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PRAISE THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES.**

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Old Testament Scriptures to Live By

Genesis 1:1-2

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

Genesis 1:27-28

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 15:6

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Exodus 15:26

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

Exodus 20:1-17

3. "You shall have no other gods before me. 4. "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6. but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

Joshua 1:8

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

1 Samuel 15:2

But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

I Kings 8:56

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

I Chronicles 20:20-22

After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever." As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

Esther 4:14

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Job 1:20-21

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

Job 2:10

Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?

Job 19:25

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:24-26

24. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. 25. Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, 26. for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.

Proverbs 16:3,9

3. Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

9. In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

Proverbs 22:6

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 & 6

Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap. Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: 2. a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3. a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4. a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, 5. a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, 6. a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, 7. a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, 8. a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-2

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"--

Jeremiah 1:4-5

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah 15:20

I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 17:9

9. The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?
10. "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."

Jeremiah 23:29

"Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

Jeremiah 29:11-13

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

Jeremiah 32:17

"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

Jeremiah 32:27

"I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

Jeremiah 33:3

'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

2 Chronicles 7:14-16

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

Daniel 4:35

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

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

Haggai 1:5-6

Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

Hosea 10:12

Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you.

Micah 7:19

You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Zechariah 4:6

6. So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

Zechariah 3:1-6

1. Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. 2. The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" 3. Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. 4. The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you." 5. Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by. 6. The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua:

Malachi 3:10

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

Malachi 3:16

Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him.

New Testament Scriptures to Live By

Matt. 6:33

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

Matt. 6:24-30

24. "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. 25.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? 26. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27. Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? 28. "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

Matt. 8:16-17

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."

Matt. 11:28-30

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

Matt. 18:18-20

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

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. 3. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 1:11-12

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--

John 3:3-7

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

John 3:14-21

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:36

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

John 5:24

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:27-29

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

John 14:1-6

1. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4. You know the way to the place where I am going." 5. Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6. Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 4:12

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

Acts 16:31

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

Acts 20:32

Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Romans 1:18-25

18. The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19. since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. 21. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23. and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. 24. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen.

Romans 4:20-22

Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."

Romans 6:1-6

1. What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2. By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3. Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--

Romans 8:1

1. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2. because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. 3. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, 4. in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:11

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

Romans 8:28-30

28. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Romans 8:33-36

33. Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36.

As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:38,39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9-13

10. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 11. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." 12. For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13. for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 12:1-3

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

I Cor.1:26-31

26. Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are, 29. so that no one may boast before him.

I Cor.3:9-12

9. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. 10. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. 11. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13. his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. 14. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.

I Cor.6:18-20

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

I Cor.13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

I Cor.13:11-12

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror;

then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

I Cor. 15:51-58

51. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- 52. in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

II Cor. 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

II Cor. 3:4-6

4. Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. 5. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 6. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

II Cor. 4:3-7

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

II Cor. 4:7

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

II Cor. 4:8-9

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

II Cor. 5:6-8

6. Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7. We live by faith, not by sight. 8. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

II Cor. 5:10-11

10. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 11. Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men.

II Cor. 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

II Cor. 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

II Cor. 6:4-10

4. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; 5. in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; 6. in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; 7. in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; 8. through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; 9. known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; 10. sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

II Cor. 6:14-15

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

II Cor. 8:7-12

7. But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us --see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 8. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 10. And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. 11. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. 12. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

II Cor. 9:6-11

6. Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 10. Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

II Cor. 10:3-5

3. For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

II Cor. 12:9-10

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Galatians 2:20

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

Gal. 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Eph. 1:3-6

3. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5. he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- 6. to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Eph. 3:20-21

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

Eph. 4:11-16

11. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12. to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13. until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Eph. 5:11-14

11. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14. for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Eph. 6:10-20

10. Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15. and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Phil.1:6

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Phil.1:21

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Phil 2:9-11

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

Phil 3:13-14

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Phil.4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Phil.4:13

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Phil.4:19

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

Col. 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Col. 3: 16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Col. 3:17

