

God

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Delivering Hope To A
Lost And Dying World

I Am Nothing

God expects you to come to Him at all times **humbly**, with a **pure and contrite heart**. Your attitude should constantly be: **"I Am Nothing."** God wants you to be free from all selfish desires, unrighteousness, and sin. Always confess your sins right away to God and ask for His Help to **stop** thinking or doing **anything** that would **cause separation between you and Him**. God desires **unbroken intimacy and faithfulness** from you. Respond to Him. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8. **"If we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins**, and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**" 1 John 1:9. After Jesus forgives your sins, and removes all condemnation, and the death penalty that your sins require, He expects you to **submit to Him** and to "go, and sin no more." John 8:11. Never allow anything to separate you from **Jesus Christ, your First Love**. "And thou shalt **love the Lord thy God** with all thy **heart**, and with all thy **soul**, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment." Mark 12:30. Remain humble. See Romans 12:3. "I can of mine **own self do nothing...**" John 5:30. You need to **continually maintain your faith and love** for God, and for Jesus Christ. "Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, **because thou hast left thy first love**. Remember therefore from whence thou art **fallen**, and **repent**, and **do** the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, **except thou repent.**" Revelation 2:4-5. You **show Jesus you love Him by doing the things He asked you to do**. **"If ye love me, keep my commandments."** John 14:15. Your **obedience** shows God that you are **nothing** apart from Him, while disobedience shows that you desire to **rebel against God**, living independently and apart from Him. "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you **life and death**, blessing and cursing: **therefore choose life**, that both thou and thy seed **may live**: That thou mayest **love the LORD thy God**, *and* that thou mayest **obey his voice**, and that thou mayest **cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days**: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them." Deuteronomy 30:19-20. Whom you **choose to serve will determine your eternal destiny**. **"Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods** which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; **and serve ye the LORD**. And **if it seem evil** unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day whom ye will serve**; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD**. And the people answered and said, **God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;**" Joshua 24:14-16. Are you willing to **surrender** to God and to Jesus Christ, or do you desire to have it your way? You will either have **faith and confidence in God** or you will have doubt and unbelief.

Faith Is An Action

Faith requires action on your part. First you must **declare that you believe** in God and in Jesus. Salvation is a gift God freely gives, to all who repent and turn from their sins, and choose to believe in Jesus. **“For by grace are ye saved through faith...”** Ephesians 2:8. **Faith is believing that you have something, before you see the desired result**, or the thing that you are seeking. Your lifestyle should change, always striving to glorify God. **Your words and your actions**, should line up with what **God Says, and you should no longer be led around by your sinful thoughts, desires, emotions, or feelings**. Faith requires you to trade your old, sinful, worldly life, for a brand new life, glorifying and serving Jesus Christ. You show God that you believe Him by producing good fruit. **Trust, acknowledge**, and submit to God, and **no longer** lean on your own wisdom, knowledge, abilities, or understanding. See Proverbs 3:5-6. Unbelief is when you choose to deny God or Jesus. Whenever you stop fully believing in God, Jesus Christ, or in any of **God’s Promises** contained in God’s Word, you will **cause a breach, or separation, between yourself and God**, which is called **sin**. **“...whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”** Romans 14:23. It is God’s Desire that you continually **walk in unbroken faith**, never giving any entrance to sin by doubting Him. See James 1:2-8. Many people get in trouble and pride, by choosing to rely on their own wisdom, instead of always trusting in God, and in Jesus Christ, abiding with Him. Apart from Jesus, you can do nothing. See John 15:4-10. Jesus expects that you will demonstrate your faith, by your **obedience** to Him. **Faith** is essential to pleasing God. **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”** **“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”** Hebrews 11:1,6.

Faith is acting on God’s Word, and requires you to have **knowledge** of God’s Word. **“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”** Romans 10:17. **Be careful: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”** Hosea 4:6. Diligently spend time every day pursuing God, and Jesus Christ, in **prayer and Bible study**. **If you seek after, and draw near to God, He will draw near to you**. How you approach God matters. You need to treat every encounter with God with worship and with reverence. **“...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts...”** James 4:6-8. **The Christian walk is one of faith and perseverance**. Glorify God by walking in love, faithfully following after Jesus in every area of your life. **Demonstrate you believe God’s Word is always true by hearing and acting on it**. It is impossible for God to lie! **“...hath he said, and shall he not do it?”** Numbers 23:19. Show that you love and glorify God by keeping His Commandments. See John 14:15.

Reverence

Once you **decide to have faith** in God and Jesus, you are expected to be **faithful** to God and Jesus, continually **showing your faith** by your actions, thoughts, and words. After you have confessed that Jesus Christ is Your Lord, God expects you to keep your word, by honoring your agreement to Him to be faithful. Many Christians claim to follow God, but their words and actions are far from the faith that they have professed. Ask God to order your life, and order each day, in a manner that is pleasing to Him. Take every thought captive to Christ, and be careful with every word that proceeds out of your mouth. God is watching everything you do, think, and say. “For **by thy words** thou shalt be **justified**, and **by thy words** thou shalt be **condemned.**” “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; **but their heart is far from me.**” Matthew 12:37, 15:8. **Many Christians do not actively, or regularly, partake of God’s Word because they are afraid of God’s Word exposing their heart.** “For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.” Hebrews 4:12-13. You must allow God’s Word to correct and teach you. Reverence begins by you acknowledging God’s Holiness and Sovereignty. When you worship God, you are declaring that you honor Him, and that you believe God to be who He Said He Is. A dangerous sin is placing someone or something before God as an idol in your life. They become your god, and you deny The True God the reverence and honor, that you had professed to always give to Him. “I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and **my glory will I not give to another**, neither my praise to graven images.” Isaiah 42:8. “Thou shalt have **no** other gods before me.” Exodus 20:3. Reverence is a lifestyle that confirms your faith in God. Do not make the mistake of trying to approach The Almighty God in an improper manner. You approach God with humility, reverence, worship, honor, and a pure and contrite heart, once your sins are forgiven and washed through Jesus Christ’s Blood Sacrifice. Having a lifestyle of **faith** honors God. You are to be an Ambassador of Jesus Christ to the world, by your words and actions. People will examine you, and look to see if you really live what you profess to believe. Reverence, prayer, and Bible study are keys to living a faithful life that pleases God. Forgive yourself and others. “After this manner therefore pray ye: **Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done** in earth, as *it is* in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but **deliver us from evil:** For **thine** is the **kingdom**, and the power, and the **glory**, for ever. Amen.” Matthew 6:9-13. As you honor, acknowledge and reverence God, **you will focus on God, not on self.**

Virtue

Virtue requires that you have **moral excellence** in the lost and dying world that you see around you. Virtue is your ability **to walk in** God's Righteousness, and Goodness, which will come from having a strong, dedicated relationship with God, through Jesus. God desires you to have right standing with Him at all times, always abiding in faith in Him. You are to abide in **Jesus' right standing** with God, The Father, by faith, in love. Expect God to faithfully keep **all** of His Promises. Worship and glorify Him at **all** times. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things *are honest*, whatsoever things *are just*, whatsoever things *are pure*, whatsoever things *are lovely*, whatsoever things *are of good report*; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, **think on these things**. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." Philippians 4:8-9.

Virtue is **doing the right thing**, giving God **the proper priority, time**, reverence, and respect that He Is Due. **Your focus should always be firmly fixed on Jesus Christ. Refuse to look on anything or anyone else.** "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the **race** that is set before us, **Looking unto** Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith..." Hebrews 12:1-2. Christianity is about **being right with God**. "For in him we live, and move, and have our being..." Acts 17:28. **In everything, we are to walk by faith and not by sight, and we must not judge others.** See 2 Corinthians 5:7, 5:16. **Our righteousness comes only through Jesus Christ.** We do not become righteous by our works, but our works demonstrate our love for Jesus and our desire to glorify Him. Do not focus your sight on the problems, instead at all times simply focus on and **look unto Jesus**.

Consecration and **holiness** are expected of every Christian Believer. You are to **set yourself apart** to God, always giving **Him the priority He Deserves in your life**. God Demands and Expects that you will give Him the **first**, and the **best, of everything that you have**. This starts with **your intimacy with Him**, which includes **how much undivided, quality time, commitment, attention, worship, reverence, devotion, and love that you give to Him**. **Is God the priority in your life, or do you permit people, your own self, other things, tv, or entertainment to have priority over God?** Being a **good and faithful** steward is required of every Believer. "**Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**" 1 Corinthians 4:2. "**Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.**" "**And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;**" Colossians 3:2, 3:23. "**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;** and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33. "For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power." 1 Corinthians 4:20. Flee all distractions and love The Lord with all your heart and soul.

Consecration

The devil goes about like a roaring lion, seeing who he can destroy and devour. Your level of consecration to God, will either serve to allow the enemy to attack you, or will help to keep the enemy away from you. Anyone can tell someone that they love them and will be faithful to them. A wedding ceremony is much different than being married. Anyone can say a few words, and promise to be faithful to their spouse, but to be able to keep the vow they made, requires loyalty, commitment, time and effort on their part. Your consecration to God shows Him your seriousness and your level of commitment. If you truly love someone, you will desire to make the effort to spend quality time with them to get to know them deeper. A lack of time shows them your lack of commitment.

