blessing if he will comply with the conditions.** All **“Who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality will receive eternal life** Great Controversy p 533.1 (parts of Romans 2:7 in blue sentence)

7 **eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;**

8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness--indignation and wrath, Romans 2:7-8

NOTE: The only one who promised Adam life in disobedience was the great deceiver. And the declaration of the serpent to Eve in Eden “Ye shall not surely die”--was the first sermon ever preached upon the immortality of the soul. . . Great Controversy p. 533.2

Forgiveness of Sins

4. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.** 1 John 3:4

9 **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins** and to **cleans us from all unrighteousness.** 1 John 1:9.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

6 **Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:**

7 **Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:6-9

7 “And now, Lord, what do I wait for? **My hope is in You.**

8 **Deliver me from all my transgressions;** Do not make me the reproach of the foolish. Psalm 39:7-8.

1 **Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.**

2 **Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Psalms 32:1-2

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, **So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;**
12 As far as the east is from the west, **So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**
13 As a father pities his children, **So the LORD pities those who fear Him.**
14 **For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.** Psalms 103:11-14.

A modified Psalms 51 (18-19)

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.
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 right and steadfast spirit within me.**
11 **Cast me not away from Your presence, And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
12 **Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me with Your free and generous Spirit.**
13 **Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted unto 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.**
18 **Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build thou the walls of the New Jerusalem.**
19 **Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With the offering of Christ; Then they shall be cleansed by His blood.** A modified Psalms 51 (18-19 are modified)

(18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With **burnt offering and whole burnt offering**; Then they shall **offer bulls on Your altar**.)

1 (A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.) **Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.**
2 **Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long.
4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah
5 **I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden.** I said, **"I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"** And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah
6 For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him.
7 **You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;** You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah
8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.
9 Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.
10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.
11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Psalm 32:1-11

40:1 (To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.) **I waited patiently for the LORD;** And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.

3 He has put a new song in my mouth--Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.

4 **Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust,** And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.

6 ¶ Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

7 Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

8 **I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."**

9 I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know.

10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly.

11 ¶ Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; They are more than the hairs of my head; Therefore my heart fails me.

13 **Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me!**

14 **Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who seek to destroy my life; Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor Who wish me evil.**

15 Let them be confounded because of their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

16 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"

17 **But I am poor and needy; Yet the LORD thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.** Psalm 40:1-17

69:1 (To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A Psalm of David.) Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.

2 I sink in deep mire, Where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, Where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 Those who hate me without a cause Are more than the hairs of my head; They are mighty who would destroy me, Being my enemies wrongfully; Though I have stolen nothing, I still must restore it.

5 **O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You.**

6 **Let not those who wait for You, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed because of me; Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of Israel.**

7 Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Shame has covered my face.

8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, And an alien to my mother's children;

9 Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

10 When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, That became my reproach.

11 I also made sackcloth my garment; I became a byword to them.

12 Those who sit in the gate speak against me, And I am the song of the drunkards.

13 ¶ But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD, in the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, And let me not sink; Let me be delivered from those who hate me, And out of

the deep waters.

15 Let not the floodwater overflow me, Nor let the deep swallow me up; And let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

16 **Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.**

17 And do not hide Your face from Your servant, **For I am in trouble**; Hear me speedily.

18 Draw near to my soul, and redeem it; Deliver me because of my enemies.

19 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; My adversaries are all before You.

20 Reproach has broken my heart, And I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none.

21 They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. Psalm 69:1-21

Victory Over Sin - Spiritual Warfare

To have victory over our sins

It is because we have an Advocate with the father that the Lord is merciful to us. However, anyone who has not made use of our Advocate will still have their sins unforgiven. All those with their sins yet remaining on them will still be guilty and at that time, when it is too late to receive the mercy that only Jesus can bestow on us, God will by no means clear them of their guilt.