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

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 4:12-13

12. For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:14-16

14. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. 16. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 5:11-14

11. We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. 12. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13. Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 6:19

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 11:6

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

James 1:2-8

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

James 1:5

5. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

James 5:13-18

13. Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. 14. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. 16. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

I Tim. 2:5

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

I Tim. 4:12-14

12. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 13. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. 14. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

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II Timothy 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

II Timothy 1:12

That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

II Tim. 2:15

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

II Tim 3:16-17

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

I Thess. 4:13-18

3. Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 14. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

I Thess. 5:16-24

16. Be joyful always;
17. pray continually;
18. give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
19. Do not put out the Spirit's fire;
20. do not treat prophecies with contempt.
21. Test everything. Hold on to the good.
22. Avoid every kind of evil.

I Thess 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

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I John 1:9

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

I John 2:4-6

4. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: 6. Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

I John 4:4

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

I John 5:18

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

I Peter 1:6-7

6. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7. These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

I Peter 2:2-4

2. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3. now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

I Peter 4:12-13

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

II Peter 1:4

4. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

II Peter 3:9

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

Jude 1:24-25

24. To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy-- 25. to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Rev. 1:17-18

17. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Rev 3:15-18

15. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16. So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. 18. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Rev. 4:10-11

10. The twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives forever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: 11. "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Rev. 5:6-14

9. And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. 10. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." 11. Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" 13. Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" 14. The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Rev 12:10-11

10. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. 11. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Rev. 19:11-16

11. I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. 12. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Promises to Pray

PRAYER

Isaiah 65:24 ...before they call I will answer...
Psalm 37:4 ...delight in the Lord, he gives desires of your heart...
Psalm 37:5 ...commit your way to Lord, he will bring it to pass...
Jeremiah 33:3 ...call on me and I will show you great and mighty things
Jeremiah 32:17-18 ...you have made heaven...nothing is too hard for you...
Matthew 18:19 ...if any 2 agree...touch...ask, it will be done...

PEACE

Isaiah 26:3 ...keep you in perfect peace...
Isaiah 32:17 ...work of righteousness will be peace...
Jeremiah 29:11 ...the thoughts I think toward you are peace, not evil...
Psalm 37:37 ...the end of the upright man is peace...

PROTECTION

Psalm 91:3 ...he shall deliver from snare, pestilence, terror, arrow...
Isaiah 54:17 ...no weapon formed against you will prosper...
Isaiah 43:2 ...when pass through water it will not overflow you...
Jeremiah 15:20 ...I will make you a steel wall, they will not prevail..
Psalm 5:11-12 ...those who trust you, shout for joy, you defend them...

SUPPLY

Psalm 34:10 ...lions do hunger...but you shall not lack any good thing...
Psalm 37:25 ...I have not seen the righteous forsaken or begging...
Philippians 4:19 ...my God shall supply all your need...
II Corinthians 9:8 ...God is able to make all grace abound to you...

SUCCESS

Joshua 1:8 ...then you shall make way prosperous, and have success
Psalm 1:3 ...whatsoever he does it shall prosper...
Romans 8:28 ...all things work together for good to him...

STRENGTH

Isaiah 40:29 ...He gives power to the faint...
Isaiah 40:31 ...they that wait on the Lord renew their strength...
Isaiah 41:10 ...fear not for I am with you...I will help you
Isaiah 41:13 ...the Lord will hold your right hand...
II Corinthians 12:9 ...my grace is sufficient for you...

DELIVERANCE

Psalm 34:17,19 ...the righteous cry and the Lord hears and delivers from trouble
Psalm 34:7,8 ...angel encamps around those who fear Him...
Isaiah 59:19 ...when enemy comes like flood...Lord will stand against him

DIRECTION & LEADING

Proverbs 3:6 ...In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths...
Isaiah 30:21 ...you will hear a word behind you saying, 'this is the way, walk in it'
Proverbs 16:3,9 ...commit your way to the Lord ...and your thoughts will be established...
Psalm 37:23 ...good man's steps are ordered by the Lord
Isaiah 58:11 ...the Lord will guide you continually...
Psalm 32:8 ...I will instruct & teach you the way to go...