Consecration is dedicating yourself fully to God to be pure, **holy**, faithful and obedient. Compromise is when you place someone or something else in place of God's **rightful place** in your life, which invites **sin**, causing **separation from God**. Sin demonstrates disobedience to God, and violates your promise of consecration, to be **faithful** to Him. When you are truly consecrated to God, you will freely **surrender everything to Him**. Yielding control of every area of your life to God can be one of the hardest things for a Christian to do, but it is required. Absolute surrender involves giving up, admitting that you can not do things on your own, crucifying your flesh, and completely dying to **self**. **You must not allow the world, and people**, to control, manipulate, or intimidate you.

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,” 2 Corinthians 6:17. **“Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”** 1 John 2:15. **“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world** is enmity with God? **whosoever...will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**”** James 4:4. **“And he said to *them* all, **If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.”** **“So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.”** Luke 9:23-24, 14:33. **“...If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you **free.**”** John 8:31-32. **“The sacrifices of God *are* a **broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.**”** Psalm 51:17.

Repentance requires **yielding to God** and **turning away from sin**. Once you repent, God expects you to receive His Righteousness through Jesus Christ and to seek after His Holiness. You are **not** to continue on sinning, but are to grow in your faithfulness to Him, being built up in faith, by **spending time** in prayer and reading His Holy Word. Desire to be so yielded to God, that you will instantly **obey** Him without any questions.

Healing

Healing is God's Will for everyone. Jesus went around healing people. Sickness and diseases are the result of something not functioning properly. "**Beloved, I wish above all things** that thou mayest **prosper and be in health**, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2. People are sick due to many reasons, including demonic attacks, curses, infections, toxins, chemical imbalances in the body, diet, and a lack of knowledge. See Hosea 4:6. There are many preventative steps you can take to make sure your body, soul, and spirit are nourished, and protected, from attacks against your health. You need to be full of God's Word, concerning healing and faith, so that you can draw upon it as needed. **Communication with God, Your Creator, through prayer is essential**, and will warn you of coming attacks and give you the steps you can take to protect yourself. "**The thief** cometh not, but for **to steal**, and **to kill**, and **to destroy: I am come** that they might **have life**, and that they might have **it more abundantly**." John 10:10. Many people will look to justify why they have not been healed by God, and some blame God for the lack of healing. Healing requires faith in God, and doing what God Said, believing the whole counsel of His Inerrant Word. Jesus said, "...It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4. It is up to you to learn how to properly take care of, maintain, and feed your body, mind, and spirit, so that they glorify God. Always treat The Temple Of The Holy Spirit with honor and with respect. "What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body**, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. Neglect of your body and spirit has consequences. You can not reasonably expect a good harvest where you have not planted good seeds. You must take responsibility for all your actions. You will reap what you sow. If you do not maintain your car, it will eventually break down. Many Christians experience a break down in their body, mind, or emotions, then cry out to God for help, and some even blame Him for the problem. Thankfully, God Is Faithful, and will help to restore you, if you ask in **faith** for His Help. You need to **remove all uncertainty about if it is God's Will to heal you**. You will either believe God or will reject Him. To reject or to deny God's Word is to **doubt God**. Anyone who doubts God should not expect to receive anything from God. "But let him **ask in faith**, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For **let not** that man think that **he shall receive** any thing of the Lord." James 1:6-7. **Faith** is essential to receive salvation, healing, or anything from God, as it moves The Hand Of God. Without faith it is impossible to please God. See Hebrews 11:6. Faith involves knowing, believing, and then acting on God's Word. "So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17. Be filled with, believe, and also confess the many Healing Promises from God's Word.

Fight

There is a **spiritual battle** all around you, where the enemy **will fight against** your divine destiny from God. **You need to fight**, to become who God **has destined** you to become. You will either **cooperate with God** on fulfilling your **God-given destiny**, or you will **be deceived** into giving up, and not fulfilling your destiny. The choice is yours. **Fight for your healing. Fight for your deliverance. Fight for your destiny in God.**

Preparation is required, before you can go out on the battlefield, to fight the good fight of faith. Every **sin** in your life gives the enemy a thing to accuse and attack you about. **Surrender your life totally to God**, and ask Him to remold, reshape, and remake you, so that you line up with His Perfect Will. **Repentance is required** of you for **all sins** that **still remain** in your life, trying to manipulate and control you. Seek Holiness. **“Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.”** Leviticus 20:7. **“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy** in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.”** 1 Peter 1:15-16. **“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:”** Hebrews 12:14. God set guidelines for every Christian’s behavior. Unfortunately many neglect God’s Instructions in His Word on how to be an overcomer. The Sword Of The Spirit is a mighty weapon, available to all Christian Believers. You must use it properly.

You have to **fight to attain** what you desire. If you want a spiritual breakthrough, you must **diligently hold on, until you receive it.** **“And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.”** Genesis 32:34. God wants you to get to the place of complete **surrender** to His Will and His Ways, so that you will receive your spiritual breakthrough. God is watching to see how dedicated you are to Him, and how you will approach and treat Him. If you ignore God, except when you need something, then you have not yet developed your relationship with Him. A deep, abiding **relationship with God and Jesus**, is the key to **glorifying God** and intimacy. **Ask God to purge you of all selfishness, pride, sin, and rebellion you may have.** **“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.”** Psalm 51:10-11.

A relationship takes work. You must be prepared to do whatever it takes to **fight for it.** Many people want to receive healing, deliverance, and miracles, but they are holding on to sin, and are not ready to **repent** yet. Until you **repent**, your problems can **not** be completely solved, as **sin** still has a **hold on you.** **“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.** Fight the **good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life**, whereunto thou art also called, and hast **professed a good profession** before **many witnesses.”** 1 Timothy 6:11-12.

Prayer

Prayer is **communication** with God. Prayer allows you to tap into unlimited resources that **are available to you** through The Name Of Jesus. **You pray to God**, The Father, in The Name Of Jesus Christ. Be sure to keep your communication lines open to God, by keeping yourself **pure** and **free from sin**. Stay clear of all unbelief, unforgiveness, and judging others. Build up faith, and renew your mind, by daily reading God's Word. Pray without ceasing, giving **thanks** to God in all things. Worship and reverence God, and **expect God** to answer your prayers. Pray with determination and faith, believing you have received what you are asking God for. When you are unsure what, or how to pray, ask The Holy Spirit to guide you. **When you pray, do not just ask God to give you things, but spend time worshipping and glorifying Him, thanking Him, and speaking His Word. God wants a relationship with you.** Prayer is the way that you communicate with The Creator Of The Universe. Stand in awe of Him, and be grateful for each and every thing that God has blessed you with. **"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."** 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Prayer is a powerful weapon in spiritual warfare and in your life. **You are to live by every word that God Speaks.** See Matthew 4:4. **Words are very powerful.** You also have been given the **keys to bind and to loose things.** That is why you must **guard every word that comes out of your mouth.** **"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."** Psalm 19:14. **"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."** **"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."** Matthew 10:32-33, 12:36-37. **The words that you confess will affect your destiny.** **"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..."** Proverbs 23:7. The enemy will try to get you **to confess wrong words** to abort God's Divine Destiny. **"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."** James 5:16. Prayer accomplishes **much**, and you should, **"Pray without ceasing."** 1 Thessalonians 5:17. The key to prayer, or communication with God, is **to pray in faith believing that you received what you ask**, because you have **maintained your faith in Him and are in proper alignment with Him.** **"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God."** **"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."** Mark 11:22,24. Be sure to **forgive others and not ask amiss.** See James 4:2-3. **Faith involves expecting God to perform His Word.** **"...According to your faith be it unto you."** Matthew 9:29. Faith expects God's Best. Fears expect the worst. **All things are possible with God.**

All Things Are Possible With God

“Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh: **is there any thing too hard for me?**” Jeremiah 32:27. Since nothing is impossible for God, and God responds according to your faith, all things are possible for you, if you have faith in God. Many Christians are not walking in the blessings of God, because they are **not** expecting **God to Do What He Said**. All of God’s Promises in Christ are Yes and Amen, if you would **only believe and expect them**. “For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.” 2 Corinthians 1:20. You will derail and abort **God’s Promises** when you chose to **doubt** them, or when you **do not expect them to come to pass**. You must have faith in God, **being fully persuaded of God’s Promises in His Word**. “**He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief**; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; **And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform**. And therefore it **was imputed to him for righteousness**.” Romans 4:20-22. Faith gives to us Christ’s Righteousness, or right standing with God. The essence of Christianity is living your life **always claiming The Promises of God**. You must forgive others so God forgives you. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to **forgive us *our* sins**, and to **cleanse us** from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9. Many people **unfortunately stagger** at The Promises Of God **through unbelief**, like those who refuse to believe God’s Promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. You must find God’s Promises and believe them in faith, without doubting or wavering. **Expectancy is the key** to unlocking the **manifestation** of God’s Promises in your life. “Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth**.” “And Jesus looking upon them saith, **With men *it is* impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible**.” Mark 9:23, 10:27. “**For with God nothing shall be impossible**.” Luke 1:37. **It is impossible for God to lie or go back on His Promises**. “**God *is* not a man, that he should lie**; neither the son of man, that he should repent: **hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?**” Numbers 23:19. “**...*it was* impossible for God to lie...**” Hebrews 6:18. **Decide to take God at His Word**. Since He can not lie, **He must faithfully perform His Word**. All God asks is that **you believe and expect** that He will **do everything** He promised. “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but **it shall accomplish** that which I please, and **it shall prosper *in the thing*** whereto I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11. “**...I will hasten my word to perform it**.” Jeremiah 1:12. Hold onto the many promises from God and fully believe what God Said. Faith can start small, like the mustard seed, and grow into something big and mighty. **Pray with the assurance**: If God has made a promise, it shall come to pass. “And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to **his will**, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever **we ask, we know that we have** the petitions that we desired of him.” 1 John 5:14-15. “**...when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them***.” Mark 11:24.