6. Seek the LORD **while He may be found**, Call upon Him while He is near. Isaiah 55:6

A day is coming when the door to mercy will be forever closed. So seek the Lord now while He may be found!

10. "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and **the door was shut**."

11. "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, '**Lord, Lord, open to us!**'"

12. "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, **I do not know you.**'"

13. **Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.** Matthew 25:10-13

At some point in time just before the second coming of Christ, it will forever be too late to ask for mercy. Here is another verse that also speaks of the closed door to the mercy that is provided to us:

23. Then one said to Him, "**Lord, are there few who are saved?**" And He said to them,

24. "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

25. "**When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door**, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, '**Lord, Lord, open for us,**' and He will answer and say to you, '**I do not know you**, where you are from,' Luke 13:23-25

We are to strive to enter through the narrow gate because many will try to enter but they will not be able to. So, what is it that is going to keep those who are trying to enter, not to get in? It is when the Master of the house will have shut the door to mercy. At that point, the Lord does not know us if we have not already come to Him asking forgiveness for all our sins!

So, are any of us dragging our feet waiting for a later time? We may wait until it is too late just like the people who missed getting on the Ark with Noah. Once God closed the door then it was too late!

We must remember that if we sin, we have an Advocate with the Father and it is Jesus who is the propitiation for our sins. He and He alone is able to cleanse us from our sins. So, now is the time that we must ask for our forgiveness! At some time in the future it will be forever too late to do so!

Jesus is our lifeline! We must go to Him now to obtain mercy and to find that grace in our great time of need.

Let's do it NOW! Tomorrow may be forever too late!

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.** Hebrews 4:15-16

So, when we approach the throne of grace confessing our sins and appealing to our High Priest in the Heavenly Sanctuary, He is able to intercede for us to cleanse us from all sin. Thus we are cleansed from our sins and our Father will be able to have mercy upon us! It is that simple!

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.**

8. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9. **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** 1 John 1:7-9

4. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.** 1 John 3:4

3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 **Set your affection on things above,** not on things on the earth.

3 **For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.**

4 **When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.** Colossians 3:1-4

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!"** Luke 11:9-13

13. **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.** Phillipians 4:13

37. Yet in all these things **we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.**

38. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39. nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39

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 [has] translated/conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,** Colossians 1:12-13

4. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5. even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

6. and **[has] raised us up together, and [has] made us sit together in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus, Ephesians 2:4-6

4. John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and

who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

5. and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. **To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,**

6. and **has made us kings and priests to His God and Father,** to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:4-6

17. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; **much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life** by one, Jesus Christ.) Romans 5:17

1. When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, **be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee,** which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

2. And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,

3. And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them;

4. For **the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.** Deuteronomy 20:1-4

7. But the LORD said to me: "**Do not say, 'I am a youth,'** For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

8. **Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you,"** says the LORD.

9. Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, **I have put My words in your mouth.** Jeremiah 1:7-9

12. ". . . Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be afraid.

13. **The LORD of hosts, Him you shall sanctify/hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him be your dread.**

14. He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense To both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Isaiah 8:12-14

50. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

51. **Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--**

52. **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

53. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55. "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

56. The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

57. But **thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

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

15. while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

16. For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?

17. Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

18. And **to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest,** but to **those who did not obey?** Hebrews

2:14-18

12. Therefore **let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.**

13. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. 1 Cor 10:12-13

7. Little children, let no one deceive you. **He who practices righteousness is righteous,** just as He is righteous.

8. **He who sins is of the devil,** for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

9. **Whoever has been born of God does not sin,** for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. 1 John 3:7-9 (8)

33. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; **but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.**" John 16:33

9. Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10. That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11. **In whom also we have obtained an inheritance,** being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: Ephesians 1:9-11

The Lord Seeks for those who trust in Him

3 But know that **the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him.** Psalms 4:3.

11 **The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.** Psalms 147:11.

7 **You love righteousness and hate wickedness;** Therefore God, **Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.** Psalms 45:7.

