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And he will turn  
The hearts of the fathers to the children,  
And the hearts of the children to their fathers...

Mal 4:6 NKJV



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## **GOD IS OUR LOVING ABBA FATHER**

He is our loving Father Who lives in heaven. His passion is to FILL His house with many children. That is why He told Adam to be fruitful and multiply. As His children, we were created in the image of God, just like Him.

*Gen 1:26-28 NKJV*

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

Because He is our faithful Creator, that means we are totally dependent upon Him for all things. Everything that exists is within Him. Everything was created for Him.

*Col 1:15-18 NKJV*

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*

*1 Peter 4:19 NKJV*

*Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.*

*Rom 11:36 NKJV*

*For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.*

God is the Father of the "God Family." His family starts with Jesus Christ, His Son and also the Holy Spirit. His family is commonly known as the trinity, however the term is not in the Bible. The three of them are united as One. Jesus said that if we have seen Him, we have seen God because Jesus was in His image. We can know all about the Father by reading about Jesus in the Gospels.

*John 14:7-11 NKJV*

*"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father ; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father '? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.*

*Matt 28:18-20 NKJV*

*And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

*Matt 3:16-17 NKJV*

*When He had been baptized, **Jesus** came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a **voice came from heaven**, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

*Eph 2:18 NKJV*

For through **Him** we both have access by one **Spirit** to the **Father**.

1 John 5:7 NKJV

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the **Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit**; and these three are one.

The heavenly Father sent His only Son Jesus to our world to die for our sins so that we could come live with Him in Heaven and be adopted into His family with them. Jesus' willingness to lay down His life in death paved a way for His Father to receive many children just like Him. When we believe that Jesus died for us, we become God's children and will live with Him for eternity.

*John 3:15-17 That whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

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Sometimes when I talk to Him, I call Him Daddy. Sometimes I call Him Papa. And sometimes I call Him Abba. I know that He earnestly wants and desires me to be with Him. And I know that He feels the same way about you. There is nothing more precious than to be adopted as His children. He gathers us under His wing like a Mother hen covering her chicklets.

*Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hid these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in your sight.*

*How tender is His love for us!  
He sees our smudges and chocolate fingers and kisses each one with joy.*



**APPLICATION:** Have you been adopted into God's family? He earnestly desire you to be His child. Consider accepting that His Son, Jesus Christ died for your sins so that you can be adopted by His Father and live with them forever and ever. Amen.

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## THE NAMES OF GOD



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## THE NAMES OF GOD

*Prov 18:10 NKJV*

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

The first thing we do when we meet someone is learn their name. A name is a part of a person's identity that says they are unique and special. In Scripture, the meaning of names refers to the nature, character, attribute or even the purpose and destiny of the person.

And so it is with God. His names describe certain parts of Who He is. Here is a small list of His wonderful Names. I love to honor His names in prayer by declaring Who He is! Knowing His names is like cherishing a beloved one.

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**ELOHIM** = Supreme & Mighty God

*Gen 1:1-2*

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

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**JEHOVAH YAHWEH** = Eternal, self-existent Lord.

*Gen 2:4-5*

*This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.*

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**EL ELYON** = God strong and high.

*Gen 14:18*

*Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.*

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**EL ROI** = The God Who Gazes or Sees

*Gen 16:13-14*

*Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?"*

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**EL SHADDAI** = The God Almighty

*Gen 17:1-2*

*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.*

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**JEHOVAH JIREH** = The Lord Who Provides

*Gen 22:14 NKJV*

*And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided."*

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**JEHOVAH RAPHA** = The Lord Who Heals

*Ex 15:26*

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

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**JEHOVAH NISSI** = The Lord Who is our Banner

*Ex 17:15-16*

*And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner; 16 for he said, "Because the LORD has sworn: the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."*

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**JEHOVAH KADASH** = The Lord Who Sanctifies

Ex 31:14

"Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you."

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**ETERNAL GOD** = The Eternal God

Deut 33:27

The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!'

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**JEHOVAH ROHI** = The Lord is My Shepherd

Ps 23:1 NKJV

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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**JEHOVAH TSIDKENU** = The Lord Our Righteousness

Jer 23:6

In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

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**JEHOVAH SHAMMAH** = The Lord is There

Ezek 48:35

All the way around shall be eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of the city from that day shall be: THE LORD IS THERE."

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## **ASSIGNMENT**

- Choose 3 names in the above list and ponder their meaning.
- Think about what God has given you that relates to that definition of Who He is.
- Be grateful for Who He is and say His names back to Him as an intimate part of your loving Him.

**EXAMPLE:** Lord I am so very grateful that You are Jehovah Shammah! You are always with me, You never leave me. You will never ever abandon Me! You are utterly faithful to stick with me and love me! Nothing can separate me from Your love. Thank You, thank You, thank You!

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## **SCRIPTURAL DESCRIPTIONS OF GOD**

Have you ever wondered what God is really like? Scripture gives us many definitions. It is so amazing that Someone so wonderful loves us personally and wants to be in our life! The following is a list of 28 of His qualities and attributes. There are actually many more than that!

As you ponder each of these wonderful characteristics of God's personality, ask yourself if you know Him that way? Can you point to milestones in your life where He has reached you personally through one or more of these?

1. **GOD IS LOVE.** God's Word to us is founded upon the characteristics of love.

*“Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy; is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited - arrogant and inflated with pride; it is not rude (unmannerly), and does not act unbecomingly. Love {God’s love in us} does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it - pays no attention to a suffered wrong. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances and it endures everything {without weakening}. Love never fails - never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end...”*  
(I Corinthians 13:4-8 AMP)

2. **GOD IS GOOD.** The fact that He is good is recorded 699 times in scripture. This is one of the most important foundational truths about Him. When we understand His goodness, it puts everything else into perspective and helps us determine when He is the One speaking to us. [Click here to read some of the scriptures on God is good.](#)

*“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”*  
(John 10:11)

3. **GOD IS LIFE.** When God speaks, it gives us strength, nourishment and fruitfulness; it gives us life.

*“...I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”* (John 10:10 KJ) *“...The Words that I speak to you, are spirit, and they are life.”* (John 6:63 NKJV)

4. **GOD IS OUR REFUGE.** He is our hiding place, shielding us from the fiery darts. Words from Him will carefully protect when uncovering a thorn.

*“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.”* (Psalm 91:1,2 NKJV)

5. **GOD IS PEACE.** There is no pushiness or driving anxiety in peace. Peace stills the storm. His Word to us will quiet our hearts when all is raging around us.

*“..they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them into their desired haven.”* (Psalm 107:28-30 KJ)

6. **GOD IS WHOLE.** “I AM that I AM” is complete. When He speaks wholeness into our lives, we become well, whole, supplied and complete in Him.

*“I AM that I AM”* (Exodus 3:14 KJ) *“That the man of God may be perfect,*

*thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:17 KJ) [Perfect = complete 739 Strong’s]*

7. **GOD IS DISCIPLINE.** He disciplines us because He loves us and wants us to be partakers of His Holiness.

*“For the Lord corrects and disciplines every one whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes...Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we yielded {to them} and respected {them for training us. Shall we not much more cheerfully submit to the Father of spirits, and so {truly} live? For {our earthly fathers} disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them, but He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness.” (Hebrews 12:6-10 AMP)*

8. **GOD IS OUR PROVIDER.** What He speaks into our lives, will provide everything we need.

*“And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering...” (Genesis 22:8 KJ)*

9. **GOD IS THE BREAD OF LIFE.** His Words will nourish us throughout our journey. They will strengthen, sustain and satisfy us.

*“I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness... I am the living bread which came down from heaven...” (John 6:48 KJ)*

10. **GOD IS OUR STRENGTH.** His Words give strength to stand and strength to rest.

*“The Lord is my strength and song...” (Exodus 15:2A KJ)*

11. **GOD IS OUR BANNER.** Words from Him are a sign that points the way to truth.

*“You have given a banner to those that fear You, that it may be displayed because of the truth.” (Psalm 60:4 NKJV)*

12. **GOD IS OUR COUNSELOR.** Words from the Holy Spirit will advise and guide us on the Lord’s pathway. [(Isaiah 9:6) Counselor; to advise, deliberate, resolve, consult, determine, guide. 3289 Hebrew Strong’s]  
*“...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...” (John 16:13 KJ)*

13. **GOD IS JUST.** His Words execute justice to the wicked and freedom to the wronged.

*“...for all his ways are judgment: for a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.” (Deuteronomy 32:4B,C KJ)*

14. **GOD IS TRUTH.** When He speaks, He does not lay heavy burdens upon our shoulders, rather He sets us free with truth.

*"...the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father..." (John 15:26 KJ)  
"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:32,36 KJ)*

15. **GOD IS A DELIVERER.** When He speaks Words into our lives, they deliver us from the death of the evil one and sin. He speaks without condemnation.

*"For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned..." (John 3:17,18 NKJV)*

16. **GOD IS OUR SHEPHERD.** The Lord's Words will be in one accord with a shepherd's care for his sheep.

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." (John 10:11 NKJV)*

17. **GOD IS OUR EVERLASTING FATHER.** He gives good gifts to His children. His Words will be good gifts reflecting His Fatherhood. (Isaiah 9:6 KJ)

*"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7:11 KJ)*

18. **GOD GLORIFIES JESUS.** The Father glorifies His Name through glorifying His Son, Jesus. When He speaks Words into our lives, they point the way to and through Jesus, His Son.

*"The Spirit of truth...He shall glorify me..." (John 16:13,14 KJ) "Father glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. (John 12:28 KJ) I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6 KJ)*

19. **GOD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.** The Lord speaks His righteousness to cover our sins for we have no righteousness of our own.

*"...and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness." (Jeremiah 23:6B KJ)*

20. **GOD IS HOLY.** When He speaks, His Words are pure, clear, without spot and blemish. There is no mixture in His Words.

*"...Every word of God is pure." (Proverbs 30:5 KJ) {Pure in the Hebrew means refined. 6884 Strong's}*

21. **GOD IS MERCIFUL.** The Lord's Words are compassionate.

*"And the Lord passed before him there, and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth.." (Exodus 34:6 NKJV)*

22. **GOD IS FORGIVING.** He speaks forgiveness for our sins.

*"Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..." (Exodus 34:7 NKJV)*

23. **GOD IS COMFORTING.** He speaks ease and consolation to our pain.

*"As whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you." (Isaiah 66:13 NKJV)*

24. **GOD IS GRACIOUS.** The Lord shows us favor and pity.

*"I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious..." (Exodus 33:19 NKJV)*

25. **GOD IS WONDERFUL.** His Words to us are extraordinary, filled with wonder and marvel.

*"And His name shall be called Wonderful..." (Isaiah 9:6 NKJV)*

26. **GOD IS OMNISCIENT.** God's Words reveal His secrets, for He knows all things.

*"Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite." (Psalm 147:5 KJ)*

27. **GOD IS OMNIPRESENT.** His Words are present everywhere in life.

*"Where can I go from Your Spirit? or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold You are there." (Psalm 139:7,8 NKJV)*

28. **GOD IS OMNIPOTENT.** God's Words are all powerful.

*"There is none more powerful than He.....and thou reignest over all; and thine hand is power and might..." (1 Chronicles 29:12A,B)*

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## **ASSIGNMENT**

- Choose 3 of your favorite definitions of God and remember how God impacted and changed your life through them.

- Write out your testimony based on those 3 examples.
  - Share your testimony with others.
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The goodness of God  
leads to repentance

Rom 2:4

Goodness

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## GOD IS GOOD!

### WORD STUDY ON GOD'S GOODNESS

When I did the study and read all the scriptures about goodness, I had a massive change and I realized that in every part of life, even overcoming evil, it is done through goodness. I finally realized that these scriptures helped describe not only God, but His perspective on everything and how He too wants us to change our perspectives about His goodness.

The word "good" is recorded 699 times in the Bible. Below are some of the best scriptures from NKJV about God's goodness, and how He wants us as His children to also do good works to glory Him, Who is good.

#### HEBREW GOOD

towb

OT:2896 towb (tobe); from OT:2895; good (as an adjective) in the widest sense; used likewise as a noun, both in the masculine and the feminine, the singular and the plural (good, a good or good thing, a good man or woman; the good, goods or good things, good men or women), also as an adverb (well):

KJV - beautiful, best, better, bountiful, cheerful, at ease, fair (word), (be in) favour, fine, glad, good (deed, -lier, -liest, -ly, -ness, -s), graciously, joyful, kindly, kindness, liketh (best), loving, merry, most, pleasant, pleaseth, pleasure, precious, prosperity, ready, sweet, wealth, welfare, (be) well ([-favoured]).

towb

OT:2895 towb (tobe); a primitive root, to be (transitively, do or make) good (or well) in the widest sense:

KJV - be (do) better, cheer, be (do, seem) good, (make) goodly, please, (be, do, go, play) well.

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## GREEK GOOD

agathos

NT:18 agathos (ag-ath-os'); a primary word; "good" (in any sense, often as noun):

KJV - benefit, good (-s, things), well. Compare NT:2570.

kalos

NT:2570 kalos (kal-os'); of uncertain affinity; properly, beautiful, but chiefly (figuratively) good (literally or morally), i.e. valuable or virtuous (for appearance or use, and thus distinguished from NT:18, which is properly intrinsic):

KJV - better, fair, good (-ly), honest, meet, well, worthy.

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### WORD TO PONDER: WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

When I labored and created the earth, I looked over everything that I made and saw that it was very GOOD. I also gave gifts of creativity so that mankind could understand that what is created comes out of the heart of the person creating. The creation is a message that in some way represents the person behind it. What I created was good, because I AM GOOD.

Live in such a way that men will see your GOOD works and glorify Me, for a good man will bring forth good things from the good treasure stored in his heart. When I walked the earth, I went about doing GOOD and healing all who were oppressed by the devil. I give GOOD gifts to My children and I do not change; I AM GOOD. Every GOOD and perfect gift comes from Me. I AM and always will be, the GOOD Shepherd.

Remove your focus off the devil. Overcome evil with good. Abhor evil and cling to good. Never repay evil with evil. But instead pursue good. If you want to see good days, refrain from speaking evil. Turn away from evil and do good. Beloved, all in the world is very simple. You have only 2 choices: good or evil, coming from the kingdoms of light or darkness. You need to make your choice and stick to it until the end, knowing Who I AM and Who keeps you. Separate and discern what you are listening to. You need to separate the mixture and choose the good part. A good report makes My body healthy for I know the good plans I have for you, to

give you a future and a hope.