Relevant

The Gospel is just as relevant today as it was in the time of Jesus. People are hurting, depressed, lost, and in need of being restored back into a **right** relationship with God. Many people are being deceived, and **put in bondage** by various addictions and sins. Put faith into action. **“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”** James 1:22. **“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”** John 14:15. Actively share God’s Truth, so others may be saved, healed, delivered, and **set free from the captivity and the penalty of sin.** Jesus commissioned us to, **“...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” Mark 16:15-16.

God, The Creator, desires a close relationship with people, and is “...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9. God does **not want** any person **to be separated from Him.** That is why He desires people to **repent, to turn from their sins and follow Jesus Christ.** Many will reject His offer. **God “...commandeth all men every where to repent:”** Acts 17:30 **and believe Him.**

When a person **repents** of their sins, they are **agreeing to be bound by God’s Will** for their life, and **promise** to no longer live in **rebellion** and disobedience toward God. **“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”** Romans 3:23. People need to have their sins forgiven. Jesus is the only way to remove their separation from God. **“...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”** Acts 2:38.

Follow Apostle Paul’s example, to tell people **“...that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.”** Acts 26:20. Jesus said, **“...Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”** Luke 24:46-47. **God is looking for people, and nations, that would repent of their sins and turn their hearts to Him.**

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14. **Jesus Christ came to redeem us from the penalty of sin, so we might have access to Father God. Jesus never encouraged that you remain in a sinful lifestyle.** **“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”** 2 Corinthians 6:17-18. **Faithfully follow Jesus. Impact the world, and “Abstain from all appearance of evil.”** 1 Thessalonians 5:22.

Desiring God

Once you have a **desire** for God, and truly experience Him, there is **no turning back**. **“O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.”** Psalm 34:8. **“Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”** Matthew 5:6. **“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”** Psalm 37:4. God invites and draws a person to come to Him. It is up to that person to respond to God. **“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”** John 6:44. **Apart from God, I am nothing. It is only by God’s Grace and Drawing Power that you can respond to Him in faith through Jesus Christ.** **“My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.”** Psalm 63:8. God desires to be experienced by you. It is a shame that more people do not accept God’s Free Offer: to **repent**, and have **faith** in Him. **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”** Matthew 6:33. **“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”** Proverbs 3:5-6. You should hunger and thirst after God, **and not be satisfied to only believe God**, being justified by your faith in Jesus Christ. **You are to long for God, desiring all of Him.** Christianity is about the pursuit of a **deep relationship with God**. Do not be content with just a little, limited taste of God. Completely **hunger after God**.

God is a Person, with feelings, who desires to **express love**, and to **be loved by you**. **Draw near to God**, cry out, pursue Him, and **desire** to experience intimacy with Him. **God’s Presence comes** in response to your **intimacy with Him**. **“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.”** James 4:8. See Hebrews 10:19-25. **“...I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *is* thy people. And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.”** **“And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.”** Exodus 33:13-14, 33:18. **God created you, so that you should seek Him and find Him.** **“That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:”** Acts 17:27. You show God that you love Him by **keeping** His Commands and **not denying** Jesus.

You draw near to God through your **humble submission** to Him. See James 4:6-10. Jesus is **“...the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;”** Hebrews 5:9. You are to take up your cross, **deny your flesh**, walk in The Spirit, and follow Christ. **“...Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”** Galatians 5:16. It is when you deny yourself and fully submit to Jesus, that you enjoy intimacy with God. Intimacy requires that you become dead to your own selfish carnal desires and wants, and follow after His Will. Draw near to God, **by obedience to Christ**. See John 14:23.

Let God Arise

If you **Let God Arise** in all areas of your life, and go **deeper** in your intimacy with Him, the enemy will have no choice but to flee from you. Your faithfulness and consecration **determines how far, or how close, the enemy can get near you** to attack you. **“Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.”** Psalm 68:1-2. **Attempt to draw so near to God**, and to Jesus Christ, that **you will be covered** under The Shadow Of The Almighty. Let God be your covering, mighty fortress, and shield. “He that dwelleth 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. Surely he shall deliver thee** from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence. He shall **cover thee** with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: **his truth shall be thy shield** and buckler.” “Because he hath **set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high**, because he hath known my name. **He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.**” Psalm 91:1-4, 91:14-16. God desires you to **love Him** unconditionally.

You are to master the art of yielding to God. Allow God to get all the glory in all things. “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, **that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**” 2 Corinthians 4:7. Allow God, and Jesus, to increase in your life, and allow yourself to decrease. **“He must increase, but I must decrease.”** John 3:30. **“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”** Galatians 2:20-21. God desires both intimacy and faithfulness from you. Intimacy comes when you **know God’s Heart**, and involves the knowledge you gain about God **by experiencing Him. Intimacy can not come** by reading books or hearing sermons, but **only comes** when **you make time**, get **quiet** before God, **pray**, and **ask** The Holy Spirit to help you, and **meditate** on The Scriptures, waiting on God to give you the revelation of Who He Is. **Fix all of your attention upon Jesus**, looking at Him and beholding Him, to **examine and experience Him. Lay aside all sin, and anything that will separate you from God.** “...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **Looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2. See Psalm 27:4, 2 Corinthians 4:6, and also Colossians 2:2-3. **Draw everything** that you need from **Jesus**, who is **the source of all things** that you need.

Rebellion

It makes **no sense** to take the time and effort to evangelize, and share The Gospel Of Jesus Christ with people, **yet fail to warn them about the dangers** of sin, **pride**, and rebellion. If you share The Gospel, and a person repents of their sins, and believes on Jesus Christ, that is a very good thing. Do not leave them there. Warn them that there is an enemy who will be coming, to deceive them, and to steal away the faith that they have just professed. If you fail to warn them, they will likely be blindsided by the attack of the enemy. That is why Jesus called us to **make disciples**, and not just converts to Christianity. **Disciples are better grounded in God's Word**, and will be able to stand when the times of testing and winds of trouble come. **"...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."** John 8:31-32. The enemy comes to **steal The Word**, and to **blind people from being able to read and to understand God's Word**. See Mark 4:3-9, 4:14-20. "Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion**, walketh about, seeking whom **he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith...**" 1 Peter 5:8-9. **Forgive others**. "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are **not ignorant of his devices.**" 2 Corinthians 2:11. **"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."** John 10:10. You must warn new Christians of the enemy, **so that they are not deceived** by the enemy's devices. Many people **fall away** from the faith due to becoming **disillusioned, deceived**, ashamed, or offended. Others **are enticed by sin, power, pride, cares of the world, or by the love of money.**

Rebellion is choosing to disobey God, to get your **power**, wisdom, and knowledge from **some other source** that is not from God. The enemy deceived Eve by promising her a source of knowledge apart from God, where she could be like a god, in control of her own life, living independently, being disconnected, and in rebellion against God.

Jesus came, and paid such a high price, by shedding **His Blood**, to reconnect people back so they may have right standing with God. Jesus fully dealt with the sin issue, so the death penalty sin demanded was paid in full for those who chose to repent of their sins and truly believe on Him. The Christian walk is all about **being purged** from the world, selfish desires, and everything else that causes you to be **separated** from God. Jesus died and is your Sacrifice for sin. Daily **walk out** your profession of faith in **Him**. Receive righteousness, right standing with God, through **having faith in** Jesus Christ. **Faith is** a lifestyle of putting your hope, confidence, trust, and expectancy in God, and in Jesus Christ. God wants you to **believe** and **love** Him, so you can develop intimacy with Him. Your relationship with God is to be maintained and treasured. God **does not** want to spend eternity around people who are in **rebellion** against Him. "Now faith is the **substance of things hoped for, the evidence** of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1.

Vanity

You are either **with God**, or you **are against Him**. The world's systems are designed to be like a big casino, or a lottery, **to steal your life, and your divine destiny**, either slowly or quickly, **by encouraging you to put your hope, faith, and trust in them, as your source**. **The devil is the ultimate con artist, taking advantage of people's weaknesses**, deceiving people to be ignorant of, and violate, God's Laws, so that **sin** may overtake them and bind them. God said that **"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee..."** Hosea 4:6. God has not left us powerless! We have mighty weapons, authority, and power available to us. Too few Christians are currently aware of the many mighty tools and resources that God has provided for **us, to defeat all** of the attacks of the enemy. The enemy uses meaningless things to try and distract you from discovering the truth.

Vanity means that **something is worthless**, or is **meaningless**. **Vanity is a snare**, designed to **trap** and **destroy** you, which **lures or tempts you to sin**, so you become **separated from God**. Many people choose to **reject Christ**, and instead **follow after worldly pleasures, sin, deception**, selfish pursuits, riches, pride, and entertainment. Check out what **fascinates you**, and what preoccupies your time and your money. **Do you like to:** gamble, shop, gossip, watch many hours of meaningless television or movies, or indulge in pornography, masturbation, adultery, fornication, lusts, or other sexual sins? Are you continually focused on your own **selfish desires** and pleasures?