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

9 **For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.** 2 Chronicles 16:9

18 **Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,**

19 **To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.**

20 **Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.**

21 **For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name.**

22 **Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.** Psalms 33:18-22.

Getting Close to God

7 **Therefore submit to God.** Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

8 **Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.** Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

10 **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.** James 4:7-8,10

14 **The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.** Psalms 25:14.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

13 And **you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.** Jeremiah 29:11-13

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.** Hebrews 11:6.

Having Peace with God!

33 **Now the God of peace be with you all.** Amen. Romans 15:33

20 **Now the God of peace,** that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 **Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight,** through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

12 “Therefore say, **Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace;** Numbers 25:12

10 For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But **My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,”** Says the LORD, **who has mercy on you.** Isaiah 54:10

8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly. Psalms 85:8

23 “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

24 **“The LORD bless you and keep you;**

25 **The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;**

26 **The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”**”

27 **“So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”** Numbers 6:23-27

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off **have been brought near by the blood of Christ.** Ephesians 2:13

9 **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** 1 John 1:9

17 **The work of righteousness will be peace,** And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. Isaiah 32:17

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. Romans 5:1-2

27 **“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.** John 14:27

5 Or **let him take hold of My strength,** That he may make peace with Me; **And he shall make peace with Me.”** Isaiah 27:5.

Seek God first for our Salvation

1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, **Fear not**, Abram: **I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward**. Genesis 15:1

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**.

18 "**He who believes in Him is not condemned**; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed **in the name of the only begotten Son of God**. John 3:16-18

31 [Christ] Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And **my delight was with the sons of men**.

32 "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways. Proverbs 8:31-32

37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! **How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!** Matthew 23:37

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, **in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings**.

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified **are all of one**, for which reason **He is not ashamed to call them brethren**,

12 saying: "**I will declare Your name to My brethren**; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

13 And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "**Here am I and the children whom God has given Me**." Hebrews 2:10-13

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

11 **He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied**. By His knowledge **My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities**. Isaiah 53:11

24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ** the power of God and **the wisdom of God**.

30 It is because of him [God] that you are in **Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption**.

31 Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30-31 NIV

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, **we are of all men most miserable**.

20 But now **is Christ risen from the dead**, and become **the firstfruits** of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also **the resurrection of the dead**.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive**.

23 But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**; afterward **they that are Christ's at his coming**. 1 Corinthians 15:19-23

33 "**But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and **all these things shall be added to you**.

34 "**Therefore do not worry** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Matthew 6:33-34.

28 "**Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest**.

29 "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.**

30 "**For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**" Matthew 11:28-30

9 But as it is written: "**Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.**" 1 Corinthians 2:9

2 **In my Father's house are many mansions:** if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.** John 14:2-3

God Enables Us to be Victorious

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath 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 sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**

4 **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; **but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.**

6 For to be carnally minded is death; **but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.** Romans 8:1-6

Trust in God, He will Direct Our Life

5 **Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;**

6 **In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.** Proverbs 3:5-6.

7 "**Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD.** 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. Jeremiah 17:7-8

9 **For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.** 2 Chronicles 16:9

18 **Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,** On those **who hope in His mercy,**

19 **To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.**

20 **Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.**

21 **For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name.**

22 **Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.** Psalms 33:18-22.

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.** Hebrews 11:6.

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15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.

23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. John 14:15, 21, 23.

9 "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

12 "Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers.

13 "And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

14 "You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock.

15 "And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you. Deuteronomy 7:9,12-15.