FEARS

II Timothy 1:7 ...God gave not the spirit of fear, but of sound mind..
Isaiah 41:10 ...fear not for I am with you, I will help you..
Isaiah 41:13 ...fear not I will help you...
Psalm 34:4 ...I sought...He delivered me from all my fears...

SOULS

Psalm 2:8 ...ask of me and I will give heathen for your inheritance...
Psalm 126:6 ...he who sows and weeps...shall bring sheaves with him...
II Peter 3:9 ...Lord is not slack...not willing any should perish...

YOUR CHILDREN

Isaiah 54:11-13 ...all your children will be taught of the Lord...
Psalm 127:3 ...children are a heritage of the Lord...your reward...
Isaiah 59:21 ...my words will not depart out of your seed's mouth...
Isaiah 44:3 ...I will pur out my Spirit on your seed and offspring...
Proverbs 22:6 ...train up a child...when old...he will not depart from it..

WISDOM

Isaiah 50:4 ...Lord gives me tongue of the learned to know how to speak..
Psalm 19:7 ...The law...is perfect...making wise the simple...
Proverbs 1:7 ...Fear of the Lord is beginning of knowledge...
James 1:5 ...lack wisdom? Ask of God that gives liberally to all men...

FORGIVENESS

Psalm 86:5 ...thou Lord art good...ready to forgive...
I John 1:9 ...If we confess our sins, He is faithful...to forgive...all..
Isaiah 1:18 ...though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow
Isaiah 43:25 ...I am He that blots out transgressions...

ABILITY ABOVE IMPOSSIBILITY

Jeremiah 32:17,27 ... Ah Lord God... there is nothing too hard for you...
Philippians 1:6 ...he that began a good work in you will perform it 'til.
Acts 20:32 ...the word of His grace... is able to build you up...
Ephesians 3:20 ...able to exceedingly abundantly...by power in us...
Jude 24 ...able to keep you...present you faultless...

HEALING

Exodus 15:26 ...I am the Lord that healeth thee
Psalm 103:3-4 ...who forgiveth all...healeth all thy diseases...
James 5:15 ...the prayer of faith shall save the sick...

Matthew 8:17 ...He took our infirmities and carried our diseases...

SLEEP

Proverbs 3:24 ...you shall lie down and your sleep will be sweet...

Psalm 4:8 ...I will...sleep for you make me dwell in safety..

Psalm 127:2 ...for so he gives his beloved sleep...

WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 55:11 ...shall not return void...shall accomplish and prosper...

Jeremiah 23:29 ...Is not my word like a fire...like a hammer

Acts 20:32 ...which is able to build you up and give you inheritance

Hebrews 4:12 ...is quick, powerful, sharp, piercing, dividing, discerning..

2 Timothy 2:9 ...word of God is not bound...

2 Timothy 3:16 ...is profitable for doctrine, reproof, instruction...

Great Psalms to Encourage Your Heart

Psalm 1

1. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.
2. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
3. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.
4. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
5. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
6. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 19

1. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
2. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.
3. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.
4. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,
5. which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
6. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.
7. The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
8. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
9. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.
10. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.
11. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
12. Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.
13. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
14. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 20

1. May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.
2. May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.
3. May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. Selah
4. May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.
5. We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests.
6. Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand.
7. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
8. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.
9. O LORD, save the king! Answer us when we call!

Psalm 23

1. The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
3. he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
6. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 27

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid?
2. When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.
3. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.
4. One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
5. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.
6. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
7. Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.
8. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.
9. Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.
10. Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.
11. Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.
12. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

13. I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Psalm 37

1. Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;

2. for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

3. Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

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

5. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

6. He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

7. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Psalm 37

8. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret--it leads only to evil.

9. For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

10. A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

11. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.

16. Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked;

23. If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm;

24. though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

25. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

34. Wait for the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

35. I have seen a wicked and ruthless man flourishing like a green tree in its native soil,

36. but he soon passed away and was no more; though I looked for him, he could not be found.