*Jer 29:10-12 NLT*

*For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for GOOD and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

## GOOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

*Matt 5:16*

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your **good** works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*Matt 5:44*

*But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do **good** to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,*

*Matt 7:11*

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

*Matt 19:17*

*So He said to him, "Why do you call Me **good** ? No one is **good** but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."*

*Luke 6:27-27*

*"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do **good** to those who hate you,*

*Luke 12:32*

*"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's **good** pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

*John 10:11*

*"I am the **good** shepherd. The **good** shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*

*John 10:32*

*Jesus answered them, "Many **good** works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"*

*Rom 12:2*

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that **good** and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

*Rom 12:17-21*

*Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for **good** things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Do not be*

overcome by evil, but overcome evil with **good** .

Rom 14:16

Therefore do not let your **good** be spoken of as evil;

Rom 16:19

For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is **good** , and simple concerning evil.

Gal 6:9-10

And let us not grow weary while doing **good** , for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do **good** to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Eph 1:5

having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the **good** pleasure of His will,

Eph 1:9

having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His **good** pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

Eph 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good** works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Eph 4:29-30

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is **good** for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Phil 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a **good** work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

Phil 2:13

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

Phil 4:8

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

Col 1:10

that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every **good** work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Thess 5:15

See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is **good** both for yourselves and for all.

1 Thess 5:21

Test all things; hold fast what is **good** .

2 Thess 1:11

Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the **good** pleasure of His **good**ness and the work of faith with power.

2 Thess 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and **good** hope by grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish you in every **good** word and work.

2 Thess 3:13

But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing **good** .

1 Tim 2:4

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is **good** and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Tim 4:4

For every creature of God is **good** , and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;

1 Tim 6:11-12

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the **good** fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the **good** confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Tim 6:18-19

Let them do **good** , that they be rich in **good** works, ready to give, willing to share, 19 storing up for themselves a **good** foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

2 Tim 2:21

Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every **good** work.

2 Tim 3:17

that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every **good** work.

2 Tim 4:7

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

Titus 2:14

who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for

Himself His own special people, zealous for **good** works.

Titus 3:8

This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain **good** works. These things are **good** and profitable to men.

Philem 6

that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every **good** thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Heb 9:11

The Heavenly Sanctuary But Christ came as High Priest of the **good** things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

Heb 13:21

make you complete in every **good** work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

James 1:17

Every **good** gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

1 Peter 2:19-23

For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do **good** and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

1 Peter 3:10-11

"He who would love life And see **good** days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do **good** ; Let him seek peace and pursue it.

3 John 11

Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is **good** . He who does **good** is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God.

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## GOOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1:4

And God saw the light, that it was **good**; and God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:10

And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was **good**.

Genesis 1:12

*And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was **good**.*

Genesis 1:18

*and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was **good**.*

Genesis 1:21

*So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was **good**.*

Genesis 1:25

*And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was **good**.*

Genesis 1:31

*Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very **good**. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

Genesis 2:9

*And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and **good** for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of **good** and evil.*

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Genesis 2:12

*And the gold of that land is **good**. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there.*

Genesis 2:18

*And the LORD God said, "It is not **good** that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."*

Genesis 50:20

*But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for **good**, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.*

Exodus 3:8

*So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a **good** and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.*

*Now Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, and we*

will treat you well; for the LORD has promised **good** things to Israel."

Numbers 10:32

And it shall be, if you go with us — indeed it shall be — that whatever **good** the LORD will do to us, the same we will do to you."

Numbers 23:19

"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it **good**?"

Deuteronomy 6:18

And you shall do what is right and **good** in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the **good** land of which the LORD swore to your fathers,

Deuteronomy 8:16

who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you **good** in the end

Deuteronomy 30:9

The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for **good**. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for **good** as He rejoiced over your fathers,

Joshua 23:14

"Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the **good** things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed.

Joshua 23:15

Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all the **good** things have come upon you which the LORD your God promised you, so the LORD will bring upon you all harmful things, until He has destroyed you from this **good** land which the LORD your God has given you.

2 Samuel 10:12

Be of **good** courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do what is **good** in His sight."

2 Samuel 16:12

It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with **good** for his cursing this day."

1 Kings 8:56

"Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His **good** promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.

1 Kings 8:66

On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the **good** that the LORD had done for His servant David, and for Israel His people.

1 Kings 12:7

*And they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak **good** words to them, then they will be your servants forever."*

1 Kings 14:13

*13 And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he is the only one of Jeroboam who shall come to the grave, because in him there is found something **good** toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.*

1 Chronicles 16:34

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is **good**! For His mercy endures forever.*

1 Chronicles 19:13

*Be of **good** courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do what is **good** in His sight."*

Ezra 8:22

*For I was ashamed to request of the king an escort of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy on the road, because we had spoken to the king, saying, "The hand of our God is upon all those for **good** who seek Him, but His power and His wrath are against all those who forsake Him."*

Ezra 9:12

*Now therefore, do not give your daughters as wives for their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons; and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the **good** of the land, and leave it as an inheritance to your children forever.'*

Nehemiah 2:8

*and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which pertains to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy." And the king granted them to me according to the **good** hand of my God upon me.*

Nehemiah 2:18

*And I told them of the hand of my God which had been **good** upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this **good** work.*

Psalms 25:8

***Good** and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.*

Psalms 34:8

*Oh, taste and see that the LORD is **good**; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*

Psalms 34:10

*The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any **good** thing.*

Psalms 52:9

*I will praise You forever, Because You have done it; And in the presence of Your saints I will wait on Your name, for it is **good**.*

*Psalms 69:16*

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

*Psalms 84:11*

*For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No **good** thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.*

*Psalms 85:12*

*Yes, the LORD will give what is **good**; And our land will yield its increase.*

*Psalms 86:5*

*For You, Lord, are **good**, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.*

*Psalms 119:39*

*Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments are **good**.*

*Psalms 119:66*

*Teach me **good** judgment and knowledge, For I believe Your commandments.*

*Psalms 119:68*

*You are **good**, and do **good**; Teach me Your statutes.*

*Psalms 119:71*

*It is **good** for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.*

*Psalms 125:4*

*Do **good**, O LORD, to those who are **good**, And to those who are upright in their hearts.*

*Psalms 143:10*

*Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is **good**. Lead me in the land of uprightness.*

*Psalms 145:9*

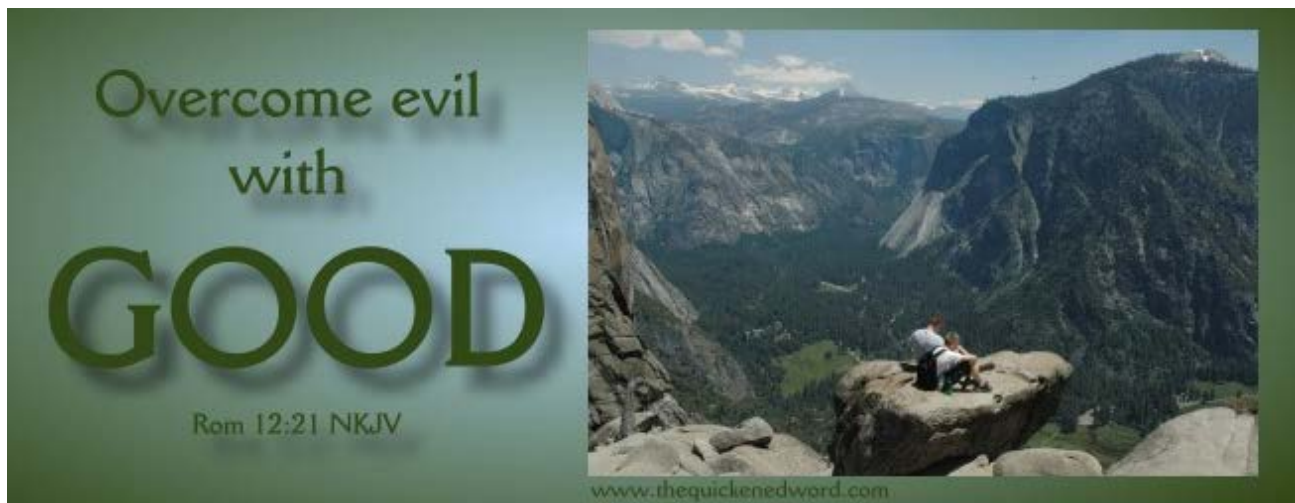
*The LORD is **good** to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.*

*Isaiah 61:1*

*The **Good** News of Salvation*

*"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach **good** tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;*

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## **ASSIGNMENT**

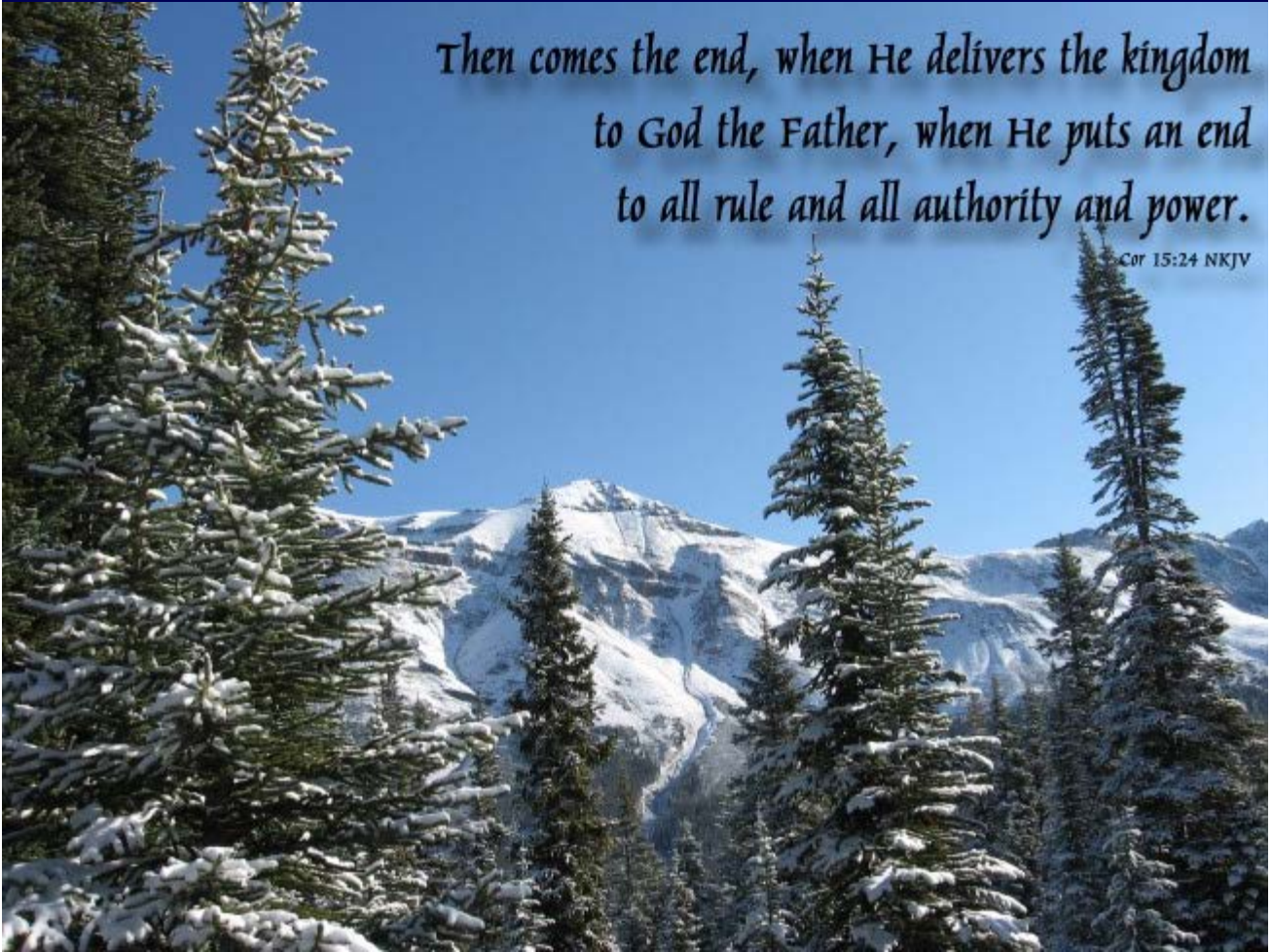
In the above list of scriptures:

- Choose 3 of your favorites and ponder them and memorize them.
- Offer these up to God asking Him to change your mind about Who you believe He is in your life.
- Ask God to give you grace to overcome all evil through His goodness.

*Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life ... and He died for you.*

*Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom  
to God the Father, when He puts an end  
to all rule and all authority and power.*

Cor 15:24 NKJV



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## **THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE**

*~ A Scriptural Search of Who God Says He Is ~*

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all. 1 Chron 29:11 NKJV*

For a Christian, most of our perceptions about the circumstances in our lives comes from our view of God. When we only receive a portion of Who He is, then it minimizes how He can communicate with us, and how we perceive what He is saying.

For several years I have had the longing for and been praying about coming into the promise of His sabbath rest. That promise comes from the section of scripture in Hebrews 4. As defined there, sabbath rest is when we believe God. If we believe Him, we are able to rest in Him. I have studied and studied that and have finally found the key to understand what it means to believe God. In order to believe God, we must believe Who He is.

When wrestling with the evil in the spirit world and evil in man's world, it is hard to put it all together with the loving God that we know. In my search, this led me to accept His absolute Sovereignty, for I found no rest without this basic and most important understanding of the wonderful and absolute God we serve. There is such comfort in knowing that He rules over all.

In the following scriptures it is very clear that God Himself, men inspired by Him, and Biblical records of historical events declare that He is Sovereign. The word sovereign means all ruling. He created everything, and everything created serves His purpose. Nothing takes place without His permission. When a believer couples this knowledge with His love, they can indeed trust they are in good care.