Do Not Fear for God is With You

1 "When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt. Deuteronomy 20:1

31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"

32 "Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:31-33

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:15

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, **“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

6 So we may boldly say: **“The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”** Hebrews 13:5-6

20 And David said to his son Solomon, **“Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you.** He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. 1 Chronicles 28:20

9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, **for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.**” Joshua 1:9

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, And look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, The earth will grow old like a garment, And those who dwell in it will die in like manner; **But My salvation will be forever, And My righteousness will not be abolished.**

7 “Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, You people in whose heart is My law: **Do not fear the reproach of men, Nor be afraid of their insults.**

8 For the moth will eat them up like a garment, And the worm will eat them like wool; **But My righteousness will be forever, And My salvation from generation to generation.**” Isaiah 51:6-8

16 **For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19 **We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:**

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: **but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.** 2 Peter 1:16-21

22 **Through the LORD’S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not.**

23 They are new every morning; **Great is Your faithfulness.** Lamentations 3:22-23

6 **Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.**

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; **Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him;** And to our God, **For He will abundantly pardon.**

8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD.

9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

10 “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,

11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; **It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.** Isaiah 55:6-11

6 **But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect.** For they are not all Israel who are of Israel,

7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, “In Isaac your seed shall be called.”

8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; **but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.** Romans 9:6-8

Pressing toward the Prize with all our Might

11 And that, knowing the time, **that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: **let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.**

13 **Let us walk honestly**, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 **But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.**

Romans 13:11-14

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

3 **How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;** Hebrews 2:3

12 Take heed, brethren, **lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief**, in departing from the living God.

13 **But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day;** lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 **For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

Hebrews 3:12-14

11 **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest**, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Hebrews 4:11

9 **The Lord is not slack concerning his promise**, as some men count slackness; **but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 **Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

12 **Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God**, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless **we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.** 2 Peter 3:9-13

15 And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;** teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 **And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Colossians 3:15-17

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

25 And **every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.** Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 **I therefore so run**, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 **But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection**: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 **Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.**

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Colossians 3:1-3

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and **reaching forth unto those things which are before**,

14 **I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Philippians 3:13-15

8 **Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.**

9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. **He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.**

10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 2 John 1:8-10

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us**, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us**,

2 **Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God **your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.** 1 Thessalonians 5:23

48 **Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.** Matthew 5:48

14 **As obedient children**, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 **But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;**

16 **Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.** 1 Peter 1:14-16

9 **But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:** 1 Peter 2:9

14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

15 **But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you** with meekness and fear: 1 Peter 3:15

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 **But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.** 1 Peter 4:12-13

12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 1 Corinthians 6:12-13

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 **But let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 **For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.** 1 Corinthians 11:27:27-30

14 **Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ**, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. 2 Corinthians 2:14

15 And that he died for all, that they which live **should not henceforth live unto themselves**, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

17 Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, **that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God.**

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Corinthians 5:15-21

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.** 2 Corinthians 7:1

6* ¶ Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; **but let us watch and be sober.**

7* For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8* **But let us, who are of the day, be sober**, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9* **For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,** 1 Thessalonians 5:6-9

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 **That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: Ephesians 4:12-15

3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory (selfish ambition or conceit); **but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.** Philippians 2:3

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Colossians 1:9-14

25 **Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,** as the manner of some is; **but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**

35 **Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.**

37 For yet a little while, and **he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.** Hebrews 10:25, 35, 37

17 For the time is come **that judgment must begin at the house of God:** and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

18 **And if the righteous scarcely be saved,** where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

19 Wherefore **let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.** 1 Peter 4:17-19

4 Ye are of God, little children, **and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.** 1 John 4:4

Love of the Truth

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** 2 Thessalonians 2:10

18 **He that believeth on him is not condemned:** but he that believeth not is condemned already, **because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light,** because their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

21 **But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought**

in God. John 3:18-21

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.**

2* **Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.** Colossians 3:1-2

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 **Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness,** which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, **but unto all them also that love his appearing.** 2 Timothy 4:7-8

22 **If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.**

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. 1 Corinthians 16:22-23

15* **Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.** If any man love the world, **the love of the Father is not in him.**

16* For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17* And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: **but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.** 1 John 2:15-17

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14 **We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.** He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that **no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.** 1 John 3:13-15

7 Beloved, **let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.**

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, **but that he loved us,** and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:7-10

2 **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**

4 **For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.** 1 John 5:2-4

10 **He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself:** he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; **because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.**

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 **He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**

13 **These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.** 1 John 5:10-13

7 **For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.**

8 **Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.**
9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. **He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.**
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Believing God in Faith

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.** Hebrews 11:6.