37. Consider the blameless, observe the upright; there is a future for the man of peace.

39. The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

40. The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Psalm 42

1. As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.
2. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?
3. My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
4. These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng.
5. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and
6. my God. My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon--from Mount Mizar.
7. Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.
8. By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me-- a prayer to the God of my life.
9. I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?"
10. My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
11. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Psalms 46

1. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
3. though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Selah
4. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
5. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
6. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
7. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah
8. Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
9. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.
10. "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
11. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

Psalm 51

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
2. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
3. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
4. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.
5. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
6. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts ; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
7. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
8. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
9. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
10. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
11. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
12. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
13. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.
14. Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
15. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
16. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
17. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
18. In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.
19. Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Psalm 84

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!
2. My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
3. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young-- a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
4. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Selah
5. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.
6. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
7. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.
8. Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob. Selah
9. Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.
10. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
11. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.
12. O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Psalm 91

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
2. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
3. Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.
4. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
5. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
6. nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.
7. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
8. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.
9. If you make the Most High your dwelling-- even the LORD, who is my refuge--
10. then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.
11. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;
12. they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
13. You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
14. "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
15. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
16. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Psalm 100

1. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
2. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
3. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his ; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
4. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
5. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 121

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from?
2. My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
3. He will not let your foot slip-- he who watches over you will not slumber;
4. indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
5. The LORD watches over you-- the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
6. the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
7. The LORD will keep you from all harm-- he will watch over your life;
8. the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.
9. For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

Psalm 103

1. Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
2. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--
3. who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
4. who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
5. who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.
7. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:
8. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
9. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
10. he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
11. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for 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 has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
14. for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.
15. As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;
16. the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.
17. But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children--
18. with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.
19. The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.
20. Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.
21. Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.
22. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm 139

1. O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.
2. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
3. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
4. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.
5. You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.
6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
7. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
8. If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
9. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
10. even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
11. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
12. even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
13. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
14. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

15. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
16. your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
17. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
18. Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.
19. If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!
20. They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.
21. Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you?
22. I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.
23. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
24. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Isaiah – Great Comfort for God’s People

Isaiah 40

Comfort My People

1. Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

7. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. 8. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

Sovereign Lord, He Will Do It

10. See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. 11. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

12. Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance? 13. Who has understood the mind of the LORD, or instructed him as his counselor? 14. Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge or showed him the path of understanding? 15. Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. 16. Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires, nor its animals enough for burnt offerings. 17. Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing.

22. He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. 23. He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. 24. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

25. "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. 26. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Wait on the Lord

27. Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? 28. Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. 29. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31. but those who hope in the LORD will

renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 41

Do Not Be Afraid

10. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. 11. "All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. 12. Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.

I Will Hold Your Hand

13. For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. 14. Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob, O little Israel, for I myself will help you," declares the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 42

I Will Hold Your Hand

5. This is what God the LORD says-- he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: 6. "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, 7. to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. 8. "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. 9. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you." 10. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them.

Isaiah 43

We Are Created For His Purpose

1. But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. 4. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. 5. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.

Everyone Who Is Called By My Name

6. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth-- 7. everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." 10. "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that

you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. 11. I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. 12. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed-- I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God. 13. Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

A New Thing Will he Do

18. "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. 20. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, 21. the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

Isaiah 44

The Lord Is Our Helper

1. "But now listen, O Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen. 2. This is what the LORD says-- he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. 3. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. 4. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. 5. One will say, 'I belong to the LORD'; another will call himself by the name of Jacob; still another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,' and will take the name Israel.

Who Is Like The Lord?

6. "This is what the LORD says-- Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. 7. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come-- yes, let him foretell what will come. 8. Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

21. "Remember these things, O Jacob, for you are my servant, O Israel. I have made you, you are my servant; O Israel, I will not forget you. 22. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." 23. Sing for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done this; shout aloud, O earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the LORD has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel.