"Awake to righteousness, and sin not..." 1 Corinthians 15:34. Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart and is waiting for you to receive Him. This is a limited-time offer. "There is a way which **seemeth right** unto a man, but the **end** thereof *are* the ways of **death**." Proverbs 14:12. God hates sin, because it separates people from Him. Jesus came **to pay the penalty for sin**. "But now being made **free** from sin, and become servants to God, **ye have your fruit unto holiness**, and the end **everlasting life**. **For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**." Romans 6:22-23. **Jesus forgave sins**, and told people to **go, and sin no more**. See John 5:14, 8:11. "**He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God...whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.**" 1 John 3:8-10. **King Solomon learned that everything apart from God was vanity**. See Ecclesiastes. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.**" Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. **Look unto Jesus**.

Power

God's Power is much greater than that of the enemy. The enemy knows this, and tries to deceive you, to **hide** this truth, so **you will not be empowered** through Jesus, and **you will not use The Mighty Power** that you have available to you. **God's Word promises** "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13. "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4. "...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Romans 8:37. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD." Isaiah 54:17. "And he answered, **Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.**" 2 Kings 6:16. You have been given authority through Christ, and are eligible to be entrusted with power. Discover, **claim**, and **believe** the **many promises** from God.

The key to walking in God's Power is being led by The Holy Spirit, being yielded to God's Will through Jesus Christ, living in a selfless, consecrated, and holy manner **without sin**, desiring intimacy with God, and deeply hungering and thirsting after Him.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power** is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**" Matthew 28:18-20. God's Power confirms the preaching of His Word. Make sure you do not go out in your own strength, but in **Christ's Strength and Power**. Yield your will to His. Believe that you are nothing, and **He is Everything**. In Him you live and move. **Through Jesus Christ, you are greater** than any enemy! "Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me**, the works that I do shall he **do also**; and **greater works than these shall he do**; because I go unto my Father. **And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**" John 14:12-14. You have been given by Jesus the keys of The Kingdom Of Heaven, **to bind** and **to loose things on earth**, and it **shall likewise be done** in Heaven. See Matthew 16:19, 18:18. You have also been given authority over all the power of the enemy. The power of the enemy must **bow** to The Higher Power of Jesus Christ. **Properly exercise** His Power. "**Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**" Luke 10:19. **Remain humble at all times, knowing that this power comes from God, and that you are only a vessel His Power flows through.** "**If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**" John 15:7.

Victory

The Christian life is to be **lived victoriously! Triumphantly abide in Christ's Victory** over **sin**, the **world**, and the **enemy**. "For whatsoever is born of God **overcometh the world**: and this **is the victory** that overcometh the world, **even our faith**." 1 John 5:4. You are to live **as an overcomer**, through Jesus Christ, always demonstrating by your **faith** the Triumphant Victory Of Jesus Christ, and the spectacle of the enemy's defeat. "...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy the works of the devil**." 1 John 3:8. "**And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it**." Colossians 2:15. **Jesus Won!** You have already **won**, through Jesus Christ's Victory. The enemy has been defeated. **Abide in Faith**, believing, and embracing, **The Victory that Jesus already won**, and share this Good News, so that others may **be saved** and **redeemed** from destruction. Tell all people that **God wants them to be reconciled to Him through Jesus Christ**. God wants people to accept, and believe, that Jesus Christ's Blood Sacrifice already has paid the penalty that their sins required, so they are now **reconciled** back to God. You are justified, and declared righteous in God's Sight, when you have faith in Jesus. "Therefore **being justified by faith, we have peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: **By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God**." Romans 5:1-2. "*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit*. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:1-2. God has empowered us through Christ. "**And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation**;" 2 Corinthians 5:18. "Who is he that **overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?**" 1 John 5:5. "...**let us hold fast our profession**." "Let us therefore **come boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:14, 4:16. "**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death**." Revelation 12:11. You are to enforce The Victory, over the world, and over the enemy, who will lie, and try to deceive people into believing that Jesus did not win The Victory. **Everything must bow at The Name Of Jesus**. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; **And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, **as ye have always obeyed**, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling**." Philippians 2:9-12. Joyfully **declare** Christ's Victory. "**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly**." John 10:10.

Healing Power

Since God's Word can not lie, have faith and apply His Word to healing, and to **every situation**. Build up your faith. **Boldly confess God's Word with authority, receiving according to your faith.** "...According to your faith be it unto you." Matthew 9:29. Prayer is good and needed, but it does not take the place of you exercising authority. **"Behold, I give unto you power** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy:** and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19. Jesus expects you to **walk in His Authority** He has given you, and **exercise that authority, to impact and change your life, the lives of others, and the world all around you.** **The Holy Spirit is The Power** backing up The Authority that you have in Jesus Christ. Many Christians believe that God can heal, but few know they have **Jesus' Authority**. To exercise authority with power, **have faith**, be fully consecrated, and remove all sin. It is essential to take God at His Word and **boldly** proclaim and **believe** His Promises. **"O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."** Believe God's Word, in faith, without doubting or wavering. Have a renewed mind that **has been washed by the water of God's Word.** **"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."** Romans 10:17. **"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,"** Jude 1:20. **"...It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."** Matthew 4:4. **"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.** Let them **not depart** from thine eyes; **keep them** in the midst of thine heart. For they **are life** unto those that **find them**, and **health** to all their flesh. Keep thy **heart** with all **diligence**; for out of it **are** the issues of life." Proverbs 4:20-23.

Get rid of all unbelief. Have faith, forgive all, obey God's Will, and always walk in love. Always **give thanks to God** for the **healing** in advance. **"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."** 1 Thessalonians 5:18. God expects you **to use the authority** Jesus Christ paid for and has provided for you. **"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."** John 14:14. **To receive healing, you should have faith in God's Healing Ability,** and have **The Holy Spirit present.** **"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."** Hebrews 11:1. **Simply believe** in Jesus Christ, allowing yourself **to receive** from Him. **Consult God first,** concerning your healing, instead of relying on your wisdom. **Rest** (Hebrews 4:3) and **believe you have received what you asked for, In His Name.** **"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: 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.** 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." James 5:14-16. Fight the good fight of faith, believing. 1 Timothy 6:12.

Prayerlessness

God expects every Christian to daily communicate with Him. **Neglect** of prayer shows God that you do not value or care about your relationship with Him. When you choose to **exclude** God from your life, you cut yourself off, from the source of many blessings. Prayerlessness is an offense, and a sin against God. You make time for yourself, your friends, your job, for others, and for relaxation and entertainment. Is communicating with God your **top priority**? Do you give to Him your time, attention, and your talents?

Prayerlessness shows that your life is still being primarily controlled by your flesh, and not by God's Spirit. **You have not yet yielded control of all areas** of your life to God. He desires you to draw near Him with a pure and contrite heart in humble submission. Time spent in intimacy with God will **build up** your spiritual life. The lack of time spent with God will cause you to lack a powerful spiritual life. How can The Church do its job of winning the lost, when church members are not walking in daily intimacy with God?

You must daily partake of quality time spent in intimacy with God, to be **renewed and empowered**, so you can **properly face each day** that lies before you. "...**the inward man is renewed day by day.**" 2 Corinthians 4:16. "**Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing.** In every thing give thanks...Quench not the Spirit." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished **in the faith**, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7. **A continual, abiding faith in Jesus** is required. God is calling you to **repent**, so you **can be restored back to Him**, and be pardoned. He is looking for you to be humble, yielded and have a pure heart that is free from sin. Faith is continual believing, being demonstrated by your words, thoughts, and actions. Repentance is to forsake your own ways, and evil thoughts, and to return to The Lord. "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, **call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way**, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and **let him return unto the LORD**, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:6-7. Like the Prodigal Son, you are to **return back to God, leaving all your sinful ways behind**, and God will receive you back to Himself.

Spend time daily in intimacy with God, receiving strength **to walk out your salvation**. "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the **issues of life.**" Proverbs 4:20-23. **Believe on Jesus, fully relying on Him alone.** "...**the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20. **Look to Jesus, not yourself**, and maintain intimacy. **Live in His Presence, Rejoice in His Love, and Rest in Him.**

Grace

Grace is a free gift from God. It can not be earned or purchased by your works or money. Jesus Christ, by his death, paid the full penalty that your sin requires. Grace invites you to totally depend on God and Jesus. It is received by faith in what Jesus Christ already did, and paid for you. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*" Ephesians 2:8-10.

It is impossible to repay what Christ has done. Be a good receiver of this free gift, always glorifying God, and giving God thanks. Many people find it hard to receive grace from God through Jesus Christ, because they do not properly know how to love, or how to receive love. The enemy fights you at an early age to distort the meaning of love, so you do not receive God's Ultimate Expression Of Love, and instead receive rejection, guilt, shame, and condemnation. You will choose to live under grace, or under law. Receive the gift of Grace. "For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

The law condemns you to damnation, but God's Grace through Jesus frees you, and will give you eternal life. See Deuteronomy 30:19-20. Ask God for a revelation of His Love. Once you receive His Love, share it with others. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23. **God so loved you, that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to shed His Blood for your sins. Jesus desires you to "...repent ye, and believe the gospel."** Mark 1:15. **Repent, and turn away from your sins. Believe on Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** John 3:16. **Believe in Jesus, confessing Him as your Lord. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."** Romans 10:9-10. **Continually believe in God, and Jesus, in faith, as shown by your words, thoughts, and actions. Glorify God, in love, faithfully following Jesus. Identify with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection through baptism.**

Your life should be a living epistle of Christ, for all the world to see. Jesus desires you to go forth, and be a light in this dark world, sharing His Hope and Love with people. Have a daily, intimate relationship with Him, so that your spirit is renewed, day by day. Be a good and faithful example of Jesus Christ, through obedience to His Commands. **Have faith in God. Always be led by The Spirit, to be a faithful witness for Jesus.** God desires that all would come to repentance and have a deep knowledge of Him.