7 **For we walk by faith**, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

17 So then **faith comes by hearing**, and **hearing by the word of God.** Romans 10:17

5 **Trust in the LORD with all your heart**, And lean not on your own understanding;

6 **In all your ways acknowledge Him**, And He shall direct your paths.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. Proverbs 3:5-8

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; **But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.** Psalm 20:7

6 **Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:** Philippians 1:6

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

8 “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

14 “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 “that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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.

18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:3, 5-8, 14-18

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 “but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” Genesis 2:16-17

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

5 “For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.
Genesis 3:4-6 (Are we going to trust God or Satan?)

17 “And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.

18 “But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark--you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. Genesis 6:17-18; 7:11-12

1 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. (By their actions, who are they trusting?)

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.

3 Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

4 And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

6 And the LORD said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

7 “Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.”

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.

9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. Genesis 11:1-9

10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD.

11 Then they said to Moses, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?”

12 “Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians?’ For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.” Exodus 14:10-12 (Why do they fear? They believe their eyes rather than the promises of God!)

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

23 And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians.

25 And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen.”

27 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. Exodus 14:21-27

4 And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

8 Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, “Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

9 “If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.” (Where is the basis of their trust in God?)

10 And the Philistine said, “I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.”

11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

41 So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield went before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking.

43 So the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”

45 Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46 “This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 “Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’S, and He will give you into our hands.”

48 So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hastened and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. 1

Samuel 17:4, 8-11, 41-51 (What does David trust?)

17 Then the king of Assyria sent the Tartan, the Rabsaris, and the Rabshakeh from Lachish, with a great army against Jerusalem, to King Hezekiah. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. When they had come up, they went and stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool, which was on the highway to the Fuller’s Field.

18 And when they had called to the king, Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to them.

19 Then the Rabshakeh said to them, “Say now to Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: “What confidence is this in which you trust? 2 Kings 18:17-19

35 And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the

corpses--all dead.

36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh.

37 Now it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the temple of Nisroch his god, that his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place. 2 Kings 19:35-37

44 Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

45 Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last. Luke 23:46

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Revelation 13:11-17

13* And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Revelation 16:13-14

1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Revelation 15:1-3

12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

13 "These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

14 "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful." Revelation 17:12-14

Asking God

7 **Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.**

8 For **everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.**

9 Or **what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?**

10 Or **if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?**

11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!** Matthew 7:7-11.

7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, **you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**

8 **"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.** John 15:7-8

16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

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

22 **And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.** 1 John 3:16, 21-22

5 **If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.**

6 But **let him ask in faith, with no doubting,** for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. James 1:5-6.

13 **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**

19 And **my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

6 **Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;**

7 **and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.** Philippians 4:13,19,6-7.

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, **"Have faith in God.**

23 **"For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.**

24 **"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.** Mark 11:22-24

22 **"Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.**

23 **"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.**

24 **"Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.** John 16:22-24

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.** Matthew 21:21-22.

12 Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do**, because I go to My Father.

13 **"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 **If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.** John 14:12-14.

18 **The LORD is near to all who call upon Him**, To all who call upon Him in truth.

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

20 **The LORD preserves all who love Him**, Psalms 145:18-20(first part).

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 **Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;**

7 **and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.** Philippians 4:4-7.

Healing the Sick

12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: **yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.** 2 Chronicles 16:12

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And **forget not all His benefits:**

3 **Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,**

4 **Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,**

5 **Who satisfies your mouth with good things,** So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalms 103:1-5

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. James 5:13-18.