"I Will "– Says the Lord

24. "This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, 25. who foils the signs of false prophets and makes fools of diviners, who overthrows the learning of the wise and turns it into nonsense, 26. who carries out the words of his servants and fulfills the predictions of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be inhabited,' of the towns of Judah, 'They shall be built,' and of their ruins, 'I will restore them,' 27. who says to the watery deep, 'Be dry, and I

will dry up your streams,' 28. who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, "Let it be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Let its foundations be laid." '

Isaiah 45

I Have Called You By Name

2. I will go before you and will level the mountains ; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. 3. I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. 4. For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. 5. I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, 6. so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. 7. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

Don't Quarrel With Your Maker

9. "Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?' Does your work say, 'He has no hands'? 10. Woe to him who says to his father, 'What have you begotten?' or to his mother, 'What have you brought to birth?'

11. "This is what the LORD says-- the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands?'

The Lord Is the Creator

12. It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts. 13. I will raise up Cyrus in my righteousness: I will make all his ways straight. He will rebuild my city and set my exiles free, but not for a price or reward, says the LORD Almighty."

18. For this is what the LORD says-- he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited-- he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

21. Declare what is to be, present it-- let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. 22. "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. 23. By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. 24. They will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.'" All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame. 25. But in the LORD all the descendants of Israel will be found righteous and will exult.

Isaiah 46

My Purpose Will Stand

9. Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. 10. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

Isaiah 47

4. Our Redeemer--the LORD Almighty is his name-- is the Holy One of Israel. 5. "Sit in silence, go into darkness, Daughter of the Babylonians; no more will you be called queen of kingdoms.

Isaiah 48

For His Name's Sake

11. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another.

What God Has Promised, that He will do

12. "Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last. 13. My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand up together. 14. "Come together, all of you, and listen: Which of [the idols] has foretold these things? The LORD's chosen ally will carry out his purpose against Babylon; his arm will be against the Babylonians. 15. I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him. I will bring him, and he will succeed in his mission. 16. "Come near me and listen to this: "From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there." And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit.

He Teaches Us The Way To Go

17. This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. 18. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea. 19. Your descendants would have been like the sand, your children like its numberless grains; their name would never be cut off nor destroyed from before me."

Isaiah 49

Before You Were Born

1. Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. 2. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. 3. He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

8. This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances,

He Will Have Compassion

13. Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones. 14. But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me." 15. "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! 16. See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

Isaiah 50

Who Shall Condemn Me?

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

7. Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. 8. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! 9. It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Isaiah 51

The Wrath of the Oppressor

11. The ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. 12. "I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mortal men, the sons of men, who are but grass, 13. that you forget the LORD your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, that you live in constant terror every day because of the wrath of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction? For where is the wrath of the oppressor? 14. The cowering prisoners will soon be set free; they will not die in their dungeon, nor will they lack bread. 15. For I am the LORD your God, who churns up the sea so that its waves roar-- the LORD Almighty is his name. 16. I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand-- I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, "You are my people."

Isaiah 52

The Lord Will Come

7. How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" 8. Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. 9. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

12. But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

Isaiah 53

Suffering Servant (suffered for me)

1. Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2. He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 3. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He Bore My Sins

7. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. 9. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. 10. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. 11. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. 12. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 54

Believe the Lord, Your Maker, Redeemer, Husband

2. "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. 3. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. 4. "Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. 5. For your Maker is your husband-- the LORD Almighty is his name-- the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

A Bright Future and Hope

11. "O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. 12. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. 13. All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace. 14. In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. 15. If anyone does

attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you. 16. "See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; 17. no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD.

Isaiah 55

Faithful Love To the Thirsty

1. "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. 3. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

His Thoughts Are Not Our Thoughts

6. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 7. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. 8. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. 9. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11. so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Promises for Tomorrow

12. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. 13. Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."

Isaiah 56

Sabbaths

4. For this is what the LORD says: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant-- 5. to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off. 6. And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant-- 7. these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Isaiah 57

I Will Not Accuse You

15. For this is what the high and lofty One says-- he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. 16. I will not accuse forever, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint before me-- the breath of man that I have created. 17. I was enraged by his sinful greed; I punished him, and hid my face in anger, yet he kept on in his willful ways. 18. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will guide him and restore comfort to him, 19. creating praise on the lips of the mourners in Israel. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them."