*2 Tim 3:16-17 NKJV*

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

*Mark 12:24 NKJV*

*Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?"*

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# 1. GOD IS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

*Gen 1:1 KJV*

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

*Neh 9:6 NKJV*

*You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.*

*Job 38:4-7 NKJV*

*Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

*Ps 8:3-4 NKJV*

*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?*

*Ps 33:6-9 NKJV*

*By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. 7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. 9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.*

*Ps 148:5 NLT*

*Let every created thing give praise to the LORD, for he issued his command, and they came into being.*

*Ps 89:11 NKJV*

*The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.*

*Ps 102:25 NKJV*

*Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.*

*Ps 104:24 NKJV*

*O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions--*

*Ps 104:30 NKJV*

*You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.*

*Ps 115:15-16 NKJV*

*May you be blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. 16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.*

*Ps 121:2 NKJV*

*My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.*

*Ps 124:8 NKJV*

*Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.*

*Ps 134:3 NKJV*

*The LORD who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion!*

*Ps 136:5-9 NKJV*

*5 To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, for His mercy endures forever; 6 To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, for His mercy endures forever; 7 To Him who made great lights, for His mercy endures forever-- 8 The sun to rule by day, for His mercy endures forever; 9 The moon and stars to rule by night, for His mercy endures forever.*

*Ps 146:5-6 NKJV*

*Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God, 6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever.*

*Prov 3:19 NKJV*

*The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;*

*Isa 37:16 NKJV*

*O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.*

*Isa 40:26 NKJV*

*Lift up your eyes on high, and see Who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; Not one is missing.*

*Isa 40:28 NKJV*

*Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.*

*Isa 42:5 NKJV*

*Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it:*

*Isa 43:1 NKJV*

*But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.*

*Isa 44:24 NKJV*

*Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;*

*Isa 45:8 NKJV*

*Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.*

*Isa 45:12 NKJV*

*I have made the earth, and created man on it. I--My hands-- stretched out the heavens, and all their host I have commanded.*

*Isa 45:18 NKJV*

*For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.*

*Isa 51:12-13 NKJV*

*I, even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you should be afraid of a man who will die, and of the son of a man who will be made like grass? 13 And you forget the LORD your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth;*

*Jer 10:12 NKJV*

*He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.*

*Jer 32:17 NKJV*

*Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.*

*Jer 51:15 NLT*

*He made the earth by his power, and he preserves it by his wisdom. He has stretched out the heavens by his understanding.*

*Zech 12:1 NLT*

*This message is from the LORD, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundations of the earth, and formed the spirit within humans.*

*Mal 2:10 NKJV*

*Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us?*

*Mark 13:19-20 NKJV*

*For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. 20 And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.*

*Acts 4:24 NKJV*

*So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,*

*Acts 17:25 NKJV*

*Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.*

*Rom 1:19-20 NLT*

*For the truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts. 20 From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.*

*Rom 11:36 NLT*

*For everything comes from him; everything exists by his power and is intended for his glory. To him be glory evermore. Amen.*

*1 Cor 8:6 NLT*

*But we know that there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we exist for him. And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything and through whom we have been given life.*

*Eph 3:9 NKJV*

*And to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;*

*Col 1:16-17 NKJV*

*For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*

*Heb 1:2 NLT*

*But now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he made the universe and everything in it.*

*Heb 3:3-4 NLT*

*But Jesus deserves far more glory than Moses, just as a person who builds a fine house deserves more praise than the house itself. 4 For every house has a builder, but God is the one who made everything.*

*Heb 11:3 NLT*

*By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.*

*2 Peter 3:5 NLT*

*They deliberately forget that God made the heavens by the word of his command, and he brought the earth up from the water and surrounded it with water.*

*Rev 4:11 NKJV*

*You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."*

*Rev 10:5-6 NKJV*

*The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer.*

*Rev 14:7 NKJV*

*Saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."*

*Rev 21:6 NKJV*

*And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.*

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**2. IN HIM, TO HIM, THROUGH HIM ARE ALL**

# THINGS

*Rom 11:36 KJV*

*For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen.*

*1 Cor 8:6 NKJV*

*Yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.*

*Heb 2:10 NKJV*

*For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things.*

*Acts 17:28 KJV*

*For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*

*Eph 4:6 KJV*

*One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

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## 3. GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL

~~ He is the All Powerful, All Ruling One ~~

*Rev 19:5-6 NKJV*

*Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" 6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"*

The Greek word omnipotent means that God is all ruling:

NT:3841

pantokrator (pan-tok-rat'-ore); from NT:3956 and NT:2904; the all-ruling, i.e. God (as absolute and universal sovereign):

KJV - Almighty, Omnipotent.

The very fact that He sits upon a throne says that He rules. That throne is suspended over all creation. He is so big that earth is His footstool. (How big of a foot can rest upon the earth?)

*Acts 7:49-50 NKJV*

*Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the LORD, Or what is the place of My rest? 50 Has*

*My hand not made all these things?  
Isa 40:14 NLT*

No, for all the nations of the world are nothing in comparison with him. They are but a drop in the bucket, dust on the scales. He picks up the islands as though they had no weight at all.

Isa 40:22 NLT

It is God who sits above the circle of the earth. The people below must seem to him like grasshoppers! He is the one who spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes his tent from them.

### **~~ What He Named Himself - El Shadday, the Almighty God ~~**

One of the names of God is El Shadday. This means He is almighty, powerful and all ruling. God defined Himself when He said "I AM the Almighty God!"

*Gen 17:1 KJV*

*And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*

*Genesis 35:11*

*And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;  
KJV*

*Exodus 6:3*

*And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.  
KJV*

Hebrew for Almighty

OT:7706

Shadday (shad-dah'-ee); from OT:7703; the Almighty:  
KJV - Almighty.

OT:7703

shadad (shaw-dad'); a primitive root; properly, to be burly, i.e. (figuratively) powerful (passively, impregnable); by implication, to ravage:  
KJV - dead, destroy (-er), oppress, robber, spoil (-er), X utterly, (lay) waste.

*Rev 1:8 KJV*

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

NT:3841

pantokrator (pan-tok-rat'-ore); from NT:3956 and NT:2904; the all-ruling, i.e. God (as absolute and universal sovereign):

KJV - Almighty, Omnipotent.

NT:2904

kratos (krat'-os); perhaps a primary word; vigor ["great"] (literally or figuratively):

KJV - dominion, might [-ily], power, strength.

Scriptures using #3841, God is all ruling: 2 Cor 6:18, Rev 1:8, Rev 4:8, Rev 11:17, Rev 15:3, Rev 16:7, Rev 16:14, Rev 19:6, Rev 19:15, Rev 21:22

*~~ What Others Said of His Power ~~*

*Ps 62:11 NKJV*

*God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.*

*Heb 1:3 NAS*

*And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.*

*Deut 3:23 NKJV*

*O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds?*

*Ps 65:5-7 NKJV*

*By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation, You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, And of the far-off seas; 6 Who established the mountains by His strength, Being clothed with power; 7 You who still the noise of the seas, The noise of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples.*

*Jer 32:17 NKJV*

*Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.*

*Matt 6:13 NKJV*

*And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

*Eph 3:20-21 NKJV*

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

*Rom 1:20 NLT*

*From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.*

*Eph 1:19-21 NLT*

*I pray that you will begin to understand the incredible greatness of his power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. 21 Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else in this world or in the world to come.*

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## **4. GOD RULES OVER MAN**

*~~ Mary & Elizabeth ~~*

*Luke 1:35-37 NLT*

*The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby born to you will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. 36 What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she's already in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God."*

*~~ Joseph ~~*

*Gen 50:20 NKJV*

*But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.*

*Ps 105:17-19 KJV*

*He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: 19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.*

*~~ The Egyptians ~~*

*Exodus 14:17 KJV*

*And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.*

*Isa 19:2-4 NLT*

*I will make the Egyptians fight against each other--brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor, city against city, province against province. 3 The Egyptians will lose heart, and I will confuse their plans. They will plead with their idols for wisdom. They will call on spirits, mediums, and psychics to show them which way to turn. 4 I will hand Egypt over to a hard, cruel master, to a fierce king," says the Lord, the LORD Almighty.*

*~~ Israel's Enemies ~~*

*Josh 11:20 KJV*

*For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.*

*~~ Saul ~~*

*1 Sam 19:23-24 NLT*

*But on the way to Naioth the Spirit of God came upon Saul, and he, too, began to prophesy! 24 He tore off his clothes and lay on the ground all day and all night, prophesying in the presence of Samuel. The people who were watching exclaimed, "What? Is Saul a prophet, too?"*

*~~ Israel ~~*

*Isa 6:10 NKJV*

*Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed.*

*Isa 64:8 NKJV*

*But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter;  
And all we are the work of Your hand.*

*Isaiah 63:17 KJV*

*O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.*

*Jer 18:5-6 NLT*

*Then the LORD gave me this message: 6 "O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand.*

*Jer 32:38 NLT*

*And I will give them one heart and mind to worship me forever, for their own good and for the good of all their descendants.*

*John 12:40 KJV*

*He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.*

*~~ The priests and Levites ~~*

*Ezra 1:5-6 NLT*

*Then God stirred the hearts of the priests and Levites and the leaders of*

*the tribes of Judah and Benjamin to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple of the LORD. 6 And all their neighbors assisted by giving them vessels of silver and gold, supplies for the journey, and livestock. They gave them many choice gifts in addition to all the freewill offerings.*

*~~ The mother from Shunem ~~*

*2 Kings 8:5 NLT*

*And Gehazi was telling the king about the time Elisha had brought a boy back to life. At that very moment, the mother of the boy walked in to make her appeal to the king. "Look, my lord!" Gehazi exclaimed. "Here is the woman now, and this is her son--the very one Elisha brought back to life!"*

*~~ Job ~~*

*Job 23:13-14 NLT*

*Nevertheless, his mind concerning me remains unchanged, and who can turn him from his purposes? Whatever he wants to do, he does. 14 So he will do for me all he has planned. He controls my destiny.*

*~~ Jonah ~~*

*Jonah 1:2 & 17 NLJV*

*But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD... 17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*

*~~ John The Baptist ~~*

*John 3:27-28 NLT*

*John replied, "God in heaven appoints each person's work. 28 You yourselves know how plainly I told you that I am not the Messiah. I am here to prepare the way for him--that is all.*

*~~ Jesus ~~*

*Matt 26:36-39 NLT*

*Then Jesus brought them to an olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, "Sit here while I go on ahead to pray." 37 He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he began to be filled with anguish and deep distress. 38 He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and watch with me." 39 He went on a little farther and fell face down on the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will, not mine."*

*~~ Peter ~~*

*John 21:18-19 NKJV*

*Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded*

*yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." 19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."*

*~~ Paul ~~*

*Acts 9:4-6 NKJV*

*Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."*

*2 Cor 12:7-10 NKJV*

*And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

*~~ The Elect ~~*

*Ps 37:23 NLT*

*The steps of the godly are directed by the LORD. He delights in every detail of their lives.*

*Rom 8:28-30 NKJV*

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

*Phil 2:13 NLT*

*For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey him and the power to do what pleases him.*

*Matt 10:19-20 NLT*

*When you are arrested, don't worry about what to say in your defense, because you will be given the right words at the right time. 20 For it won't be you doing the talking--it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.*

*Eph 1:11-12 NKJV*

*In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the*

*counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.*

*~~ The Lawless Ones ~~*

*2 Thess 2:7-12 NLT*

*For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. 8 Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will consume with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. 9 This evil man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. 10 He will use every kind of wicked deception to fool those who are on their way to destruction because they refuse to believe the truth that would save them. 11 So God will send great deception upon them, and they will believe all these lies. 12 Then they will be condemned for not believing the truth and for enjoying the evil they do.*

*~~ All men ~~*

*1 Sam 2:8-10 NLT*

*"For all the earth is the LORD's, and he has set the world in order. 9 He will protect his godly ones, but the wicked will perish in darkness. No one will succeed by strength alone. 10 Those who fight against the LORD will be broken. He thunders against them from heaven; the LORD judges throughout the earth. He gives mighty strength to his king; he increases the might of his anointed one."*

*Prov 16:1 KJV*

*The preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.*

*Ps 33:8-11 NKJV*

*Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. 9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.*

*Prov 16:9 NKJV*

*A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.*

*Prov 19:21 NLT*

*You can make many plans, but the LORD's purpose will prevail.*

*Prov 20:24 NKJV*

*A man's steps are of the LORD; How then can a man understand his own way?*

*Prov 21:30 NLT*

*Human plans, no matter how wise or well advised, cannot stand against the LORD.*

*Jer 10:23 NLT*

*I know, LORD, that a person's life is not his own. No one is able to plan his own course.*

*Isa 14:26-27 NLT*

*I have a plan for the whole earth, for my mighty power reaches throughout the world. 27 The LORD Almighty has spoken--who can change his plans? When his hand moves, who can stop him?"*

*Isa 29:15-16 NLT*

*Destruction is certain for those who try to hide their plans from the LORD, who try to keep him in the dark concerning what they do! "The LORD can't see us," you say to yourselves. "He doesn't know what is going on!" 16 How stupid can you be? He is the Potter, and he is certainly greater than you. You are only the jars he makes! Should the thing that was created say to the one who made it, "He didn't make us"? Does a jar ever say, "The potter who made me is stupid"?"*

*Romans 9:18 KJV*

*Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.*

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## **5. GOD RULES OVER KINGS**

*~~ All Kings ~~*

*Prov 21:1 NKJV*

*The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.*

*Ps 2:1-4 NKJV*

*Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision.*

*~~ Pharaoh ~~*

*Ex 4:21 NKJV*

*And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.*

*Exodus 10:1 KJV*

*And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew*

*these my signs before him:*

*Pharoah's heart was hardened: Exodus 4:21, 7:3, 7:13, 14, 7:22, 8:15, 8:19, 8:32, 9:7, 9:12, 9:34, 9:35, 10:20, 10:27, 11:10, 14:4, 14:8*

*Ex 9:16 NLT*

*But I have let you live for this reason--that you might see my power and that my fame might spread throughout the earth.*

*-- Sihon king of Heshbon --*

*Deuteronomy 2:30 KJV*

*But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day.*

*-- Ahab --*

*1 Kings 22:19-23 NLT*

*Then Micaiah continued, "Listen to what the LORD says! I saw the LORD sitting on his throne with all the armies of heaven around him, on his right and on his left. 20 And the LORD said, 'Who can entice Ahab to go into battle against Ramoth-gilead so that he can be killed there?' There were many suggestions, 21 until finally a spirit approached the LORD and said, 'I can do it!' 22 " 'How will you do this?' the LORD asked. "And the spirit replied, 'I will go out and inspire all Ahab's prophets to speak lies.' " 'You will succeed,' said the LORD. 'Go ahead and do it.' 23 "So you see, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouths of your prophets. For the LORD has determined disaster for you."*

*-- Saul --*

*1 Sam 16:14-16 NLT*

*Now the Spirit of the LORD had left Saul, and the LORD sent a tormenting spirit that filled him with depression and fear. 15 Some of Saul's servants suggested a remedy. "It is clear that a spirit from God is tormenting you," they said. 16 "Let us find a good musician to play the harp for you whenever the tormenting spirit is bothering you. The harp music will quiet you, and you will soon be well again."*

*-- David --*

*1 Chron 29:11-12 NLT*

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. 12 Riches and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and it is at your discretion that people are made great and given strength.*

*-- Amaziah --*

2 Chron 25:16 NKJV

So it was, as he talked with him, that the king said to him, "Have we made you the king's counselor? Cease! Why should you be killed?" Then the prophet ceased, and said, "I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this and have not heeded my advice."