Living By Faith

God is pleased by faith. When you act in faith, you demonstrate that you **believe Him**. **“Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”** Hebrews 10:38. *See also* Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11. **God is faithful** to Keep His Promises and Covenants. His Promises are **received by faith**, after you are faithful to meet all conditions that He Established. All sins, including unbelief, unforgiveness, disobedience, and being judgmental **must be removed and repented of**, in order **to live by faith and receive God’s Promises**. **Love is required**, to live and receive by faith. Love God, and also love other people. A pure and **contrite heart** helps you to receive by faith, because you will ask properly. **Meditate upon, believe, and confess God’s Promises** from His Word, and receive everything by **faith**. If your heart is right before God, you will receive what you ask for. You have been made just, righteous, and put in right standing with God, through your **faith** in Jesus Christ, which makes you qualified, to draw and receive things from Him. **Your words** are backed by **God’s Power**, when you ask in faith, believing that you will receive what you ask for, **In Jesus’ Name. Have faith in God. “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”** Matthew 21:22. God is pleased when you faithfully walk like Jesus did. Jesus is your pattern for living. Remove all sin, confusion, and doubt. **Believe** it is God’s Will to **heal and deliver** you. **Walk by faith, not by sight. Be holy.** “...let us cleanse ourselves **from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**” 2 Corinthians 7:1. **Feed your spirit** so that it may increase, and **starve your flesh** which profits nothing. Replace all negative words with positive, faith-affirming words. **Confess God’s Word**. Faith is a lifestyle of continual belief in God, and in Jesus, by taking God at His Word, **fully trusting that He Will Perform It**. *See* Numbers 23:19. *Also* Psalm 119:137-144. Focus on God’s Promises instead of on your problems. **Believe that God Loves You**, that He is concerned about what you are facing, and that He will respond to your faith. Many are **deceived into abandoning their faith**, when God does not answer in **the way**, or in **the speed**, that they are expecting Him to answer. God knows what is **best for you. God desires to be believed and trusted by you**, without any disobedience. **Be careful what you think about**. If you **meditate on negative** things, they will steal your hope, **you will speak negative things**, and then **negative things will manifest**. Always meditate on God’s Word, **speak** positive things, and **expect** the manifestation. This involves faith. **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”** Hebrews 11:1. Faith comes by hearing The Word. Romans 10:17. **Words you confess, will affect** your destiny. **“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...”** Proverbs 23:7. **“Death and life are in the power of the tongue...”** Proverbs 18:21. The next time you receive a bad report, **refuse** to accept it, and **begin to confess** what God Said about the situation. **God’s Promises**, about a variety of subjects, are included later on in this book, which you can **confess** and use **to build up your faith**.

Pure Faith

Faith will **draw you close** to God. Sin will **separate** you from God. “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and **purify your** hearts, *ye* double minded.” James 4:8. “**The soul that sinneth, it shall die...**” Ezekiel 18:20. **God desires a pure and steadfast faith** from you, with **humility**, that is free from sin. You need steadfast faith because “...whatsoever *is not* of faith is **sin**.” Romans 14:23. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be ye stedfast, unmoveable**, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58. Have faith in God, and enter into **His Rest**. See Hebrews 4:1-11. There is a **resting faith**, where you trust God so much, that nothing going on around you will shake your faith. The enemy will fight **you from learning about resting faith**, because you will resist him and make him flee. **Purify your faith so it is unmovable.**

Faith must have certain attributes **added to it, to purify it, and to make it steadfast.** “Whereby are given unto us exceeding **great and precious promises**: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 1:4-8. This is God’s Recipe for living abundant life. **Be diligent** to add these things mentioned to your faith, combining them together in the correct order. To your faith, first add **virtue**, or moral excellence. Have a pure and right heart before God. Protect yourself with His Righteousness, through Jesus Christ, so you may be pure and holy before God. Next add **knowledge**, by reading and meditating on **God’s Word**, to be qualified to receive His Blessings. Next add **self-control** or temperance, by keeping your emotions under control. Let nothing bother or shake you. Add **patience**, to remain at peace, and **rest in faith**, while you wait for God to move. Then add **godliness**, by always acting in a **godly manner, properly representing God**. Add **brotherly kindness**, being **kind to other people**, no matter how they behave, or mistreat you. Finally, you must add **love to faith**, so that it may grow, blossom, and bear good fruit. Always walk in God’s Love. When you walk in faith, always make sure that your motives are pure and **not selfish**. Pray and believe for God’s Will to be fulfilled at all times. Some will have **selfish faith**, where they just believe and pray for things for themselves, without considering others. God is extremely pleased when you get to the place in faith that you ask for His Will to be accomplished in all things. “...**not my will, but thine, be done.**” Luke 22:42. If you seek first His Kingdom, and His Righteousness, all other things that you need shall be added unto you. See Matthew 6:33. Be diligent to walk **in pure faith** doing God’s Will. Water The Fruit of The Spirit in your life with **God’s Word** so that pure faith may grow.

Acts

Faith is not a passive activity, but must be accompanied by actions, or acts, serving to continually demonstrate that you believe God. Be careful how you spend your time. You will one day stand before The Almighty, to give an account of your stewardship. Faith without works, is dead, profiting nothing. **Acts** confirm faith. See James 2:14-26. Faith comes by hearing God's Word, and is confirmed by your actions. **"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."** James 1:22. **"Fight the good fight of faith..."** 1 Timothy 6:12. **The fight of faith is the only fight Christians need to fight! Acting in faith on God's Word is all that is necessary.** Jesus already defeated sin, the devil, and sickness. To prevent you from having faith, the **devil will fight you from having knowledge and understanding of God's Word.**

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." Hosea 4:6. **Hold onto God's Wisdom and Understanding.** **"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."** Proverbs 4:7. **What you do not understand, the enemy steals.** **"When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart.** This is he which received seed by the way side." Matthew 13:9. **The enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy.** See John 10:10.

Faith is acting on God's Word, and requires you to have **knowledge** of God's Word. **"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."** Romans 10:17. **The enemy fights you from hearing, understanding, believing, and acting in faith on, God's Promises from His Word.** You need a knowledge of God's Word, so you will have faith. Pray for wisdom and understanding. Spend time in God's Word. **God's Word works!** Pray to The Father, **In The Name Of Jesus,** exercising authority. **"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.** If ye shall ask any thing in my name, **I will do it."** John 14:13-14. **"And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: **ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."** John 16:23-24.

Live life filled with **joy** and acts of faith. God delights in fulfilling Promises in His Word. Meet conditions of His Promises. Receive everything by **faith** through Jesus. Flee sin. **"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."** Hebrews 12:1-2. Faithfully **run** the race God has given to you.

God's Promises

The following sections contain powerful promises from God's Word, which have been compiled to help you live a blessed life. Continually **abide in faith** in God's Promises. **Confess** and **believe** these promises. **Pray them**, with thanksgiving, In Jesus' Name, expecting them to produce good fruit. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1. Allow God's Word to change your life. "So then **faith cometh** by hearing, and hearing **by the word of God.**" Romans 10:17. **Discover, claim, believe, and act upon** the many Promises Of God. See 2 Peter 1:4. **Literally believe God's Word.** Meet God's Conditions. **Forgive** yourself and others. **Repent** of all your sins. Remove all doubt and unbelief. Patiently wait for your answer.

The Christian walk is about developing an intimate faith in God, and in Jesus Christ. God wants you to **believe, depend upon, and trust Him.** Sin is when you **doubt Him** or **His Promises**, and instead choose **to rely on** your own wisdom, understanding, or strength. You will either choose **dependence on God** or to **be rebellious** toward Him. Jesus, as our example, **was totally dependent upon God**, and **obedient** unto death. Be faithful to God, **being obedient** to His Spirit and His Word, and **crucify your flesh.**

Diligently hunger and thirst after God's Word and Righteousness. "Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: **for they shall be filled.**" Matthew 5:6.

Let these Promises from God's Word soak into and **renew your mind**, so that you will **completely believe God**, and will **not desire** to be independent or rebel against Him. Enter into God's Rest and **receive** everything He has prepared for you through Christ.

"**Call unto me, and I will answer thee**, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:3. "And ye shall **seek me**, and **find me**, when ye shall **search for me with all your heart.**" Jeremiah 29:13. God **desires** that you seek Him. Spend time daily in intimacy with God, and Jesus, so you may be properly equipped and empowered, to **go out and reach the lost and hurting** with The Gospel of Jesus.

Jesus has **given you His Name and Power**, for you to be His Witness, to evangelize the world. "But ye shall **receive power**, after that **the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...unto the uttermost part** of the earth." Acts 1:8.

God Sent His Word. Any time that God Desires to do something, He Sends His Word to accomplish it. You are to stand and rely on His Word. "...It is written..." Matthew 4:4. Preach God's Truth, by your actions, in love. God confirms the preaching of His Word with signs, wonders and miracles. See Mark 16:20, Hebrews 2:1-4, Acts 4:29-30, 14:3. God always faithfully performs His Word. **Believe what God Said**, holding on by faith.