20. But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. 21. "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

Isaiah 58

Sabbaths and Fasts

5. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? 6. "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7. Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"

He Will Guide You

11. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. 12. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Promise for Sabbath Keepers

13. "If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, 14. then you will find your joy in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob." The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 59

Deal With Sin

1. Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. 2. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. 3. For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue mutters wicked things.

He Prays for Me

16. He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm worked salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. 17.

He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. 18. According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due. 19. From the west, men will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along.

Isaiah 60

New Jerusalem: Your Heritage

15. "Although you have been forsaken and hated, with no one traveling through, I will make you the everlasting pride and the joy of all generations. 16. You will drink the milk of nations and be nursed at royal breasts. Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

17. Instead of bronze I will bring you gold, and silver in place of iron. Instead of wood I will bring you bronze, and iron in place of stones. I will make peace your governor and righteousness your ruler. 18. No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise. 19. The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. 20. Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end. 21. Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor. 22. The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the LORD; in its time I will do this swiftly."

Isaiah 61

Good News

1. The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2. to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3. and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

He Clothes Me

10. I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

Isaiah 62

Called By A New Name

1. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. 2. The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. 3. You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah ; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married.

Isaiah 63

No Intercessor But Him – He fights for you

5. I looked, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arm worked salvation for me, and my own wrath sustained me. 6. I trampled the nations in my anger; in my wrath I made them drunk and poured their blood on the ground." 8. and so he became their Savior. 9. In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. 10. Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.

Isaiah 64

Potter and The Clay

1. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

4. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. 7. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. 8. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9. Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Isaiah 65

He Seeks You Before You Seek Him

1. "I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, `Here am I, here am I.' 2. All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations--

24. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. 25. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Exaltations of Christ

John 1:1-3

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. He was with God in the beginning.
3. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Hebrews 1

1. In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,
2. but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.
3. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Philippians 2:6-11

5. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
6. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
7. but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
8. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!
9. Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
10. that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11. and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Revelation 4:8-11

8. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."
9. Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever,
10. the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:
11. "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Revelation 5:6-14

6. Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.
7. He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

8. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9. And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

10. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

11. Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

12. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

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

14. The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 7:9-12

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

10. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

11. All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

12. saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Revelation 19:11-16

11. I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

12. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

13. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

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

15. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

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

Doxologies

Doxologies are great anthems of praise which exalt the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 1

17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6

12. Fight the good fight of faith... 14. until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15. which God will bring about in his own time--God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
16. who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Jude 1

24. To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy--
25. to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Hebrews 13

20. May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,
21. equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Romans 16

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

Ephesians 1:19-23

19. *That power is like the working of his mighty strength,*
20. *which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,*
21. *far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.*
22. *And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,*
23. *which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

Ephesians 3:20-21

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

21. to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Colossians 1:13-19

13. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

14. in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

17. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

19. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

Prayers of Jesus

The 27 Recorded Prayers of Jesus

1. Praying prior to Bethlehem (Hebrews 10:5,7)

5. Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; 6. with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. 7. Then I said, 'Here I am--it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, O God.'"

2. Praying at His baptism (Luke 3:21,22)

21. When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22. and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

3. Praying before His first preaching tour of Galilee (Mark 1:35-39)

35. Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

4. Praying after the healing of a leper (Luke 5:12-16)

12. While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." 13. Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him. 14. Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." 15. Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. 16. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

5. Praying before choosing the twelve disciples (Luke 6:12,13)

12. One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. 13. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: 14. Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, 15. Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, 16. Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

6. Praying after being rejected by certain cities in Galilee (Matthew 11:25)

25. At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. 26. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

7. Praying prior to the feeding of 5000 people (John 6:11)

9. "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" 10. Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. 11. Jesus then

took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

8. Praying after feeding 5000 people (Matthew 14:22,23)

22. Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24. but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 25. During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