~~ Solomon ~~

1 Chron 22:6-10 NLT

Then David sent for his son Solomon and instructed him to build a Temple for the LORD, the God of Israel. 7 "I wanted to build a Temple to honor the name of the LORD my God," David told him. 8 "But the LORD said to me, 'You have killed many men in the great battles you have fought. And since you have shed so much blood before me, you will not be the one to build a Temple to honor my name. 9 But you will have a son who will experience peace and rest. I will give him peace with his enemies in all the surrounding lands. His name will be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel during his reign. 10 He is the one who will build a Temple to honor my name. He will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

~~ Rehoboam ~~

2 Chron 10:13-15 NLT

But Rehoboam spoke harshly to them, for he rejected the advice of the older counselors 14 and followed the counsel of his younger advisers. He told the people, "My father was harsh on you, but I'll be even harsher! My father used whips on you, but I'll use scorpions!" 15 So the king paid no attention to the people's demands. This turn of events was the will of God, for it fulfilled the prophecy of the LORD spoken to Jeroboam son of Nebat by the prophet Ahijah from Shiloh.

~~ Nebuchadnezzar ~

Dan 4:28-37 NLT

"But all these things did happen to King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 Twelve months later, he was taking a walk on the flat roof of the royal palace in Babylon. 30 As he looked out across the city, he said, 'Just look at this great city of Babylon! I, by my own mighty power, have built this beautiful city as my royal residence and as an expression of my royal splendor.' 31 "While he was still speaking these words, a voice called down from heaven, 'O King Nebuchadnezzar, this message is for you! You are no longer ruler of this kingdom. 32 You will be driven from human society. You will live in the fields with the wild animals, and you will eat grass like a cow. Seven periods of time will pass while you live this way, until you learn that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world and gives them to anyone he chooses.' 33 "That very same hour the prophecy was fulfilled, and Nebuchadnezzar was driven from human society. He ate grass like a cow, and he was drenched with the dew of heaven. He lived this way until his hair was as long as eagles' feathers and his nails were

*like birds' claws.*

*34 "After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever. His rule is everlasting, and his kingdom is eternal. 35 All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him. He has the power to do as he pleases among the angels of heaven and with those who live on earth. No one can stop him or challenge him, saying, 'What do you mean by doing these things?' 36 "When my sanity returned to me, so did my honor and glory and kingdom. My advisers and officers sought me out, and I was reestablished as head of my kingdom, with even greater honor than before. 37 "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honor the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and he is able to humble those who are proud."*

*Jer 27:4-6 NLT*

*By my great power I have made the earth and all its people and every animal. I can give these things of mine to anyone I choose. 6 Now I will give your countries to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, who is my servant. I have put everything, even the wild animals, under his control.*

*~~Ahaz~~*

*Isa 7:5-7 NLT*

*Yes, the kings of Aram and Israel are coming against you. They are saying, 'We will invade Judah and throw its people into panic. Then we will fight our way into Jerusalem and install the son of Tabeel as Judah's king.' 7 "But this is what the Sovereign LORD says: This invasion will never happen...*

*~~ Hezekiah ~~*

*Isa 38:1-8 NLT*

*About that time Hezekiah became deathly ill, and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to visit him. He gave the king this message: "This is what the LORD says: Set your affairs in order, for you are going to die. You will not recover from this illness." 2 When Hezekiah heard this, he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, 3 "Remember, O LORD, how I have always tried to be faithful to you and do what is pleasing in your sight." Then he broke down and wept bitterly. 4 Then this message came to Isaiah from the LORD: 5 "Go back to Hezekiah and tell him, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your ancestor David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will add fifteen years to your life, 6 and I will rescue you and this city from the king of Assyria. Yes, I will defend this city. 7 "'And this is the sign that the LORD will give you to prove he will do as he promised: 8 I will cause the sun's shadow to move ten steps backward on the sundial of Ahaz!' " So the shadow on the sundial moved backward ten steps.*

*~~ Artaxerxes ~~*

*Ezra 7:27-28 NKJV*

*Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, who has put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem, 28 and has extended mercy to me before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty princes.*

*~~ Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the Gentiles and Israel ~~*

*Acts 4:27-28 NLT*

*That is what has happened here in this city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed. 28 In fact, everything they did occurred according to your eternal will and plan.*

*~~ Pilate ~~*

*John 19:10-11 NKJV*

*Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" 11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above.*

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## **6. GOD DOES AS HE PLEASES**

*Job 23:13-15 NLT*

*Nevertheless, his mind concerning me remains unchanged, and who can turn him from his purposes? Whatever he wants to do, he does. 14 So he will do for me all he has planned. He controls my destiny.*

*Ps 33:8-9 NKJV*

*Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. 9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.*

*Psalms 33:9-11 KJV*

*For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. 10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. 11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.*

*Psalms 115:3 KJV*

*But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.*

*Psalms 135:6 KJV*

*Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas,*

*and all deep places.*

*Eccl 6:10 NLT*

*Everything has already been decided. It was known long ago what each person would be. So there's no use arguing with God about your destiny.*

*Lam 3:37-39 NLT*

*Can anything happen without the Lord's permission? 38 Is it not the Most High who helps one and harms another?*

*Job 9:3-4 NLT*

*If someone wanted to take God to court, would it be possible to answer him even once in a thousand times? 4 For God is so wise and so mighty. Who has ever challenged him successfully?*

*Isaiah 14:24-27 NLT*

*The LORD Almighty has sworn this oath: "It will all happen as I have planned. It will come about according to my purposes. 25 I will break the Assyrians when they are in Israel; I will trample them on my mountains. My people will no longer be their slaves. 26 I have a plan for the whole earth, for my mighty power reaches throughout the world. 27 The LORD Almighty has spoken--who can change his plans? When his hand moves, who can stop him?"*

*Isa 45:9-10 NKJV*

*"Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'? 10 Woe to him who says to his father, 'What are you begetting?' Or to the woman, 'What have you brought forth?'"*

*Isaiah 46:10-11 KJV*

*Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: 11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.*

*Isa 46:8-10 NLT*

*Do not forget this, you guilty ones. 9 And do not forget the things I have done throughout history. For I am God--I alone! I am God, and there is no one else like me. 10 Only I can tell you what is going to happen even before it happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.*

*Dan 4:35 NKJV*

*All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"*

*Jer 1:6-7 NLT*

*"O Sovereign LORD," I said, "I can't speak for you! I'm too young!" 7 "Don't say that," the LORD replied, "for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you.*

*Matthew 11:25-26 KJV*

*At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. 26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.*

*Acts 4:28 NKJV*

*To do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.*

*Ephesians 1:11 NKJV*

*In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,*

*Rom 9:19-21 NKJV*

*You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" 20 But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?*

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## **7. GOD RULES OVER EVIL**

~~ Over satan ~~

*Isa 27:1 KJV*

*In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.*

*John 12:31 KJV*

*Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

*John 16:8-11 NKJV*

*And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

*Rom 16:20 NKJV*

*And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

*Heb 2:14 NKJV*

*Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

*Rev 12:10 NKJV*

*So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

*Rev 20:2-3 KJV*

*And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

*Rev 20:14 KJV*

*And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

*Rev 20:10 KJV*

*And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

*~~ satan must ask permission ~~*

*Luke 22:31-32 KJV*

*And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

*Job 1:9-12 NKJV*

*So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" 12 So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.*

*Zech 3:1-2 NKJV*

*Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. 2 And*

*the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"*

*Rev 12:10 NKJV*

*Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.*

*~~ Evil Spirits ~~*

*Judg 9:23 KJV*

*Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:*

*1 Kings 22:19-23 NKJV*

*I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. 20 And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. 21 Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.' 22 "The LORD said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.' 23 "Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you."*

*Mark 5:12-13 NKJV*

*So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." 13 And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.*

*John 13:26-27 NKJV*

*Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."*

*Matt 8:28-29 KJV*

*And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. 29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?*

*~~ False Prophets ~~*

*1 Kings 18:22-24 NLT*

*Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only prophet of the LORD who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets. 23 Now bring two bulls. The prophets of Baal may choose whichever one they wish and cut it into pieces and lay it on the wood of their altar, but without setting fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood on the altar, but not set fire to it. 24 Then call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by setting fire to the wood is the true God!" And all the people agreed.*

*1 Kings 22:19-23 NLT*

*Then Micaiah continued, "Listen to what the LORD says! I saw the LORD sitting on his throne with all the armies of heaven around him, on his right and on his left. 20 And the LORD said, 'Who can entice Ahab to go into battle against Ramoth-gilead so that he can be killed there?' There were many suggestions, 21 until finally a spirit approached the LORD and said, 'I can do it!' 22 " 'How will you do this?' the LORD asked. "And the spirit replied, 'I will go out and inspire all Ahab's prophets to speak lies.' " 'You will succeed,' said the LORD. 'Go ahead and do it.' 23 "So you see, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouths of your prophets. For the LORD has determined disaster for you."*

*Num 22:12 KJV*

*And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.*

*Num 24:1 NLT*

*By now Balaam realized that the LORD intended to bless Israel, so he did not resort to divination as he often did.*

*Josh 13:22-23 NLT*

*The Israelites also killed Balaam the magician, the son of Beor.*

*Rev 19:20 KJV*

*And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

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## **8. GOD ALLOWS EVIL FOR HIS PURPOSES**

*Gen 50:20 NKJV*

*But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.*

*Ex 9:15-16 NLT*

*I could have killed you all by now. I could have attacked you with a plague that would have wiped you from the face of the earth. 16 But I have let you live for this reason--that you might see my power and that*

*my fame might spread throughout the earth.*

*Prov 16:4 NKJV*

*The LORD has made all for Himself, yes, even the wicked for the day of doom.*

*Prov 16:4 NLT*

*The LORD has made everything for his own purposes, even the wicked for punishment.*

*Isa 45:6-7 KJV*

*That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. 7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.*

*Isa 54:16 NKJV*

*Behold, I have created the blacksmith who blows the coals in the fire, who brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the spoiler to destroy.*

*Rom 8:28 NKJV*

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

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## **9. GOD IS OMNISCIENT - ALL KNOWING**

*Ps 147:5 NKJV*

*Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.*

*Isa 40:28 NKJV*

*Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.*

*Isa 46:10 NLT*

*Only I can tell you what is going to happen even before it happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.*

*Isa 44:6-7 NLT*

*This is what the LORD, Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty, says: I am the First and the Last; there is no other God. 7 Who else can tell you what is going to happen in the days ahead? Let them tell you if they can and thus prove their power. Let them do as I have done since ancient times.*

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## 10. GOD IS OMNIPRESENT - ALWAYS PRESENT

*Ps 139:7-8 NKJV*

*Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.*

*Jer 23:23-24 NLT*

*Am I a God who is only in one place?" asks the LORD. "Do they think I cannot see what they are doing? 24 Can anyone hide from me? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?" asks the LORD.*

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## 11. GOD IS OMNIPOTENT - ALL POWERFUL

*1 Chron 29:12 NKJV*

*Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all.*

*1 Chron 29:11 NKJV*

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all.*

*Dan 6:26 NKJV*

*I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end.*

*Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life ... and He died for you.*

# Honor Free Will

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## GOD HONORS FREE WILL

Our awesome God is so huge and so powerful and yet He chose to yield His rights of controlling men's choices by giving us free will. Free will to choose is a spiritual law, which He set for His own limitations. It is His very nature to give man freewill because He wants volunteer lovers. If He forced anyone, then it would be a puppet life with no relationship. Because He is Love, honoring free will is Who He is.

God could force people to love Him, but that would take the real gift of love away. All of heaven and earth and hell are submitted to the principle of free will. Free will was there from the beginning and satan took 1/3 of heaven with him. Just like us, He wants a real family, not one where one third will betray Him. We are on earth to be tested by our free will, because eternity is a long, long time. Never again will there be a revolt in heaven.

James 1:13-15 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death.

Rev 22:11 AMP He who is unrighteous (unjust, wicked), let him be unrighteous still; and he who is filthy (vile, impure), let him be filthy still; and he who is righteous (just, upright, in right standing with God), let him do right still; and he who is holy, let him be holy still. [Dan 12:10.]

**SUCH A GREAT COST TO GIVE FREE WILL**

God made Adam free and give him a voice

He laid down His power to grant free choice.  
God walked with Adam and gave him access  
Talking, sharing, waiting for Adam's "yes."  
Through His great power, by force He could take.  
With His great love, He yielded for their sake.  
In the garden, He would not interfere.  
He gave free choice for willing volunteers.

Throughout these years of mankind's history  
God's heart travails an enflamed mystery.  
He pursues our lives with such passionate love.  
Yet waits for entrance as the gentle Dove.  
Bowing His ear low, He's so sensitive  
Hearing our desires, if we're receptive.  
He yearns as He waits for our permission.  
With circled groaning for our decision.

His intense love is constrained persuasion  
Lest He overtake us by invasion.  
With great restraint He will not use His force  
To rule our life with pressuring coerce.  
God knows the cost of honoring free will  
Continued this day, He suffers it still.  
One third of His creatures fell to the earth  
Refused His love, dishonored what he birthed.

He may seek us and be inquisitive.  
But only wants what were willing to give.  
He makes sure we really know He is there.  
So we will receive what He has to share.  
He suffers long, through wavering so-so's.  
Til He's convinced that we really mean no.  
God's deepest travail is that He does wait  
For mutual desire to relate.