Faith Promises

1. **“Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for *he* is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:”** Hebrews 10:23-24.
2. **“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”** Hebrews 12:1-2.
3. **“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”** Philippians 3:13-14.
4. **“So then *faith cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”** Romans 10:17.
5. **“Now *faith* is the *substance* of things *hoped* for, the *evidence* of things *not seen*.”** Hebrews 11:1.
6. **“(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)”** 2 Corinthians 5:7.
7. **“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”** Matthew 21:22.
8. **“But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.”** James 1:6-8.
9. **“But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God *must* believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”** Hebrews 11:6.
10. **“Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.”** Mark 9:23.

11. **“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.” “And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”** John 14:13-14, 16:23-24.

12. **“...According to your faith be it unto you.”** Matthew 9:29.

13. **“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”** John 15:7.

14. **“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”** Philippians 4:13.

15. **“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”** 2 Timothy 1:7.

16. **“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...unto the uttermost part of the earth.”** Acts 1:8.

17. **“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”** Luke 10:19.

18. **“And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.**”** Mark 11:22.

19. **“Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.”** Hebrews 10:38-39.

20. **“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; **and shall not doubt** in his heart, **but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**”** Mark 11:23.

21. **“...What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*. And when ye stand praying, **forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.**”** Mark 11:24-26.

22. **“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”** Matthew 18:19-20.

23. **“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”** John 14:15.

24. **“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto **good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should **walk in them.**” Ephesians 2:8-10.

25. **“And hereby we do know that **we know him, if we keep his commandments.**** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” 1 John 2:3-4.

26. **“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”** 1 John 5:14-15.

27. **“In every thing give thanks:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

28. **“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him...”** 2 Chronicles 16:9.

29. **“And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, **Except ye be converted, and become as little children,**** ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:2-4.

30. **“Fight the good fight of faith...”** 1 Timothy 6:12.

31. **“...whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.”** Romans 14:23.

32. **“The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.** Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better *it is to be* of an **humble spirit** with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.” Proverbs 16:17-19.

33. “And he answering said, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.**” Luke 10:27.
34. “Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**” John 6:29.
35. “But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and **follow after** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the **good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life**, whereunto thou art also called, and hast **professed a good profession** before **many witnesses.**” 1 Timothy 6:11-12.
36. “**Rest** in the LORD, and wait **patiently** for him...” Psalm 37:7.
37. “**But be ye doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” James 1:22.
38. “**Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.**” Psalm 119:114.
39. “...**If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**” John 8:31-32.
40. “**Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**” Hebrews 13:8.
41. “But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**” Matthew 4:4.
42. “Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and **he shall bring it to pass.**” Psalm 37:5.
43. “**Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.**” Romans 15:13.
44. “**There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.** For he that is entered into his rest, he also **hath ceased from his own works**, as God *did* from his. **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.**” Hebrews 4:9-11.
45. “**And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.**” Galatians 6:9.

Health Promises

1. **“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.” “And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”** John 14:13-14, 16:23-24. Command person to be healed/receive healing in Jesus’ Name.
2. **“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”** Galatians 3:13-14. Sickness is a curse of the law.
3. **“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”** Matthew 18:19-20. Healing based on The Power Of Agreement.
4. **“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: 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. 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.”** James 5:14-16.
5. **“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.
6. **“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”** 1 Peter 2:24.
7. **“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, *he* was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”** Isaiah 53:4-5.
8. **“Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue...”** Proverbs 18:21.

9. **“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”** Romans 8:2.
10. **“My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.”** Proverbs 4:20-23.
11. **“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and **forget not** all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; **who healeth all thy diseases**; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so *that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”** Psalm 103:2-5.
12. **“O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.”** Psalm 30:2.
13. **“...If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: **for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee.**”** Exodus 15:26.
14. **“He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.”** Psalm 107:20.
15. **“The thief cometh not, but for to **steal**, and to **kill**, and to **destroy**: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.**”** John 10:10.
16. **“I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.”** Psalm 118:17.
17. **“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. **It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.**”** Proverbs 3:5-8.
18. **“...the joy of the LORD is your strength.”** Nehemiah 8:10.
19. **“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.”** Isaiah 54:17.
20. **“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”** 3 John 2.

21. **“...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”** 1 John 3:8.

22. **“With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.”** Psalm 91:16.

23. **“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”** Hebrews 13:8.

24. **“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”** Acts 10:38.

25. “A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.” Proverbs 17:22.

26. “But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.” Malachi 4:2.

27. “For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.” Isaiah 55:12.

28. “And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.” Exodus 23:25-26.

29. “Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” Isaiah 41:10.

30. **“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou *art* my praise.”** Jeremiah 17:14.

31. “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31.

32. “But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**” Matthew 4:4.

33. “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that* is of a contrite and humble spirit, **to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.**” Isaiah 57:15.

34. “**Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ...**” 2 Corinthians 2:14.

35. “**For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD...**” Jeremiah 30:17.

Salvation Promises

1. "For **all** have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23.
2. "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: **Let the wicked forsake his way**, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:6-7.
3. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8.
4. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10.
5. "...**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...**" Acts 16:31.
6. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13.
7. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:8-10.
8. "If we **confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.
9. "*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:1-2.
10. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7.
11. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..." Romans 1:16.

12. “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” John 5:28-29.

13. “**Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life:** he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” John 11:25-26.

14. “For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” Romans 8:13.

15. “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Romans 8:14.

16. “Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame.” 1 Corinthians 15:34.

17. “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood** of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7.

18. “But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” Romans 4:5.

19. “...Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of **the Holy Ghost.**” Acts 2:37-38.

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

21. “**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**” John 14:6.

22. “But now being **made free from sin**, and become servants to God, ye have **your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.** For the **wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**” Romans 6:22-23.

23. "...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service*. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God*." Romans 12:1-2.

24. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;" Ephesians 1:7.

25. "...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

26. "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.**" John 6:47.

27. "**That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**" John 5:23-24.

28. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, ***even our faith***. Who is he that overcometh the world, but **he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?**" 1 John 5:4-5.

29. "**Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is a new creature*: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new**. And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us **the ministry of reconciliation**; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and **hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation**. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God**. For he hath made **him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin**; that we might **be made the righteousness of God in him.**" 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.**

30. "Seeing then that we have a **great high priest**, that is passed into the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession**. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain **mercy**, and find **grace to help** in time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16.

31. "Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8.

Protection Promises

1. “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.” Luke 10:19-20.

2. “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.” Isaiah 54:17.

3. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**” James 4:7.

4. “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him...” 2 Chronicles 16:9.

5. “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on **the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.” Ephesians 6:10-12.

6. “Above all, taking **the shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to **quench all** the fiery darts of the wicked.” Ephesians 6:16.

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

8. “(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, **but mighty through God** to the pulling down of strong holds;) **Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**” 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.

9. “He that dwelleth 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. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day; *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh

in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.” Psalm 91:1-7.

10. “...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:37-39.

11. “And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.” 2 Kings 6:16.

12. “Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.” Joshua 1:9.

13. “*This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**” Galatians 5:16.

14. “The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.” Psalm 34:7.

15. “I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.” Psalm 18:3.

16. “Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.” Psalm 36:11.

17. “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28.

18. “Be careful for nothing; **but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.** And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, **shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**” Philippians 4:6-7.

19. “**Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.**” Isaiah 41:10.

Provision Promises

1. **“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”** Luke 6:38.
2. **“...He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make **all grace** abound toward you; that **ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:**”** 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.
3. **“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”** Philippians 4:19.
4. **“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”** John 15:7.
5. **“Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**”** Matthew 6:31-33.
6. **“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”** 3 John 2.
7. **“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”** James 4:10.
8. **“O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.”** Psalm 34:8.
9. **“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.”** Deuteronomy 8:18.
10. **“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”** Jeremiah 29:11.
11. **“The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.”** Psalm 23:1.

12. **“Blessed *is* the man that walketh not** in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. **But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth **his fruit** in his season; **his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”** Psalm 1:1-3.

13. **“Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.”** Psalm 37:3-5.

14. “Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.” Psalm 35:27.

15. “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; **but thou shalt meditate therein day and night**, that thou mayest observe **to do** according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.” Joshua 1:8.

16. **“Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”** Proverbs 3:9-10.

17. **“A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.”** Proverbs 28:20.

18. **“For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.”** Psalm 84:11-12.

19. **“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”** Galatians 6:9.

20. “And it shall come to pass, **if thou shalt hearken diligently** unto the voice of the LORD thy God, **to observe *and* to do all** his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field. Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store. Blessed *shalt thou be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt thou be* when thou goest out. The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. **And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*: And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, *to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.***” Deuteronomy 28:1-14.

21. **“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”** John 6:35.

Covenant Promises

1. **"I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect."** Genesis 17:1.
2. **"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."** Jeremiah 33:3.
3. **"Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."** Matthew 5:6.
4. **"And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."** Jeremiah 29:13.
5. "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: **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." Acts 17:27-28.
6. **"...If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."** John 8:31-32.
7. "For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore **sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy...ye shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy."** Leviticus 11:44-45.
8. **"For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful..."** Hebrews 4:12.
9. "But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.** But God hath revealed ***them* unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth **all things, yea, the deep things of God.**" 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
10. **"Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass."** Psalm 37:5.
11. **"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."** Psalm 119:130.
12. **"Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."** Psalm 119:105.
13. **"Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established."** Proverbs 16:3.

14. **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*. If ye love me, keep my commandments.”** John 14:12-15.

15. **“Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”** 2 Corinthians 5:17.

16. **“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”** John 6:35.

17. **“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.”** Philippians 4:8.

18. **“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.**”** Isaiah 55:10-11.

19. **“Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.”** Psalm 55:22.