9. Praying as He healed a deaf man (Mark 7:32-37)

32. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. 33. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. 34. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). 35. At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

10. Praying prior to feeding 4000 people (Mark 8:6)

6. He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and they did so.

11. Praying before Peter's great confession (Luke 9:18-20)

20. Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" 19. They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life." 20. "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

12. Praying during His transfiguration (Luke 9:28-35)

28. About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30. Two men, Moses and Elijah, 31. appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. 32. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

13. Praying after hearing the report of the seventy (Luke 10:17-21)

17. The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." 18. He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." 21. At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

14. Praying before teaching the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1; Matthew 6:9-13)

1. One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." 2. He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. 3. Give us each day our daily bread. 4. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation. "

15. Praying at the grave site of Lazarus (John 11:41- 42)

41. So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." 43. When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

16. Praying over little children (Mark 10:13-16)

13. People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." 16. And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

17. Praying in the temple on Palm Sunday (John 12:20-28)

27. "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? `Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29. The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. 30. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine."

18. Praying over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 19:41-44)

Matt. 23:37. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. 38. Look, your house is left to you desolate. 39. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, `Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

Luke 19:41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42. and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes. 43. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. 44. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

19. Praying in the upper room prior to His death (Matthew 26:26-28)

26. While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27. Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."

20. Praying for Peter (Luke 22:31-34)

31. "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. 32. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

21. Praying His great High Priestly Prayer (John 17)

1. After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. 5. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. 6. "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one. 12. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. 13. "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. 20. "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21. that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: 23. I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24. "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. 25. "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

22. Praying in Gethsemane prior to His death (Mark 14:32-42; Matt. 26:39-46)

32. They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33. He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. 34. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." 35. Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 36. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

23. Praying on the cross (Luke 23:34, 46; Matthew 27:46)

Luke 23:34. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Luke 23:46. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Matthew 27:46. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

24. Praying at His resurrection (Hebrews 2:12,13; John 20:17)

12. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." 13. And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." 14. Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- 15. and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

25. Praying at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)

28. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. 29. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

26. Praying at the Ascension (Luke 24:50-53)

50. When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

27. Praying today for the believer (Romans 8:34; I John 2:1; Hebrews 7:25; 9:24)

Romans 8:4 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

I John 2:1

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Hebrews 7:25

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

Hebrews 9:24-25

24. For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. 25. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.

Prayers of Paul

Philippians 1:6

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

Ephesians 1

15. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,

16. I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

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

18. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

19. and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is like the working of his mighty strength,

20. which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

21. far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

22. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

23. which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 3

14. For this reason I kneel before the Father,

15. from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

16. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

17. so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

18. may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

19. and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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

21. to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Colossians 1

9. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

10. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

11. being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully

12. giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

13. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

14. in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

17. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

19. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

Proverbs to Ponder

Wisdom does not come by sitting in a lotus position uttering strange noises or contemplating your own naval. Wisdom does not come through information or even through study of the sciences. Wisdom comes from God. Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are God's wisdom literature. Wisdom comes from meditating on God's word. Think about it. Muse on it. Mull it over until it becomes second nature to you. Here are some proverbs to meditate on.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Proverbs 3:1-4

1. My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2. for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. 3. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Proverbs 3:5-8

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 will make your paths straight. 7. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. 8. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Proverbs 3:9-10

9. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10. then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Proverbs 3:24-26

24. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. 25. Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, 26. for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.

Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Proverbs 5:14-20

I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly." 15. Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. 16. Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares? 17. Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers. 18. May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19. A loving doe, a graceful deer-- may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love. 20. Why be captivated, my son, by an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another man's wife?

Proverbs 5:21

For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all his paths. 22. The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast.

Proverbs 6:6-11

6. Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! 7. It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, 8. yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. 9. How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? 10. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest-- 11. and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

Proverbs 6:16-18

There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: 17. haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, 18. a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, 19. a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

Proverbs 6:20-22

My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. 21. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. 22. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you.