*John 17:21 NKJV*

*... that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also  
may be one in Us...*

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### **WORD TO PONDER: A LINE OF DEMARCATION FOR VOLUNTEER LOVERS**

My love is unconditional and I only want volunteers who will love Me in return. I will not demand another's love for I only want those who will love Me of their own free wills. But the time is short and I am about to bring in My great harvest. Many loved ones are yet lost, presently destined for an eternity away from Me. I love them so much, that I will go to great lengths to bring them in.

By My mercy, I suffer long with the rebellions of the world. I call and call and they do not hear. I give them good gifts from My bountiful mercy and they do not heed. So now I will turn My face and still in love I will give them great tribulation so that some will turn through suffering. And some will heed the earnest warnings and come in under the wings of My loving embrace.

A dividing line of demarcation is coming between those of My own and those of the world. The cities will see some who are miserable and some living in joy. Some men's hearts will fail them for fear. Other's men's heart will beat and skip in passion over Me. For I call them My own, spotless and without fault when they stand before Me. It is because I have washed and cleansed My own through My Son's precious blood. They know My love and it has proven unconditional, no matter what.

Beloved, you are My own and I have made you altogether lovely and whole and I see not even a blemish. Accept My Son's blood for you, and accept that before My eyes, you are pure as the fresh fallen snow. I love you with an everlasting love. Know that when men's hearts fail them for fear, that yours is safe with Me.

"So you see, the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials, even while punishing the wicked right up until the day of judgment." (2 Peter 2:9-10 NLT)

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### **ASSIGNMENT**

Embrace in your own life that God honors your personal boundaries for how much you really want Him. He gives you as much of Himself that you really desire of Him. But He also wants you to embrace Who He really is based on what He says in scripture.

- Accept all of Him
  - Give Him all of you
  - Expect your life to change for good
  - Honor the free will of others, just as you would want them to treat you.
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*Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life ... and He died for you.*

*"Abba, Father, all things  
are possible for You.  
Take this cup away from Me;  
nevertheless, not what I will,  
but what You will."*

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## WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

Jesus Christ was a man Who lived on earth. Somewhere around 1-6 BC, the Holy Spirit was sent by God to overshadow Mary. As a result, she became pregnant and gave birth to God's Holy Son, Jesus. Jesus' Father was literally God and His mother was Mary. His birth, life and death were prophesied throughout the Old and New Testaments, fulfilling well over 300 prophecies.

Luke 1:26-35 NLT

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, 27 to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. 28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" 29 Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 30 "Don't be frightened, Mary," the angel told her, "for God has decided to bless you! 31 You will become pregnant and have a son, and you are to name him Jesus. 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" 34 Mary asked the angel, "But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin." 35 The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby born to you will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

Isa 7:14 NLT

All right then, the Lord himself will choose the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel — 'God is with us.'

Jesus taught us about God, His Father, and told us the truth about God's kingdom. Jesus faithfully did everything He saw and heard His Father do in heaven. Even though He was thoroughly tempted as we are, scripture tells us He was the only man to live His life without sin. He understands our weaknesses and He still intercedes for us today. So, we cling to Him and His prayers are helping us overcome just as He did.

John 5:19-20 NKJV

"Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

John 8:28 NKJV

I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

Heb 4:14-16 NLT

That is why we have a great High Priest who has gone to heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to him and never stop trusting him. 15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.

Heb 7:25 AMP

Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God and intercede with Him and intervene for them.

Jesus willingly accepted His Father's desire to give His life as a sacrifice. The Father did not force His will upon Jesus. It was very hard for Jesus to accept this cup, but the Father helped Him and Jesus chose to give His life. The sacrifice of His death paid for our sins so that we would be forgiven and we could also come to God as Jesus did. Jesus was the greatest gift of love that the Father could have given us. Jesus' life was the greatest gift of love that He could have given the Father. Both of them chose to love and forgive those who believe on His Name.

John 10:17-18 NLT

"The Father loves me because I lay down my life that I may have it back again. 18 No one can take my life from me. I lay down my life voluntarily. For I have the right to lay it down when I want to and also the power to take it again. For my Father has given me this command."

Luke 22:42-45 NLT

"Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will, not mine." 43 Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. 44 He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

John 3:16-17 NKJV

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

1 John 2:2 NLT

He is the sacrifice for our sins. He takes away not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

In these last days, there shall be many fearful events come upon the earth. Sudden destruction shall come. Scripture promises that as many as call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. Remember the thief who died on the cross next to Jesus. In his last moments, he asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His kingdom. And Jesus promised that they would be together that very day.

Rom 10:13 NKJV

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

Joel 2:30-32 NKJV

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. 32 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.

Acts 2:19-21 NKJV

I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. 21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

Luke 23:40-43 NLT

But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you are dying? 41 We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." 43 And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."



## MY VISION OF JESUS

On 11/03/04 I received a vision of Jesus when He was on the cross before He was crucified.

I was crouching at the stump of the tree that was cut down to make the cross of Jesus. I looked over and saw the Lord Jesus laying on the ground on the wooden cross, before they had nailed His hand. I watched them take the mallet hammer and pound the nail into His palm. I knew that He was on the cross in my stead and it was so very painful to see this.

I heard Him say these Words to me: "Your need for a friend, I bore that weight, bore your pain. Every living soul I took upon Myself. My daughter I bore your shame. I know how it feels to get wounded. Thoroughly alone; abandonment, I bore that too. The need to belong, that too. I did this so you may heal. Wounds too deep to understand. The weight of your wait. I carried you. All the way down through history, I saw your face. All alone. I took your place.

A Friend, I'm still here, I never left you. I am your Friend. You've got Me. All of Me. I wholly and freely give Myself to you. I am here 24/7 abiding with you. I want to hear what you have to say. It's you I want. All of you."

{end vision}

If you want to hear God speak to you, you need to go through Jesus Christ and accept Him as your personal Saviour Who died for your sins. Jesus said no one can come to the Father except through Him.

John 14:6 NKJV

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

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## A PRAYER TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR

If you would like to go to heaven when you die, and if you would like the joy of knowing God while you are on earth, then pray this prayer.

Dear Father, I realize that I need You to save me from my sins. I believe You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to earth to die for me. I believe that His death paved the way so that I could go to heaven when I die and so that I could also know You, Jesus and the Holy Spirit while I am on earth.

Please God, forgive me of my many sins. In my self-centered heart, I have hurt many people, hurt myself and most of all hurt You. I don't want to hurt any more. Please take my life and replace it with Your own. Yes, exchange my life for Yours, dear Lord, I want to live to love You, myself and others. Please clean me up, deliver me from my sin and demons and make me a holy vessel fit for Your use. I want to be Your child, and live for You and make a difference on earth. I want to carry Your glory and power and lead others to You too.

I accept that I am now born again into Your kingdom. I ask that You will fill me with the Holy Spirit and that I may start my life in You with the joy of learning about You in the Bible and also getting to know the Holy Spirit, Who teaches me all things. Please open my eyes to know You and understand when I read Your Words, Lord. In Jesus Name.

John 3:15-17 NKJV

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

1 John 4:9-10 NLT

God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

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*Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life ... and He died for you.*

**Therefore if the Son  
makes you free,  
you shall be free indeed.**

John 8:36 NKJV



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## **THE MEANING OF FORGIVENESS**

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### **WORD O'GRAM TO FORGIVE**

**T**o put away,

**O**mit, pass over or leave out,

**F**orsake, leave behind,

**O**verlook, lay aside,

**R**emit, yield up... the sin, offense, stumbling block, trespass, evil deed is

**G**one and left behind, I wont carry it any more.

**I** choose to let go of what offends and fails to meet my expectations,

**V**aluing my freedom and their liberty more than punishment...

**E**xperiencing a new heart where angry bitterness once reigned.

*Rom 4:7-8 AMP*

*Blessed and happy and to be envied are those whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered up and completely buried. Blessed and happy and to be envied is the person of whose sin the Lord will take no account nor reckon it against him. {Ps 32:1,2.}*

*Matt 18:21-23 NKJV*

*Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."*

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## TO RETAIN SIN

*John 20:20-23 NKJV*

*When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 **If you forgive {863} the sins of any, they are forgiven {863} them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.**"*

TO FORGIVE: To let go and leave

NT:863 - To let go and leave

NT:863 *aphiemi* (af-ee'-ay-mee); from NT:575 and *hiemi* (to send; an intens. form of *eimi*, to go); to send forth, in various applications (as follow):

KJV - cry, forgive, forsake, lay aside, leave, let (alone, be, go, have), omit, put (send) away, remit, suffer, yield up.

TO RETAIN: To hold on and keep

Krateo - To hold on and keep

NT:2902 *krateo* (krat-eh'-o); from NT:2904; to use strength, i.e. seize or retain (literally or figuratively):

KJV - hold (by, fast), keep, lay hand (hold) on, obtain, retain, take (by).

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## TESTIMONY: DEEPER LESSONS ON FORGIVENESS

Recently the Lord asked me if I wanted to bless a particular person. Because of the circumstances, I understood that the question was related to my judicial choices in spiritual authority and my choice of being a canopy, protection and blessing over someone as an intercessor. To be an intercessor is a volunteer position, to lay one's life down and serve. The job sounds heroic but is rarely pristine and glorified on earth.

*John 10:18 NLT*

*No one can take my life from me. I lay down my life voluntarily. For I have the right to lay it down when I want to and also the power to take it again. For my Father has given me this command.*

I thought about it a long time from various angles of scripture, circumstance and history. I told Him no, that I could not bless the person or reward that person's choices. I found myself in a wrestling match with my soul, the Spirit of the Lord and the devil. I spent a miserable morning, finally becoming crabby and at that point I realized I was angry. Because I was angry, I suddenly wondered if I had truly forgiven this person because a certain personal offense surfaced and I was not able to overcome it in my wrestling match.

I decided to do a thorough study on what the scripture promises us about forgiveness and intercession. I found several surprises about what it really means to forgive, the choices we make to remit or retain sins as intercessors and the difference when we are personally offended.

So on the way to church that night I prayed, let go of the offense, and released the person from having to suffer the penalty for having willfully committed it.

**SERMON:** Pastor preached on the Word of God being sharper than a 2 edged sword. He talked about how it divided between spirit and soul and showed us how they took the necks of animals back and slit the throats from ear to ear with filet knives that are flexible and able to skin fish from

its meat. It was very graphic.

**REVELATION AND CONFIRMATION:** When I got home, the following had come out and I “suddenly” realized that the anger and thus scriptural study was the Lord bringing unforgiveness to the surface and I had popped a soul pimple.

## **TEACHING: CIRCUMCISION OF THE SOUL**

God is dealing with heart issues in ALL of our lives, things that will take us through spiritual circumcisions in our souls, in order to prepare us to move into our promises.

Each person has their own giants they deal with. God brings everything into our lives for a purpose, to draw those things that are in our souls that do not become His image, and then He stirs them until they become pimples, and then He pops them. The pus that pours out of our hearts, mouths and thoughts are exactly what He has been trying to draw out. He doesn't want to reward us for those things, He wants to perform surgery until they are gone. He is not going to reward us for arguing and striving with Him about what we are not getting from Him, He is going to reward us for our deep repentance, brokenness and humility as we bow low before Him and finally SEE what He has been trying to do.

When you read that list of soul giants that He is drawing out of you, you can read the scriptures and the "promises" that happen when those giants are nurtured... and it goes back to reaping what you sow.

**CONFIRMATION:** Just after writing the above, I opened an email response to this Word to Ponder about lancing a wound and extracting the poison.

### **SHAME IS HOLDING PETER AT ARM'S DISTANCE**

There are some of My children who are easily dismayed and have chosen to stay in the outskirts of My love, because of suffering deep shame. They are willing to hear Me through hand-me-down connections because the intimacy of My Presence brings their buried pain to the surface. To face it all is too hot, they would rather stay numb and in a cold place, away from My direct touch.

They believe their failures are too great to deserve such an intimate place in My Presence. They do not know the sweetness of having a wound lanced with My personal Word, the poison extracted, and then delivered in one impacting moment. They don't know the relief of such a time before My face. What took years to embitter can be extracted in one powerful exchange of My loving embrace. Come, Peter, I know you love Me. Do not hold back. Swim speedily to your loving Surgeon and I shall extract your deep sufferings of shame and bring your calling to life again.

*Deut 5:23-27 NKJV*

*"So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. And you said: 'Surely the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he still lives. Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God anymore, then we shall die. For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? You go near and hear all that the LORD our God may say, and tell us all that the LORD our God says to you, and we will hear and do it.'*

*John 21:7 NKJV*

*Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.*

**DOUBLE WHAMMY CONFIRMATION:** So I clicked on the above link in the post and scrolled

down the long list of soul giants, not really paying attention to any one of them. Suddenly I stopped and my eye glanced at the following line:

Unforgiveness ..Refusing to pardon. (Matthew 6:14)

I FINALLY got the point of the blade!!!! I had just gone through (another) soul surgery.

The following is my scriptural study on Forgiveness

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## TEACHING: UNDERSTANDING FORGIVENESS

### UNDERSTANDING OLD TESTAMENT FORGIVENESS

In the OT the Hebrew word for forgiveness meant to carry or lift up and bear the offenses upon their own shoulders. They took the weight upon their own selves in lieu of another carrying weight or penalty of such. It was the very act of being a mediator, intercessor or someone who was willing to bear the burden and stand in the gap or breach of sin. I found it interesting that they used the same Hebrew word when lifting up and carrying the ark upon their shoulders.

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*Ex 32:32 NKJV*

*Yet now, if thou wilt forgive {5375} their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.*

*Gen 4:13 NKJV*

*And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. {5375}*

*Gen 50:16-21 NKJV*

*'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive {5375} the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." Now, please, forgive {5375} the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.' And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. 21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.*

*Deut 1:8-12 NKJV*

*Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them. 9 And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear {5375} you myself alone: 10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. 11(The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!) 12 How can I myself alone bear {5375} your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?*

*Josh 3:15-17 NKJV*

*And as they that bare {5375} the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare {5375} the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) 16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. 17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.*

## HEBREW TO FORGIVE

OT:5375 - To lift up and carry

OT:5375 nasa' (naw-saw'); or nakah (Ps 4:6 {OT:7}) (naw-saw'); a primitive root; to lift, in a great variety of applications, literal and figurative, absol. and rel. (as follows):

KJV - accept, advance, arise, (able to, {armor}, suffer to) bear (-er, up), bring (forth), burn, carry (away), cast, contain, desire, ease, exact, exalt (self), extol, fetch, forgive, furnish, further, give, go on, help, high, hold up, honorable (+man), lade, lay, lift (self) up, lofty, marry, magnify, needs, obtain, pardon, raise (up), receive, regard, respect, set (up), spare, stir up, swear, take (away, up), utterly, wear, yield. {quote}

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## AS IN INTERCESSOR, JESUS BORE OUR SINS

He lifted them up and carried them upon Himself.