20. **“THE LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”** Psalm 27:1.

21. **“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”** Revelation 12:11.

22. **“Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”** Isaiah 26:3.

23. **“I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.”** Proverbs 8:17.

Worship Promises

1. **“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...”** James 4:8.
2. **“I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.”** Psalm 34:1.
3. **“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.”** Psalm 103:1.
4. **“O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: because his mercy *endureth* for ever.”** Psalm 118:1.
5. **“O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.”** Psalm 34:3.
6. **“But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.”** Psalm 73:28.
7. **“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For *he is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture...”** Psalm 95:6-7.
8. **“And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.”** Psalm 35:9.
9. **“For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods.”** Psalm 96:4.
10. **“I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.”** Psalm 18:1.
11. **“O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.”** Psalm 136:1.
12. **“The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.”** Psalm 18:46.
13. **“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.”** Psalm 19:14.
14. **“Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.”** Psalm 107:21-22.

15. **“Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee.”**
Psalm 63:3.
16. **“For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things: thou *art* God alone.”** Psalm
86:10.
17. **“I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy
name for evermore.”** Psalm 86:12.
18. **“One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell
in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the
LORD, and to inquire in his temple.”** Psalm 27:4.
19. **“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:
and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will
manifest myself to him.”** John 14:21.

Deliverance Promises

1. **“Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.”** Psalm 91:14-16.

2. “In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears. Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.” Psalm 18:6-7.

3. “I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, *and set me* in a large place. The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?” Psalm 118:5-6.

4. “I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.” Psalm 34:4.

5. “The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.” Psalm 18:2.

6. “For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.” Psalm 27:5-6.

7. “Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” Isaiah 55:6-7.

8. “And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.” Luke 11:2-4.

God's Warnings

1. **“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”** James 2:26.
2. **“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”** Hebrews 12:1-2.
3. **“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”** Philippians 3:13-14.
4. **“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”** Hosea 4:6.
5. **“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: **for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:7-10.
6. **“Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.”** 3 John 11.
7. **“For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”** Isaiah 55:8-9.
8. **“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are **not ignorant** of his devices.”** 2 Corinthians 2:11.
9. **“...ye have not, because ye ask not.”** James 4:2.

10. **“But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.”** James 1:6-8.

11. **“But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”** Hebrews 11:6.

12. **“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”** John 14:15.

13. **“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.”** Proverbs 4:23.

14. **“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into *this* world, and *it is* certain we can carry nothing out. And having **food and raiment** let us **be** therewith **content**. But they that **will be rich** fall **into temptation** and **a snare**, and into many foolish and hurtful **lusts**, which drown men in destruction and perdition. **For the love of money is the root of all evil**: which while some coveted after, they have **erred from the faith**, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, **flee these things; and follow after** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. **Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life**, whereunto thou art also called, and hast **professed a good profession before many witnesses.**” 1 Timothy 6:6-12.**

15. **“I can of mine own self do nothing...”** John 5:30.

Prayer Arrows

1. I thank you God for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died on The Cross for my sins, was buried, and rose from the dead on the third day by your Holy Resurrection Power.
2. I believe That Jesus Christ is My Lord and My Savior, and I ask you Father God to help me become the best (man or woman) of God, you have designed for me to be. **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him** should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16.
3. I **repent** of all of my sins, and humbly come before you Father God, asking for Your Forgiveness for all of my sins in The Name Of Jesus Christ. **“If we confess our sins,** he is faithful and just **to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** 1 John 1:9.
4. I thank you Father God that **no weapon** that is formed against me shall prosper. “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn...” Isaiah 54:17.
5. I am nothing without you Jesus. I must stay attached to You for everything I need. “I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.**” John 15:5.
6. I thank you God, that **I can do all things through Christ, Who Strengthens Me.** “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Philippians 4:13.
7. **All things are possible** if I believe in God and in Jesus Christ. “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” John 15:7. “Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.” “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them.*” Mark 9:23, 11:24.
8. **“Let the words of my mouth,** and the **meditation of my heart,** be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.” Psalm 19:14.
9. **In all things, I give you thanks, Almighty God, in The Name Of Jesus.** **“Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18. “Giving thanks **always** for **all** things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;” Ephesians 5:20.

10. **All things** work together **for my good**. I thank you God for **all** good things I will receive, in Jesus' Name. "And we know that **all things** work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose." Romans 8:28.

11. I praise and thank you Father God, In Jesus' Name, for **The Gospel Of Jesus Christ**, which has the power to save, and to set the captives free from all forms of bondage. I pray for all who are sharing The Good News with people. I pray that many people will be saved and delivered, and reached with The Gospel Of Jesus in this city, state, region, country, and from all around the world. May they **accept and obey** Your Wonderful Gospel. "**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved**. How then **shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?** and how shall **they believe in him** of whom they have not heard? and how shall they **hear** without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that **preach the gospel of peace**, and **bring glad tidings of good things!** But they have **not all obeyed the gospel...**" "**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...**For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**" Romans 10:13-16, 1:16-17. "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:" 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. **I believe The Holy Bible and will pray. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."** 2 Chronicles 7:14.

12. Help me to **submit** to and **glorify you**, and **sin no more** and be **humble**. I **resist the devil, and he must flee** from my life. "...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the **humble**. **Submit** yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil**, and he will **flee** from you. **Draw nigh to God**, and he will draw nigh to you..." James 4:6-8.

13. **Almighty God, who answers by fire, deliver me by The Blood Of Jesus, by fire, In Jesus' Name. The Blood Of Jesus is ever powerful.** I am **dead to sin**, and all my sins have been forgiven against me, through **Jesus Christ's Blood**. Jesus Has **spoiled** principalities and powers, and openly disgraced and triumphed over them. See Colossians 2:13,15. "**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.**" Revelation 12:11. You alone are **The God** that answers by fire. See 1 Kings 18:24-40.

Daily Discovering God

This **revised collection of God's powerful truths** are based on writings by Andrew Murray. These truths may be helpful for Bible study, Christian teaching and preaching, and also be helpful as a daily devotional aid. *Daily Discovering God* complements the **new content in this God book** very well, by teaching foundational Christian Truths. It has been included in the final section of the book, to bless Christian converts. You can use this devotional to help **you have a deeper walk with God and grow in intimacy.**

This revised edition is derived from Andrew Murray's Christian writings compiled in the book *God's Best Secrets*, first released in 1923, and revised in 1928. **I am thankful to Andrew Murray** for writing quality Christian books, including *God's Best Secrets*. The first release of the revised edition was 2008. **God book edition** was released in 2014.

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Robert Woeger's Introduction

While Andrew Murray died in 1917, and I first edited and published this revised edition in 2008, over 91 years later, I feel a closeness to him and to his words. His words are extremely relevant today, and to future generations, as God's Truth does not change. This edition is a condensed and revised version, containing 24 daily devotional topics.

What Andrew Murray was expressing in his words, and in his *Introduction* to his book, *God's Best Secrets*, was a concern **for people falling away from a true and devoted faith** in God. He wrote about **Jesus**, and about people's **need and hunger** for Christ. I gave this devotional a new title, *Daily Discovering God*, to emphasize its purpose, to denote this revised edition, and to avoid it from being confused with the original book.

I endeavored to replace all Bible translations used in the original writing with Scripture references from the King James Version. Old, or outdated, language, used in Andrew Murray's book, was replaced with reasonable modern day equivalents, and the text was revised. Please note that partial Scripture quotations may be used, instead of the full Scripture text, for readability and also to emphasize the particular devotional topic.

I encourage all people to read *Andrew Murray's Introduction*, which follows this introduction, as he clearly explains his reasons for writing this powerful book. I agree wholeheartedly with the statements he makes in his introduction, including, "*Many of God's children long for a better life, but do not realize the need of giving God time day by day in their inner chamber for His Spirit to renew and sanctify their lives.*"

Andrew Murray sums it up well with his words, "**The feeble state of my spiritual life is mainly due to the lack of time day by day in fellowship with God.**"

There is a personal responsibility expected by God of everyone who calls themselves a Christian, or **follower of Christ**, to have a **daily, continual walk** of uncompromising faith, communion, and seeking after God. You must walk out **your own salvation** with both fear and trembling, before an unlimited, omniscient, sovereign and Almighty God.

May you be blessed in your continual learning about God, and your intimacy with Him.

Robert Woeger

Editor of this revised edition of *Daily Discovering God*, which is being released as part of the *God* book, to enhance and complement the new content contained in the book.

Andrew Murray's Introduction

The more I think of and pray about the state of religion in this country, and all over the world, the deeper my conviction becomes that the low state of the spiritual life of Christians is due to the fact that they do not realize that the aim and object of conversion is to bring the soul, even here on earth, to a daily fellowship with The Father In Heaven. When once this truth has been accepted, the believer will perceive how indispensable it is to the spiritual life of a Christian, to take time each day with God's Word and in prayer, to wait upon God for His Presence and His Love to be revealed.

But how can Christians be taught this lesson, and live in obedience to it? The first thing is that they must be convinced of the great need of daily fellowship with God. They must be brought under the impression that it is not enough at conversion to accept forgiveness of sins or even to surrender themselves to God. That is only a beginning. The young believer must understand that he has no power of his own to maintain his spiritual life. No, he needs each day to receive new grace from Heaven through fellowship and communion with The Lord Jesus. This cannot be obtained by a hasty prayer or a superficial reading of a few verses from God's Word. He must take time quietly and deliberately to come into God's Presence, to feel his weakness, and his need, and to wait upon God through His Holy Spirit, to renew the heavenly light and life in his heart. Then he may rightly expect to be kept by The Power Of Christ, throughout the day, and all its temptations.