Faith and Love and Gladness

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.** Hebrews 11:6.

15 **If you love Me, keep My commandments.**

21 **He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.** And **he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.**

23 Jesus answered and said to him, **If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.** John 14:15, 21, 23.

9 "Therefore know that **the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;**

12 "Then it shall come to pass, **because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers.**

13 "And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

14 "**You shall be blessed above all peoples;** there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock.

15 "And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you. Deuteronomy 7:9,12-15.

7 **You love righteousness and hate wickedness;** Therefore God, **Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.** Psalms 45:7.

Time of Trouble

7 **The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.** Psalms 34:7.

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, **I will never leave you nor forsake you.** Hebrews 13:5

12 For **You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.** Psalms 5:12.

15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: **I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.** Genesis 15:1

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. Psalms 27:1,5.

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, **A refuge in times of trouble.**

10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For **You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.** Psalms 9:9-10.

15 **Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.**" Psalms 50:15.

19 They will fight against you, **But they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you,**" says the LORD, "**to deliver you.**" Jeremiah 1:19.

20 "Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, **but your sorrow will be turned into joy.**

21 "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.
22 "Therefore you now have sorrow; **but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.**
23 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. **Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.** John 16:20-23

Weapons of Our Warfare

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. 2 Corinthians 10:3-6.
7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,
8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.
9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.
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.** Revelation 12:7-11.

An Invitation to Abundant Life My Word will not return to Me Void

1 "**Ho! Everyone who thirsts,** Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance.
3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you--The sure mercies of David.
4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people.
5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."
6 **Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.**
7 **Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.**
8 **"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.**
9 **"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.**
10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,

11 **So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.**

Lord, you have said Your Word will not return to You void. I have done all I can. But since He has the power & there is nothing impossible for Him, I believe He will help us find the treasure hidden beneath all this fear, hatred, superstition, and anger.

12 **“For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace;** The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; **And it shall be to the LORD for a name, For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”**

Isaiah 55:1-13.

Moses Interceding for the People

1 ¶ Then the LORD said to Moses, **“Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘To your descendants I will give it.’**

2 “And I will send My Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

3 “Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.”

4 And when the people heard this bad news, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said to Moses, “Say to the children of Israel, ‘You are a stiff-necked people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. Now therefore, take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do to you.’”

6 So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Horeb.

7 ¶ Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that **everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp.**

8 So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle.

9 And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and **the LORD talked with Moses.**

10 **All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door.**

11 **So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.** And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

12 ¶ Then Moses said to the LORD, **“See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.’**

13 **“Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.”**

14 And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

15 Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.

16 “For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.”

17 So the LORD said to Moses, **“I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My**

sight, and I know you by name.”

18 And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.”

19 Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”

20 But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.”

21 And the LORD said, “Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.

22 “So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.

23 “Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.” Exodus 33:1-23

5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

7 “keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.”

8 So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.

9 Then he said, “If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance.”

10 ¶ And He said: “Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you. Exodus 34:5-10

14:1 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!

3 “Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?”

4 So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.”

5 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

6 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;

7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land.

8 “If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’

9 “Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them.”

10 And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.

11 ¶ Then the LORD said to Moses: “How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?

12 “I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.”

13 And Moses said to the LORD: “Then the Egyptians will hear it, for by Your might You brought these people up from among them,

14 “and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, are among these

people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 “Now if You kill these people as one man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying,

16 ‘Because the LORD was not able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.’

17 **“And now, I pray, let the power of my LORD be great, just as You have spoken, saying,**

18 **‘The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.’**

19 **“Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.”**

20 ¶ Then the LORD said: **“I have pardoned, according to your word;**

21 **“but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD -- Numbers 14:1-21**

3 They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, **“You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?”** Numbers 16:3

41 On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying, **“You have killed the people of the LORD.”**

42 Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 Then Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of meeting.

44 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

45 **“Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.”** And they fell on their faces.