*Isaiah 53 NKJV*

*Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne {#5375} our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. 9 And they made His grave with the wicked - But with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was **numbered {4487} with the transgressors, And He bore {#5375} the sin of many, and made intercession {#6293} for the transgressors {#6586}.***

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OT:4487

OT:4487 manah (maw-naw'); a primitive root; properly, to weigh out; by implication, to allot or constitute officially; also to enumerate or enroll:

KJV - appoint, count, number, prepare, set, tell.

*Mark 15:25-28 NKJV*

*Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. 26 And the inscription of His accusation was written above: THE KING OF THE JEWS. 27 With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. 28 So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors."*

*1 Peter 2:22-24 NKJV*

*"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness..*

## TRANSGRESSORS

OT:6586

OT:6586 pasha` (paw-shah'); a primitive root {identical with OT:6585 through the idea of expansion}; to break away (from just authority), i.e. trespass, apostatize, quarrel:

KJV - offend, rebel, revolt, transgress (-ion, -or).

## INTERCESSION

OT:6293

OT:6293 paga` (paw-gah'); a primitive root; to impinge (intrude, impose) , by accident or violence, or (figuratively) by importunity:

KJV - come (betwixt), cause to entreat, fall (upon), make intercession, intercessor, intreat, lay, light {upon}, meet (together), pray, reach, run.

## WHEN WE ARE SENT AS INTERCESSORS IN THE NT WE HAVE THE POWER TO FORGIVE SINS OR NOT

Jesus was given the power to forgive sins. And when He sent the disciples out to pray for the sick, He gave them the same power. He said we can forgive sins or retain them. The choice is ours.

### Mark 2:5-12 NKJV JESUS HAD POWER TO FORGIVE SINS

*5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven {863} you." 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive {863} sins but God alone?" 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven {863} you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive {863} sins" - He said to the paralytic, 11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"*

### John 20:20-23 NKJV JESUS SENT THEM WITH POWER AND CHOICE TO FORGIVE

*When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 **If you forgive {863} the sins of any, they are forgiven {863} them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.**"*

TO FORGIVE: To let go and leave

NT:863 - To let go and leave

NT:863 apheimi (af-ee'-ay-mee); from NT:575 and hiemi (to send; an intens. form of eimi, to go); to send forth, in various applications (as follow):

KJV - cry, forgive, forsake, lay aside, leave, let (alone, be, go, have), omit, put (send) away, remit, suffer, yield up.

TO RETAIN: To hold on and keep

Krateo - To hold on and keep

NT:2902 krateo (krat-eh'-o); from NT:2904; to use strength, i.e. seize or retain (literally or figuratively):

KJV - hold (by, fast), keep, lay hand (hold) on, obtain, retain, take (by).

*Rom 4:6-8 NLT*

*King David spoke of this, describing the happiness of an undeserving sinner who is declared to be righteous: 7 "Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose*

sins are put out of sight. {863} 8 Yes, what joy for those whose sin is no longer counted against them by the Lord."

1 Cor 7:12-13 KJV

If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. {863} 13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. {863}

Rev 2:4 KJV

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left {863} thy first love.

John 12:7 KJV

Then said Jesus, Let her alone: {863} against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

## **HOWEVER WHEN WE ARE PERSONALLY OFFENDED, WE MUST FORGIVE UNLESS WE WANT TO BEAR THE PENALTY**

### **1. WE ARE NOT FORGIVEN UNLESS WE FORGIVE**

Mark 11:25-26 KJV

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive {#863} you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, {#863} neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. {3900}

Matt 6:14-15 NKJV

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive {#863} men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive {#863} your trespasses.

3900 Trespasses

paraptoma

NT:3900 paraptoma (par-ap'-to-mah); from NT:3895; a side-slip (lapse or deviation), i.e. (unintentional) error or (wilful) transgression:

KJV - fall, fault, offence, sin, trespass.

### **2. WE RISK BEING SENT TO THE PRISON OF TORMENT IF WE DO NOT FORGIVE**

Matt 18:34-35 KJV THE FATHER CAN SEND US TO BE TORMENTED

And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive {#863} not every one his brother their trespasses.

### **3. THE SAME MEASURE WE FORGIVE, THE SAME MEASURE WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS**

Gal 6:7-8 NKJV

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Luke 6:37-38 NKJV

"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, {#863} and you will be forgiven {#863} ... For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

### **4. WE RISK NOT BEING HEALED IF WE ARE NOT FORGIVEN**

{Healing and Forgiveness are connected} Remember we must forgive in order to be forgiven.

James 5:14-16 KJV

*Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

*Matt 9:2 NKJV*

*Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."*

*John 5:14 NKJV*

*Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."*

*Ps 103:3 NKJV*

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

*2 Chron 7:14-15 NKJV*

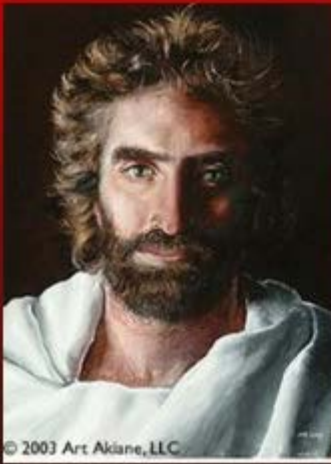
*If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

## **5. OUR ACCUSERS CAN SEND US TO PRISON IF WE ARE NOT FORGIVEN**

Remember we must forgive in order to be forgiven.

*Matt 5:23-26 AMP 23 So if when you are offering your gift at the altar you there remember that your brother has any {grievance} against you, 24 Leave your gift at the altar and go. First make peace with your brother, and then come back and present your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way traveling with him, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last fraction of a penny.*

*Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life ... and He died for you.*



**Jehovah's Son -  
Endured the cross,  
Savior of the world.  
Utterly Faithful.  
Sent for you.**

*Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work." John 4:34 NKJV*

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## **JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY TO HEAR GOD**

Sin caused an eternal separation between mankind and the heavenly Father. He loved the people of the world so very much that He sent His son Jesus Christ to earth, to live among them and then die on the cross for their sins. Those who believe that Jesus was God's Son, and died for their sins will have the gift of eternal life. (John 3:13-17) That means that if we tell the Father our sins and ask Him to forgive us, He will accept us because Jesus paid the price.

Not only did Jesus die, but He overcame death, raised from the grave, visited many who were mourning His death, then visually returned to heaven in the clouds. He told us that even though He had to leave this earth, He would not leave us without comfort. He would send us the gift of His ever abiding Presence through the Holy Spirit - His very essence. That's quite a gift! "...I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter, and he will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive him, for it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you do, for he lives with you now and some day shall be IN you. No, I will not abandon you or leave you as orphans in the storm - I will come to you." (John 14:16-18 TLB)

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit visited and came upon individuals, but since the day of Pentecost, (the fulfillment of an Old Testament feast) we can have His Spirit dwelling within us. Now, we can have a much greater intimacy available to us in hearing God than they ever experienced. "For I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it." (Luke 10:24 NKJV)

The question arises does God speak to people who do not believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior? The answer is yes, God speaks to everyone at any time in any place in every means. God speaks always. Whether we hear or understand Him is another matter. It is very difficult to hear what He is saying when we do not have the Presence of His Holy Spirit within us to help make the connection. Remember, quickening is a requirement of hearing Him speak, and quickening can not happen apart from the Holy Spirit. When you pray for those who do not know Jesus, pray that the Holy Spirit will visit them and draw them to the Lord. Jesus said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him." (John 6:44 NKJV)

Jesus spoke a key concept when He spoke about abiding in Him. Notice how many times the following scripture mentions the word abide: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. (John 15:4-11 NKJV)

The Greek word for abide is translated: abide, remain, dwell, continue, tarry, endure. It means to continue to be present, to be held or kept, to last and not to perish, to endure, to survive and live in a condition of waiting. If you were to substitute each word in this translation for the word abide in the above verse, it gives you an added understanding of what it means to abide in Jesus. To me, it means to hang on tight to Jesus and His Words, to not give up (and thus to survive), and to wait for Him no matter what! Those words are hang on, tenacious words depicting a deep abiding trust and reliance upon Him. He said if we abide in Him, His joy will "remain" in us. Guess what the word "remain" means? It is the same Greek word as "abide." Therefore, if we hang on to Jesus' Words, His joy will hang onto us!

### **JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE**

If you really want to know God, how He speaks and hear Him for yourself, you will find Him through accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Jesus Christ was God's Son, and He sent Jesus to earth to shed His blood and die for you so that you would not be destroyed in your sins, but instead be forgiven and have eternal life.

*John 3:16-20 NLT*

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. "There is no judgment awaiting those who trust him. But those who do not trust him have already been judged for not believing in the only Son of God. Their judgment is based on this fact: The light from heaven came into the world, but they loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.*

*John 14:6 NKJV*

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way , the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

If you will tell your sins to God, He will forgive your sins and wipe them clean with the blood that Jesus shed for you. He will not only wipe the slate of your life clean, He will throw the memory of those sins into the sea of forgetfulness. (1 John 1:9; Micah 7:19, Heb 8:12)

Would you like to know God and hear Him speak to you? Call upon the Lord Jesus Christ, accept Him as God's Son and your personal Savior. Confess your sins and ask Him for His Holy Spirit to fill you and you will begin your journey in hearing God speak through the quickening power of the Holy Spirit.

*John 6:63 NKJV*

*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

*Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life ... and He died for you.*

# By My Spirit

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## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is a distinct member of the Trinity, separate from the Father and the Son Jesus Christ. He has a personality and has a function within a believer's life. The following is list of some of His personality traits and functions.

### HE IS A MEMBER OF THE TRINITY

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt 28:19 NKJV)*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. (2 Cor 13:13-14 NKJV)*

*But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. (John 15:26-27 NKJV)*

*In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased." Immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness. (Mark 1:9-12 NASU)*

## **HE SPEAKS AS A PERSON**

*As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (Acts 13:2 NKJV)*

*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. (John 16:13 NKJV)*

## **HE SEARCHES**

*But we know these things because God has revealed them to us by his Spirit, and his Spirit searches out everything and shows us even God's deep secrets. (1 Cor 2:10-11 NLT)*

## **HE REVEALS**

*All that the Father has is mine; this is what I mean when I say that the Spirit will reveal to you whatever he receives from me. (John 16:15 NLT)*

## **HE DECIDES AND DISTRIBUTES**

*It is the one and only Holy Spirit who distributes these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. (1 Cor 12:10-11 NLT)*

## **HE ABIDES WITH US**

*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever... (John 14:15-17 NKJV)*

## **HE GUIDES & FORETELLS**

*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. (John 16:13 NKJV)*

## **HE SANCTIFIES**

*Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ... (1 Peter 1:2 NKJV)*

## **HE TEACHES**

*...for the Holy Spirit will teach you what needs to be said even as you are standing there. (Luke 12:12 NLT)*

## **HE CONVICTS**

*Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for*

*if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment... (John 16:7-8 NKJV)*

## **HE SEALS**

*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (Eph 4:30 NKJV)*

## **HE QUICKENS, GIVES LIFE**

*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (John 6:63 KJV)*

## **HE EMPOWERS TO WITNESS**

*...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. (Acts 1:8 NASU)*

## **HE LEADS**

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. (Rom 8:14 NLT)*

## **HE BEARS WITNESS**

*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God... (Rom 8:16-17 NKJV)*

## **HE INTERCEDES**

*Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (Rom 8:26 NKJV)*

## **HE BEARS FRUIT**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23 NKJV)*

## **HE LIBERATES**

*Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (2 Cor 3:17 NKJV)*

## **HE GLORIFIES JESUS**

*He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (John 16:14 KJV)*

## **HE GROANS**

*Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. (John 11:33 NKJV)*

## **HE HAS JOY**

*Then Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit and said, “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding the truth from those who think themselves so wise and clever, and for revealing it to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way. (Luke 10:21 NLT)*

## **HE COMFORTS**

*The believers were walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 9:31 NLT)*

## **HE TRANSLATES**

*When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the city of Azotus! He preached the Good News there and in every city along the way until he came to Caesarea. (Acts 8:39-40 NLT)*

## **HE CONCEIVES**

*For the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Matt 1:20 NLT)*

## **HE DESCENDS**

*Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. (Matt 3:16 NLT)*

## **HE SPEAKS THROUGH YOU**

*For it won't be you doing the talking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. (Matt 10:20 NLT)*

## **HE SPEAKS TO YOU**

*The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage. (Acts 8:29 NLT)*

## **HE CASTS OUT SPIRITS**

*But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you. (Matt 12:28-29 NLT)*

## **HE COMPELS**

*Immediately the Holy Spirit compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness.  
(Mark 1:12 NLT)*

## **HE IS A RIVER OF LIVING WATER**

*For the Scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow out from within.” (When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. (John 7:38-39 NLT)*

## **HE GIVES THE ABILITY TO SPEAK IN TONGUES**

*And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. (Acts 2:3-4 NLT)*

## **HE LIVES WITHIN YOU**

*Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? (1 Cor 3:16 NLT)*

## **HE GIVES SPECIAL ABILITIES**

*And now, dear brothers and sisters, I will write about the special abilities the Holy Spirit gives to each of us... (1 Cor 12:1 NLT)*

## **HE IS RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH**

*...and we Christians receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith... (Gal 3:14 NLT)*

## **HE IS OUR GUARANTEE**

*The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us everything he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people... (Eph 1:14 NLT)*

## **HE INSPIRES**

*For David himself, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said, 'The LORD said to my Lord, Sit in honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies beneath your feet.' (Mark 12:36 NLT)*

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**Holy**

# WARNINGS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture warns us to honor the Holy Spirit with reverence and respect.