Proverbs 7:2-3

Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. 3. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

Proverbs 8:13

To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

Proverbs 8:17

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.

Proverbs 9:8

Rebuke a wise man and he will love you.

Proverbs 9:10-11

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. 11. For through me your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.

Proverbs 10:5

He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.

Proverbs 10:18

Whoever spreads slander is a fool.

Proverbs 11:1

The LORD abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are his delight.

Proverbs 11:14

For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure.

Proverbs 11:22

Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.

Proverbs 11:24-25

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. 26. People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.

Proverbs 12:10

A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.

Proverbs 13:4

The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.

Proverbs 13:7

One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.

Proverbs 13:24

He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

Proverbs 14:12

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

Proverbs 14:26

He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge. 27. The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,

Proverbs 14:29

A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:13

A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.

Proverbs 15:15-16

All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast. 16. Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil. 17. Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred.

Proverbs 15:22

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 15:28

The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.

Proverbs 16:3

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. 4. The LORD works out everything for his own ends-

Proverbs 16:9

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

Proverbs 16:25

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

Proverbs 16:33

The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.

Proverbs 17:9

He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 17:22

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Proverbs 18:10

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

Proverbs 18:19

An offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel.

Proverbs 19:18

Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.

Proverbs 19:23

The fear of the LORD leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

Proverbs 20:13

Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare.

Proverbs 20:22

Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!" Wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.

Proverbs 21:1-2

The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases. 2. All a man's ways seem right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart.

Proverbs 21:9

Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.

Proverbs 21:17

He who loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich.

Proverbs 22:1

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

Proverbs 22:6

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:15

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:24

Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, 25. or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he

Proverbs 23:13

Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. 14. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.

Proverbs 24:3-5

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; 4. through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. 5. A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength; 6. for waging war you need guidance, and for victory many advisers.

Proverbs 24:10

If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!

Proverbs 24:11-12

Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. 12. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?

Proverbs 25:20

Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

Proverbs 25:25

Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land.

Proverbs 25:28

Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.

Proverbs 26:4

Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him yourself.

Proverbs 27:5

Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

Proverbs 27:15

A continual dripping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Proverbs 27:23

Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds;

Proverbs 28:9

If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Proverbs 28:20

A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 28:23

He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue.

Proverbs 29:1

A man who remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed--without remedy.

Proverbs 29:11

A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.

Proverbs 29:17

Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.

Proverbs 29:22

An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.

Proverbs 29:25

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

Proverbs 30:5

"Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. 6. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

Proverbs 30:8

Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. 9. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

Proverbs 30:11-15

"There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers; 12. those who are pure in their own eyes and yet are not cleansed of their filth; 13. those whose eyes are ever so haughty, whose glances are so disdainful; 14. those whose teeth are swords and whose jaws are set with knives to devour the poor from the earth, the needy from among mankind. 15. "The leech has two daughters. 'Give! Give!' they cry. "There are three things that are never satisfied, four that never say, 'Enough!':

Proverbs 30:24

"Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: 25. Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer; 26. coney are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags; 27. locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks; 28. a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces.

Proverbs 30:33

For as churning the milk produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife."

Ecclesiastes 11:4 & 6

Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap. Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: 2. a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3. a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4. a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, 5. a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, 6. a time to search and a time to

give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, 7. a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, 8. a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9. Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: 10. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! 11. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12. Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-2

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"--

Memorize Short Passages

“Biblical One-Liners”

If you are novice memorizer then begin with the shortest of the passages. Compile the one-liners in your own list and begin memorizing them.

John 11:35 Jesus wept.

Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

I Thess. 5:16 Be joyful always;

I Thess. 5:17 Pray continually; (pray without ceasing)

I Thess. 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I Thess. 5:19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire;

I Thess. 5:20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt.

I Thess. 5:21 Test everything. Hold on to the good.

I Thess. 5:22 Avoid every kind of evil.

Philippians 3:2 Beware of dogs, those men who do evil.

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

Phil.1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Phil.4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Phil.4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

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

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

I Tim. 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

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