46 So Moses said to Aaron, **“Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the LORD. The plague has begun.”**

47 Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. **So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people.**

48 **And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped.**

49 Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those who died in the Korah incident.

50 So Aaron returned to Moses at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, for the plague had stopped. Numbers 16:41-50

EGW **God's Law is not done away in order to Save Us** **Our Sins are NOT Covered Up**

8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God**:

9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**, which God hath before ordained **that we should walk in them**. Ephesians 2:8-10

23 Then said one unto him, **Lord, are there few that be saved?** And he said unto them,

24 **Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.**

Luke 13:23-24

The Lord Jesus Christ has prepared a covering, the robe of his own righteousness, that he will put on **every repenting, believing soul** who by faith will receive it. Said John, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Sin is the transgression of the law; but Christ died to make it possible for every man to have his sins taken away. **A fig-leaf apron will never cover our nakedness. Sin must be taken away, the garment of Christ's righteousness must cover the transgressor of God's law. Then when the Lord looks upon the believing sinner, he sees, not the fig-leaves covering him, but his own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah.** {RH, November 15, 1898 par. 12}

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, **one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**

19 **Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments,** and shall teach men so, he **shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:** but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That **except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees,** ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:17-20

Christ did not come to change the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; **he did not come to weaken or set aside the law of God in one particular:** he came to express in his own person the love of God, and to vindicate every precept of the holy law. Instead of abrogating the law to meet man in his fallen condition, Christ maintained its sacred dignity. {RH, November 15, 1898 par. 2}

The Lord does not save sinners by abrogating his law, the foundation of his government in heaven and earth. God is a judge, the guardian of justice. The transgression of his law in a single instance, in the smallest particular, is sin. God can not dispense with his law, **he can not do away with its smallest item, in order to pardon sin. The justice, the moral excellence, of the law must be maintained and vindicated before the heavenly universe. And that holy law could not be maintained at any smaller price than the death of the Son of God.** {RH, November 15, 1898 par. 3}

Christ came to give an example of the perfect conformity to the law of God required of all, from Adam, the first man, down to the last man who shall live on the earth. He declared that his mission **was not to destroy the law, but to fulfil it in perfect and entire obedience.** In this way he magnified the law, and made it honorable. In his life he revealed its spiritual nature. In the sight of heavenly beings, of worlds unfallen, and of a disobedient, unthankful, unholy world, he fulfilled the far-reaching principles of the law. **He came to demonstrate the fact that humanity, allied by living faith to divinity, can keep all the commandments of God.** He came to make plain the immutable character of the law, to declare that disobedience and transgression can never be rewarded with eternal life. He came as a man to humanity, that humanity might touch humanity, while divinity laid hold upon the throne of God. But in no case did he come to lessen the obligation of men to be perfectly obedient. He did not destroy the validity of the Old Testament Scriptures. He fulfilled that which was predicted by God himself. **He came, not to set men free from that law, but to open a way whereby they might obey that law, and teach others to do the same.** {RH, November 15, 1898 par. 13}

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

13 **For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**

14 **Do all things without murmurings and disputings:**

15 **That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke,** in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Philippians 2:12-15 (13)

Partakers of the divine nature

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,
3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

4 **by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Peter 1:2-4.

33 **"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**

34 **"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.** Matthew 6:33-34.

28 **"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

29 **"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.** 30 **"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."** Matthew 11:28-30

4:1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, **let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.** 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; **but the word which they heard did not profit them**, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

11 **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest**, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and . . . **is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

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.**

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.** Hebrews 4:11-12(part), 13-16

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, **He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,**

15 **and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, **but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.**

17 Therefore, **in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**

18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, **He is able to aid those who are tempted.**

Hebrews 2:14-18

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,** 2 **looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

24 **to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling** that speaks better things than that of Abel. 25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,

12 **Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.** Hebrews 12:24-25, Hebrews 13:12