- © Do not blasphemy the Holy Spirit
- © Do not resist the Holy Spirit
- © Do not grieve the Holy Spirit
- © Do not quench the Holy Spirit
- © Do not lie to the Holy Spirit
- © Do not strive with the Holy Spirit
- © Do not test the Holy Spirit

## DO NOT BLASPHEME THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Every sin or blasphemy can be forgiven—except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which can never be forgiven. Anyone who blasphemes against me, the Son of Man, can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come. (Matt 12:31-32 NLT)*

## DO NOT RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT

*You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. (Acts 7:51 NKJV)*

## DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (Eph 4:30 NKJV)*

## DO NOT QUENCH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Do not quench the Spirit. (1 Thess 5:19 NKJV)*

ý QUENCH: NT:4570 sbennumi (sben'-noo-mee); a prolonged form of an apparently primary verb; to extinguish (literally or figuratively): KJV - go out, quench.

## DO NOT LIE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Then Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to*

*us but to God.” As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. (Acts 5:3-5 NLT)*

### **DO NOT STRIVE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” (Gen 6:3 NKJV)*

### **DO NOT TEST THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*And Peter said, “How could the two of you even think of doing a thing like this—conspiring together to test the Spirit of the Lord? (Acts 5:9 NLT)*

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## **REPENTANCE PRAYER OVER GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Lord I humble myself before You and ask that You will forgive me for grieving the Holy Spirit, the very center of Your heart and feelings. I have disobeyed when I have heard Your voice. I have tested Your patience for years, when you have spoken to me about my willingness to change and I have resisted.

In the past, I have tried to control my own response to Your Spirit and felt strangely about how others respond to You. Please forgive me for anything I have done to try to control Your flow. I have not intended to quench Your Spirit and hinder You in any way.

I have not wanted to despise prophecies, Lord, and sometimes they are too strong of meat for me to discern and I have turned my heart the other way. Please forgive me for despising any prophesy that is from Your heart.

I have spoken wrongly about Your anointed leaders and complained. Please forgive me for quenching Your Spirit due to unbelief and lack of reception to their message. I ask that You will open my eyes and turn my hard heart to receive Your message through all Your chosen messengers. Neither do I want to blaspheme the Holy Spirit by saying Your messengers are operating with the devil's power. I do not want to partner with such sin in Jesus Name.

Please deliver me from a hard heart from having grieved Your Spirit. Return, oh Lord, not just with a visitation, but rather a habitation where You fill me and dwell with me in Your fullness. Eradicate anything in my life that has given You sorrow. Please let us abide together as one. In Jesus Name I pray.

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## TO EXPERIENCE THE HOLY SPIRIT

The more I get to know the Lord, the more I have learned to experience the Holy Spirit. This is not a logical, non emotional kind of relationship. It is a walk that is actually experiencing the Holy Spirit, Who is the emotional side of God. The Holy Spirit expresses the deepest part of His feelings. When we become One with Him, we literally experience what God feels and once we tap into this, our lives are never the same.

The emotional intimacy made available in knowing the Holy Spirit is not widely taught or understood. That is because few have touched the Lord to know His real heart. The Holy Spirit is vulnerable to being deeply hurt and grieved. He reveals Himself to His friends and shares His deepest groanings with those He trusts. He has the purest of love and the purest of joy!

*John 11:33-34 NKJV*

*Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.*

*Rom 8:26 KJV*

*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

*Luke 10:21 NLT*

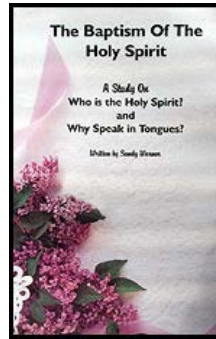
*Then Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit and said, "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding the truth from those who think themselves so wise and clever, and for revealing it to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way.*

*Gal 5:22-23 AMP*

*But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].*

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# By My Spirit

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### THE SCRIPTURAL HISTORY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- John the Baptist foretold the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus is the Baptizer of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus promised the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- They received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit was poured out as a gift
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit fell upon the Gentiles as well as the Jews
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit was also imparted through the laying on of hands
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for us today
- Jesus will not give a counterfeit gift when you ask Him

### SCRIPTURES

**John the Baptist foretold** the Baptism of the Holy Spirit: "I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." (Mark 1:8)

"He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." (Matt 3:11)

- The word baptize (#907 Greek) means to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); It comes from a word (#911) meaning to overwhelm, (i.e. cover wholly with a fluid).
- The word fire (#4442) means fire, or lightning.

**Jesus is the Baptizer** of the Holy Spirit: John the Baptist said, "I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'When you see the Holy Spirit descending and resting upon someone, he is the one you are looking for. He is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Son of God." (John 1:32-34 NLT) "John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am--so much greater that I am not even worthy to be his slave. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Luke 3:16-17 NLT)

**Jesus promised** the Baptism of the Spirit: "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power (# 1411) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (NKJ Acts 1:4-8)

- (The word power (#1411) means force, miraculous power, ability, abundance, might, miracle, power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work. It comes from a word (#1410) meaning to be able or possible.

**They received** the Baptism of the Spirit: "Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (NKJ Acts 2:1-4)

**It was poured out** as a gift: "The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles, too. And there could be no doubt about it, for they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God." (NLT Acts 10:44-46)

- The word pour (#1632) in the Greek means to pour forth, to bestow, and translated as gush out, run greedily, shed abroad, spill forth.
- The word gift (#1431) in the Greek means a gratuity, and translated gift. It comes from a word (#1435) meaning a present, gift, sacrifice, or offering

**It fell upon** the Gentiles as well as the Jews. While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. (NKJ Acts 10:44, 45 NKJ)

- The word fell (#1968) means to embrace with affection or seize with more or less violence, translated to fall into or upon, lie on, press upon.

**It was also imparted** through the laying on of hands: "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied." (NKJ Acts 19:6)

**It is for us today:** "Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." (NKJ Acts 2:38)

**He will not give a counterfeit gift** when you ask Him: "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (NKJ Luke 11:11)

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## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

As mentioned in the previous section, the Holy Spirit is a distinct member of the Trinity, separate from the Father and the Son Jesus Christ. He has a personality and has a function within a believer's life. The following is list of some of His personality traits and functions.

- He is a member of the Trinity
- He speaks as a person
- He searches
- He reveals
- He decides and distributes
- He abides with us
- He guides & foretells
- He sanctifies
- He teaches
- He convicts
- He seals
- He quickens, gives life
- He empowers to witness
- He leads
- He bears witness
- He intercedes
- He bears fruit
- He liberates
- He glorifies Jesus
- He groans

- He has joy
- He comforts
- He translates
- He conceives
- He descends
- He speaks through you
- He speaks to you
- He casts out spirits
- He compels
- He is a river of living water
- He gives the ability to speak in tongues
- He lives within you
- He gives special abilities
- He is received through faith
- He is our guarantee
- He inspires

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## WHAT DOES SPEAKING IN TONGUES ACCOMPLISH?

(Words with scriptures in parenthesis are recorded in the Greek study at the end of this file.)

- Constructs and confirms the house of God within you. (Edify; 1 Cor 14:4)
- Releases the dynamite power of God within you. (Power; Acts 1:8)
- Submerges you as though fully wet and covered in the spiritual liquid of His Presence. (Baptize; Matt 3:11)
- Puts lightning upon your head (Fire; Matt 3:11)
- Hugs and embraces you with His Presence (Fell; Acts 11:15)
- Pours out upon you as a gift (Poured out & Gift; Acts 10:45)
- Intercedes, prays for you (Comforter; John 14:26)
- Gives you boldness (Boldness; Acts 4:31)
- Supplies & furnishes what you need (Filled; Acts 2:4)
- Teaches you and causes you to learn (Teach; John 14:26)
- Recalls to memory (Remembrance; John 14:26)
- Speaks a secret or mystery in the spirit (Mystery; I Cor 14:2)
- Follows as a sign (Sign; Mark 16:17-18)
- Is a sign to unbelievers (Sign; 1Cor 14:21-22)
- Protects from satan (Snakes and Not hurt; Mark 16:17-18)
- Builds faith (Building Faith; Jude 20-21)
- Petitions for the saints (Supplication; Eph 6:18)

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## MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

When people receive the gift of speaking in tongues, not everyone receives in the same way. For myself, I went to kids camp in my teens and was prayed over to receive what they called the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5) I was supposed to

feel the Holy Spirit come upon me, then speak in tongues. I felt nothing when they prayed. I was expecting some bolt of lightening to come down from the sky and hit me in a whoosh of the Holy Spirit. But they simply prayed, and I simply thanked Jesus like they told me to do.

However, an hour later as I lay in my bunk bed, little foreign sounding syllables popped into my mind. So, I spoke them with my head under the pillow. It was one sentence. My counselor told me that could happen, and to be faithful to practice my new language and it would grow. So that is what I did. I spoke my one sentence faithfully for about a year! To this day, I still remember that sentence.

Then one day I was driving to school singing a popular love song along with the radio, and the second verse was sung in French. So I started singing my own pretend "French" to the words. By the end of the song, I had a complete and wonderful language, only I didn't know it! However, every time I sang that song I would sing it in my "pretend language" even when they were singing in English. It sounded so beautiful I didn't want to sing it in English. Then one day I started singing other popular love songs of the day in the same way. Then the realization hit me, I was doing what the Bible called "singing in the Spirit"! (1 Corinthians 14:15) "Wow! Is this finally the expansion of my new language?" So I stopped singing and just spoke it. Sure enough, there was a full blown language!

Now, not everyone will struggle as hard as I did. The reason it took me so long was because of doctrinal currents against me. I was told speaking in tongues was of the devil and that the occult speaks in tongues. It didn't seem to connect with me that Paul in the Bible spoke in tongues all the time. (1 Corinthians 14:18) The only reason I had the courage to receive it, was because of the loving counsel of a dear lady who shined with the love of God. I felt that if she could love me like that, and she spoke in tongues, then she certainly wasn't of the devil. Simply put, I knew the devil couldn't love and she was no devil.

Since that time long ago, now that I am fluent in the spiritual gifts, I have come to realize that the devil can not create. Only God can create. The devil only mimics, only copies the real thing. So of course the occult speaks in tongues, that's because God created the real speaking in tongues!

I have received a couple of wonderful confirmations about speaking in tongues. One time I was praying in tongues and in English over people I'd met on the Internet and I saw a picture-vision of a flat bed truck driven by 2 angels. On the flat bed truck were a whole bunch of packages, each wrapped and looking exactly like the size of bricks. The Lord told me I was dispatching supplies. So I asked Him what those bricks were. He said, "Each individual prayer." Then a few days later I listened to a tape where a man was given a vision that every time he spoke in tongues, he saw packages the size of bricks come down from heaven that were deposited inside of him. When they were deposited, he felt a strengthening of his inner man. He was praying supplies for himself. So, not only did the Lord confirm that my praying in tongues was praying in supplies to others, but at the same time, I was praying in supplies for myself.

I have an interesting story about praying in supplies for others. Remember that one little sentence I mentioned when I first received tongues? When I shared it with Anna, my Mom, who also had been indoctrinated against tongues, she said it

sounded like Spanish and looked it up in her Spanish dictionary. She was so surprised at the meaning, she also sought and received the Baptism of the Spirit.

Twenty-five years after that, having completely forgotten its meaning, Anna happened to ask me if I still remembered my one little sentence. I spoke what I remembered and she again looked up the words in her old Spanish dictionary, and this is what she found; my sentence was translated, "Door of a port hole released. They eat with Daddy." This was my commission from the beginning. I didn't know I was repeating a request thousands upon thousands of times. I was bombarding heaven and didn't even know it! I believe part of that fulfillment is the opened doors to a website ministry and also a writing ministry. It is a good lesson in the importance of tongues.

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## **SPEAKING IN TONGUES IN DELIVERANCES**

Often when I have prayed in tongues, people have been delivered of demons. When I lay my hand upon their back and speak in tongues, I can feel pressure building up inside of me. It is like pressure building and resisting against some outside force. It can take on a similarity of what a burden feels like to an intercessor who prays until it lifts. I will feel the pressure building, the intensity of my tongues increasing, and then the person either gags, spits up, coughs, sighs, yawns, sneezes, screams, cries out, jerks, etc. When that happens, I feel an immense peace inside my spirit and the need to speak in tongues subsides. This can go on for a long time, with my feeling peace in between each spirit leaving. It is not a traditionally taught way to do deliverance, but I have noticed it is totally spirit led and it works. If coupled with authority in English, it carries a powerful punch.

A note on the other side of this: The use of tongues, or someone praying or using their vocal cords when they are in the process of being delivered will hinder the demon from coming out. The movement of the tongue suppresses the demons and keeps them at the throat or neck area unable to leave. Make sure that the person you are praying for is receiving and calling upon the Lord in their mind, not through their mouth.

I have also noticed that when I am oppressed and in a lot of warfare, speaking in tongues gives me freedom from the oppression and I feel lighter in my heart with spiritual energy. I try to pray in tongues often, for I have lived through enough experiences to know it really makes a difference in my life.

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## **HOW SPEAKING IN TONGUES WORKS**

There is much misunderstanding and fear concerning speaking in tongues. Some think it is an emotional experience overpowering the senses, taking control over the will and speaking faculties. But it is no different than people just opening their mouth to speak. When people talk, they speak in all different tones, decibels, emotions, etc., but people do not speak without CHOOSING TO. Speaking in tongues is merely the choice of speaking, but it happens to be in another language. Speaking in tongues is a rational choice of the will to communicate with the Lord in a language that transcends our understanding. It enables us to pray according to His will without

our flesh rebelling. The tones, decibels, responsive emotions, etc. are the subjective choice of the speaker.

The scripture says, "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful." (NKJ 1 Corinthians 14:14) The Greek word for "my" literally means "my". Therefore, Paul was saying that when he spoke in tongues it was his own spirit praying. However scripture does not record people having the ability to speak in tongues until the Holy Spirit fell on the day of Pentecost. In most of the references where people were baptized in the Spirit, speaking in tongues was part of their experience. When we speak in tongues, there is actually a partnership taking place between the Holy Spirit and our own spirit. The Holy Spirit is the comforter and according to the Thayer's Greek:

- Comforter (#3875) (parakleetos, parakleetou, ho) means to be summoned, called to one's side, especially called to one's aid;
- one who pleads another's case before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant; an advocate:
- universally, one who pleads another's case with one, an intercessor: 1 John 2:1
- in the widest sense, a helper, succorer, aider, assistant; so of the Holy Spirit John 14:16,26

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It is the Holy Spirit that partners with our spirit, giving us the language to pray directly to God. The Holy Spirit comes along side our own spirit and helps us pray the mysteries of God.

The objective experience of speaking in tongues happens not in how it is said, but what is said. Usually when the Holy Spirit first gives this ability to a person, little syllables come to mind. The language is formed by these syllables coming together to form words as the person speaks them. However, when the speaker speaks with fluency, there is no pre-thought to the mind and the Holy Spirit simply gifts the language as the person speaks. Like my own experience, sometimes, when one first receives this gift, only a few syllables are given to start, and not a complete language. The language will grow in time.

Since language is broken up into little syllables, and singing is a simple way to break apart syllables, singing is a wonderful way to increase your prayer language. The scripture says to pray in tongues and also sing in tongues. Then pray in English and also sing in English. (1 Cor 14:15)

The gift of interpretation of tongues gives an understanding to the unknown language. This understanding is not necessarily a word for word translation. The interpretation also edifies those who hear. (1 Cor 14:5) One who speaks in an unknown tongue should pray that he also may interpret. (1 Cor 14:13)

The scripture says tongues is the language of men as well as angels. I have heard testimonies of people who have spoken in an unlearned language and those in the audience have recognized the language. A friend told me a story where a preacher

in a foreign country just started speaking in tongues from the platform. Many wonderful conversions took place because even though he was just speaking in tongues to the Lord, they understood what he said, much to his amazement.

At other times, the language may be one of angels and no one would recognize it unless through an interpretation. (1 Cor 13:1)

I have had instances when I will get an interpretation of something I have spoken. A few times it has been an entire phrase, however most of the time it is one word. I will be speaking in tongues and one word will pop out of a phrase and I will know without doubt what that word was in English. When these times happen, they highlight the subject matter of what I am praying about and sometimes these words have actually given me the guidance I have been looking for, when coupled and confirmed with other Words He has spoken into my life. Since we pray according to the will of God in tongues, these interpretations, even with one word, can really highlight some important issues. Pray that He will give you the interpretation to what you speak.

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## **PRAYERS & COUNSEL TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **Your own prayer:**

Father thank You for sending Jesus Christ Your only Son to die for my sins. I receive Your forgiveness through accepting that Jesus' death on the cross was for me and now this gives me eternal life with You in heaven. Please take over my life and change me so that I can become more like You.

### **Sandy's counsel:**

If you have worship music on, that is a wonderful way to come into His Presence. Begin to praise Him and thank Him for His love for you, for His touch upon your life and for the Presence of His Holy Spirit.

### **What to expect when you receive:**

Some people literally feel the Lord's Presence surround them when they receive, some do not. When you begin to speak in your prayer language (tongues), you will be the one moving your tongue, you will be moving your own lips, you will be expelling air past your own vocal chords, and you will be making the sounds. You are the one choosing to speak loud or soft, fast or slow. The Lord uses all your faculties to speak, He doesn't force it upon you, or overtake your will. You are the one speaking, you are the one singing. The difference is that the Holy Spirit is directing you. "But you, dear friends, must continue to build your lives on the foundation of your holy faith. And continue to pray as you are directed by the Holy Spirit." (Jude 20 NLT)

He is like a conductor directing an orchestra. He will give you unction to speak, unction to sing, unction to express your heart in different tones and syllables, loudly and softly, sometimes very punctuated, sometimes

quite fluent. He will direct you as you speak and sing and you will begin to move along with His Presence and you will soon see that you really are cooperating with the Holy Spirit and He really has given you a new gift in which to express your heart. "For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries." (NKJ 1 Corinthians 14:2)

**Your own prayer:**

Jesus, now that I have accepted You as My personal Savior, I am asking that You will baptize and fill me with the Holy Spirit.

**Sandy's prayer:**

Father You said that no man can come to You except You first draw him. I thank You Lord that You have placed a desire and hunger in this loved one to receive more from You. I know that the power of Your quickened Word transcends all barriers and penetrates any obstacle with Your quickening touch. I ask Lord that You will come to this loved one right now and he or she will be enveloped in Your Presence and You will fill this loved one with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I bind all evil, deceiving and opposing forces in Jesus Name and I loose the Presence of the Holy Spirit to touch this loved one right now.

**Sandy's counsel:**

Begin to take deep breaths, breathing in His Presence. Expect the Holy Spirit to fill you. As you breath in His Spirit, begin to speak your thanks and praise to Him, and sing along with the music if you have some on. If not, then sing on your own, even making up your own tune if you like. And as you have asked Him to fill you and also received my prayer, begin to sing to Him in foreign syllables along with the music. When I say foreign, I mean that they are foreign to your understanding. As you sing this way and get acquainted with slowly separating syllables via musical sounds, begin to pick up the pace and sing faster, still in the unusual syllables that do not make sense to you. Now exchange back and forth between foreign syllables and English words to the music. As you begin to feel comfortable with singing back and forth between English and tongues, start to pray instead - first a line in English, then a line in tongues. Paul said, "Well then, what shall I do? I will do both. I will pray in the spirit, and I will pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will sing in words I understand." (1 Cor 14:15 NLT)

Now ask the Lord to forgive you for your doubts that this is gibberish! As I said before, you may have small syllables come to your thought before you speak them, but when you speak faster, the gift bypasses your mind and goes straight to your mouth. You will realize what you are saying is definitely bypassing your mind and you will be surprised that it all has happened so simply.

Ask Him to give you the grace to internalize and believe the importance of what tongues accomplishes (#1 in this file), and then speak and sing in tongues every day. "Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in

your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts." (Col 3:16-17 NLT)

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## SCRIPTURES & GREEK MEANINGS

**EDIFY:** "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself." (1 Cor 14:4)

- Edify #3618 in Greek means to be a house-builder, to construct, or confirm. It comes from a word meaning architecture or home.
- NT:3618 oikodomeo (oy-kod-om-eh'-o); from the same as NT:3619; to be a house-builder, i.e. construct or (figuratively) confirm: KJV - (be in) build (-er, -ing, up), edify, embolden.

**POWER:** "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me." (Acts 1:8)

- Power (#1411) means force, miraculous power, and is translated in the KJV as ability, abundance, might, miracle, power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work. It comes from a word (#1410) meaning to be able or possible.
- NT:1411 dunamis (doo'-nam-is); from NT:1410; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself): KJV - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

**BAPTIZE & FIRE:** "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." (Matt 3:11)

- Baptize (#907 Greek) means to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); It comes from a word (#911) meaning to overwhelm, (i.e. cover wholly with a fluid).
- NT:907 baptizo (bap-tid'-zo); from a derivative of NT:911; to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); used only (in the N. T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism: KJV - Baptist, baptize, wash.
- Fire (#4442) means fire, or lightning.
- NT:4442 pur (poor); a primary word; "fire" (literally or figuratively, specifically, lightning): KJV - fiery, fire.

**FELL:** "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning." (Acts 11:15)

- Fell (#1968) means to embrace with affection or seize with more or less violence, and is translated in the KJV as to fall into or upon, lie on, press upon.
- NT:1968 epipto (ep-ee-pip'-to); from NT:1909 and NT:4098; to embrace (with affection) or seize (with more or less violence; literally or figuratively): KJV - fall into (on, upon) lie on, press upon.

**POUR & GIFT:** "And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 10:45)

- Pour (#1632) in the Greek means to pour forth, to bestow, and is translated in the KJV as gush out, run greedily, shed abroad, spill forth.
- Gift (#1431) in the Greek means a gratuity, and is translated in the KJV as gift. It comes from a word (1435) meaning a present, gift, sacrifice, or offering
- NT:1431 dorea (do-reh-ah'); from NT:1435; a gratuity: KJV - gift.

**COMFORTER:** "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26)

- Comforter (#3875) in the Greek means an intercessor, consoler, and is translated in the KJV as advocate, comforter.
- NT:3875 parakletos (par-ak'-lay-tos); an intercessor, consoler: KJV - advocate, comforter.

**BOLDNESS:** "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:31)

- Boldness (#3954) in the Greek means: all out-spokenness, frankness, bluntness, publicity; assurance, and is translated in the KJV as bold, confidence, freely, openly, plainly .
- NT:3954 parrhesia (par-rhay-see'-ah); from NT:3956 and a derivative of NT:4483; all out-spokenness, i.e. frankness, bluntness, publicity; by implication, assurance: KJV - bold (X -ly, -ness, -ness of speech), confidence, X freely, X openly, X plainly (-ness).

**FILLED:** "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4)

- Filled (#4130) in the Greek means to fill, influence, supply, and is translated in the KJV as accomplish, full, furnish.
- NT:4130 pletho (play'-tho); a prolonged form of a primary pleo (pleh'-o) (which appears only as an alternate in certain tenses and in the reduplicated form pimplemi); to "fill" (literally or figuratively [imbue, influence, supply]); specifically, to fulfil (time): KJV - accomplish, full (... come), furnish.

**TEACH & REMEMBRANCE:** "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26)

- Teach (#1321) in the Greek means to learn, to teach.
- NT:1321 didasko (did-as'-ko); a prolonged (causative) form of a primary verb dao (to learn); to teach (in the same broad application): KJV - teach.
- Bring and remembrance (#5279) in the Greek means to remind quietly, suggest to the memory, and is translated in the KJV as put in mind, remember, bring to remembrance.
- NT:5279 hupomimnesko (hoop-om-im-nace'-ko); from NT:5259 and NT:3403; to remind quietly, i.e. suggest to the (middle voice one's own) memory: KJV - put in mind, remember, bring to (put in) remembrance.

**MYSTERIES:** "For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries." (1 Cor 14:2)

- Speaks mysteries (#3466) in the Greek means a secret or "mystery" (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites).
- NT:3466 musterion (moos-tay'-ree-on); from a derivative of muo (to shut the mouth); a secret or "mystery" (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites): KJV - mystery.

**SIGNS, SNAKES & NOT HURT:** "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark 16:17-18)

- Signs (#4592) in the Greek means an indication, and is translated in the KJV as miracle, sign, token, wonder. It is from a word (#4591) meaning a mark, to indicate, signify.
- NT:4592 semeion (say-mi'-on); neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of NT:4591; an indication, especially ceremonially or supernaturally: KJV - miracle, sign, token, wonder.
- Snakes (#3789) in the Greek is a snake, figuratively as a type of sly cunning, an artful malicious person, especially Satan.
- NT:3789 ophis (of'-is); probably from NT:3700 (through the idea of sharpness of vision); a snake, figuratively (as a type of sly cunning) an artful malicious person, especially Satan: KJV - serpent.
- Not (#3364) in the Greek is a double negative strengthening the denial; not at all, and is translated in the KJV as any more, at all, by any (no) means, neither, never, no (at all), in no case (wise), nor ever, not (at all, in any wise).
- NT:3364 ou me (oo may); i.e. NT:3756 and NT:3361; a double negative strengthening the denial; not at all: KJV - any more, at all, by any (no) means, neither, never, no (at all), in no case (wise), nor ever, not (at all, in any wise). Compare NT:3378.
- Hurt (#984) in the Greek means to hinder, to injure, and is translated in the KJV as hurt.
- NT:984 blapto (blap'-to); a primary verb; properly, to hinder, i.e. (by implication) to injure: KJV - hurt.

**SIGN TO THE UNBELIEVER:** "In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord. 22 Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe." 1 Cor 14:21 NKJ)

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**BUILDING FAITH:** "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit..." (Jude 20-21)

Build (#2026) in the Greek means to build upon, i.e. (figuratively) to rear up:

- NT:2026 epoikodomeo (ep-oy-kod-om-eh'-o); from NT:1909 and NT:3618; to build upon, i.e. (figuratively) to rear up: KJV - build thereon (thereupon, on, upon).
- Faith (#4102) in the Greek means persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: and is translated in the KJV as assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.
- NT:4102 pistis (pis'-tis); from NT:3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: KJV - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

**SUPPLICATION:** "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" (Eph 6:18)

- Supplication (#1162) in the Greek means a petition, and is translated in the KJV as prayer, request, supplication.
- NT:1162 deesis (deh'-ay-sis); from NT:1189; a petition: KJV - prayer, request, supplication.

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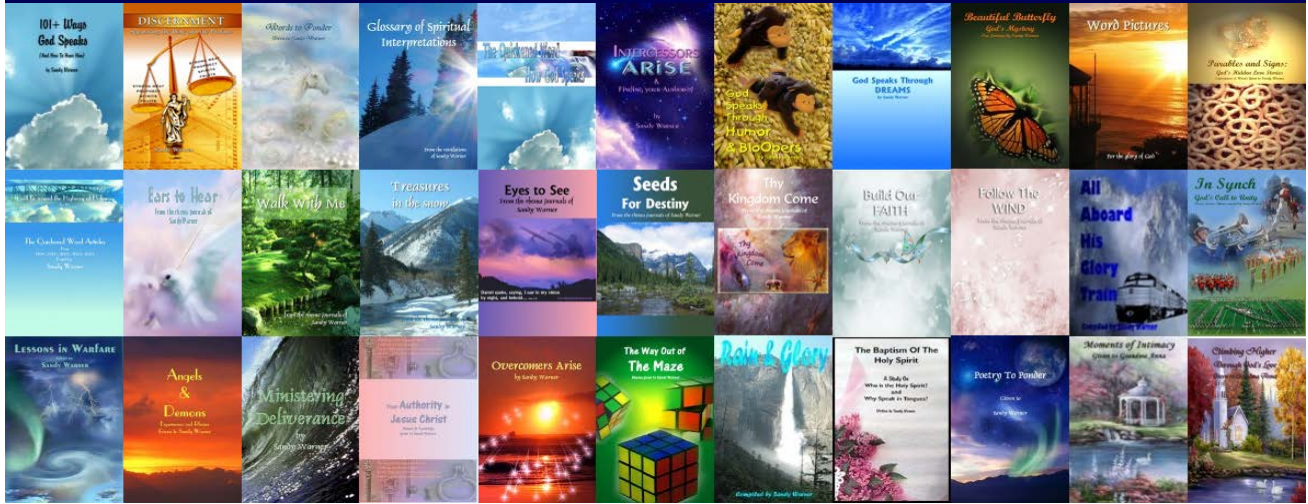
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