It has been my aim in writing this book to help Christians to see the absolute necessity of communion and fellowship with The Lord Jesus. Without this, the joy and power of God's Holy Spirit in daily life cannot be experienced. *Many of God's Children long for a better life, but do not realize the need of giving God time day by day in their inner chamber for His Spirit to renew and sanctify their lives.*

Meditate on this thought: The feeble state of my spiritual life is mainly due to the lack of time day by day in fellowship with God. *New life will dawn in many a soul as a result of time spent in prayer alone with God.*

To any reader who has found a blessing in reading this book—I pray you share the blessing with others. If you have accepted the message that The Lord Jesus will from day to day grant you His Presence and Love—pass it on to others. However weak and impotent you feel, your faith will be strengthened, as you help others to realize the need of fellowship with Jesus daily.

As we think of the need of our country and Church, as we think of souls around us, as we think of the extension of God's Kingdom, we ask you, O Christians, to help us find volunteers, who, as true soldiers of the cross, will persevere continually in prayer till God Pours Out His Blessing upon us,

Your Servant in the love of Christ and in prayer,

ANDREW MURRAY.

From Day To Day

“The inward *man* is renewed day by day.” — 2 Corinthians 4:16.

There is one lesson that all Christians should learn, namely this—*the absolute necessity of fellowship with Jesus each day*. This lesson is not always taught at the beginning of the Christian life, nor is it always understood by each one who desires to follow Christ. The person should realize that the grace they have received of the forgiveness of sins, of acceptance as God’s Child, of joy in The Holy Ghost, can only be preserved by the **daily renewal** in fellowship with Jesus Christ Himself.

Many Christians backslide because this truth *of daily fellowship with Jesus* is not clearly taught. They are unable to stand against the temptations of the world, or that of their old nature. They strive to do their best to fight against sin, and to serve God, but they have **no strength**. They have never really grasped the secret: *The Lord Jesus will every day* from heaven continue His Work in me. But on one condition—*the soul must give Him time each day* to impart His Love and His Grace. Time alone with The Lord Jesus each day, is the essential and indispensable condition for Christian growth and power.

Read Matthew 11:25-30. Listen to Christ’s Word: “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30.

The Lord will teach us just how meek and humble He Is, so we can be likewise. Bow before Him, tell Him that you long for Him and His Love, and He will let His Love rest on you. This is a thought not only for young Christians, but for all who love the Lord, and this book is designed to help those who desire to live this life of fellowship with Christ. I will try to put the message as clearly, as lovingly, and as urgently as possible.

To honor Christ, in order to please Him, and for my own sake, to enable me to enjoy this blessed experience each day, I will learn the lesson, to *spend time each day*—without exception—*in fellowship with My Lord*. So will my inner man be renewed from day to day. May your spirit be daily refreshed by The Lord, as you decide to spend quality time with Him meditating upon His Word.

Fellowship With God

“He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.” — John 14:21.

The Three Persons in the Godhead are The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

God desires to reveal Himself as a Person. Each one of us is an individual, and we each come to know God in a distinct, personal way. We each have different life experiences, and relate to God based upon who He has revealed Himself to be to us. God will reveal Himself to us as a Person, and delights in being discovered and found by us. It is our holy calling to enter into fellowship with Him.

God greatly desires this relationship with man. But sin has come between man and his God. Even in the Christian, who thinks that he knows God, there is often great ignorance, and even indifference, to this personal relationship of **love** towards God.

People believe that at conversion their sins are forgiven, that God accepts them so that they may go to Heaven, and that they should try to do God’s Will. But the idea is strange to them, that even as a father and his child on earth have pleasure in fellowship, *so they may, and must, daily have this blessed fellowship with God.*

God gave Christ His Son *to bring us to Himself.* But this is only possible when we live in **close fellowship** with Jesus Christ. Our relationship to Christ rests on His deep, tender love towards us. We are not able of ourselves to render Him this love. But The Holy Spirit will do the work in us. For this, we need to separate ourselves each day from the world, and turn in faith to The Lord Jesus, that He may shed abroad His Love in our hearts, *so that we may be filled with a great love towards Him.*

Dear soul, meditate quietly on this thought. Read the words of Christ in John 14:21, “...he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.” Take time to believe in this personal fellowship. Tell Him of your love.

Say to Him: “Lord, You have loved me dearly. Most earnestly do I desire to love You above all.”

Jesus

“Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” — Matthew 1:21.

As the Lord Jesus was a person, He had His own individual name.

His mother, His disciples, and all His friends called Him by this name—Jesus. But they probably thought little of what that name meant. And how little do the majority of Christians know what a treasure is contained in that name—Jesus—“He Shall Save His People From Their Sins.”

Many think of His Death on the cross, they think of His work in heaven as Intercessor, but do they, or do we, realize that He is a Living Person in heaven, who thinks of us each day, and longs to reveal Himself? And He desires us each day, to bring Him our love and adoration.

Christians pray to Christ to save them from their sins, but they know very little how the blessed work is done. The Living Christ reveals Himself to us, and through The Power Of His Love, the love of sin is expelled. It is *through personal fellowship* with Him that Jesus saves us from our sins. I must come as an individual, with my heart, and all the sin that is in it, to Jesus, as an Almighty Personal Savior, in Whom God’s Holiness dwells. And as He and I commune together, in the expression of mutual love and desire, by the work of His Holy Spirit in my heart, **His Love** will expel and conquer all the sin.

O Christian, learn the blessedness of each day in fellowship with Jesus, finding the secret of happiness and holiness. Your heart will long for the hour of prayer, as the best hour of the day. Remove all distractions from your life, and concentrate on Him. As you learn to go apart with Him, alone each day, you will experience His Presence with you, enabling you all through the day, to love Him, to serve Him, and to walk in His Ways. Through this unbroken fellowship, you will learn **the secret** of the power of a truly godly life.

The Inner Chamber

“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet” — Matthew 6:6.

Have you ever thought, what a wonderful privilege it is that everyone, each day, and each hour of the day, has the liberty of asking God to meet them in the inner chamber, and to hear what He has to say? We should hope and pray that every Christian uses such a privilege gladly and faithfully.

“But thou, when thou prayest,” says Jesus, “enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret;” That means two things. Shut the world out, withdraw from all worldly thoughts and distractions, and shut yourself in alone with God, to pray to Him **in secret**. Let this be your chief object in prayer, *to realize the presence of your heavenly Father*. Focus on the words: **Alone With God**.

This is only the beginning. I must take time to realize His Presence with me, and pray to My Father, Who Sees in secret, **in the full assurance** that He Knows how I hunger and long for His Help and Guidance, and that He Will Incline His Ear to me.

Then follows the great promise: “and thy Father which seeth in secret **shall reward thee openly**.” My Father will see to it that my prayer is not in vain. All through the distractions of a busy day, the answer to my prayer will be granted. *Prayer in secret, will be followed by the secret working of God in my heart.*

As the Lord Jesus has given us The Promise Of His Presence, and shows us the way to the inner chamber, He will assuredly be with us to teach us to pray. It is through Him that we have access to The Father. Be childlike and trustful, in your fellowship with Christ. Confess each sin, bring your every need. Offer your prayer to The Father in The Name Of Christ. *Prayer in fellowship with Jesus* cannot be in vain.

Faith

“Only believe.” — Mark 5:36.

We have here a lesson of the greatest importance. When we are alone in the inner chamber, we must send up our petitions *trusting implicitly in The Love Of God, and in The Power Of The Lord Jesus Christ*. Take time to ask yourself the question: **Is my heart full of a great and steadfast faith in God’s Love?** If this is not the case, do not begin to pray yet. Faith does not come of itself. Consider quietly, how impossible it is for God to lie. He is ready with infinite love to give you a blessing. Take some text of Scripture in which God’s Power, Faithfulness, and Love are revealed. Appropriate the words, and say: **“Yes Lord, I will pray in firm faith in You, and in Your Great Love.”**

It is a mistake to limit the word “faith,” to the forgiveness of sins, and to our acceptance as children of God. Faith includes far more. We must have *faith in all that God is willing to do for us*. We must have faith each day, according to our special needs. God is infinitely great and powerful. Christ has so much grace for each new day, that our faith must reach out afresh each day according to the need of the day.

When you enter into the inner chamber, even before you begin to pray, ask yourself: “Do I really believe that *God is here with me, and that The Lord Jesus will help me to pray*, and that I may expect to spend a blessed time in communion with my God?”

Jesus often taught His Disciples how indispensable faith was to true prayer. He will teach us this lesson too. Remain in fellowship with Him, and ask Him to strengthen your faith in His Almighty Power. Christ says to you, and to me, as to Martha: “—Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?” (John 11:40).

The Word Of God

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” — Matthew 4:4

The illustration that our Lord uses, in which The Word Of God is compared to our daily bread, is most instructive.

Bread is indispensable to life. We all understand this. However strong a person may be, if he takes no nourishment, he will grow weaker, and life will become extinct. Even so with The Word Of God. It contains a heavenly principle, and works powerfully in them **that believe**.

Bread must be eaten. I may know all about bread. I may have bread, and may give it to others. I may have bread in my house, and on my table, in great abundance. But that will not help me, if through illness, I am unable to eat it, I shall die. And so, a mere knowledge of God’s Word, and even the preaching of it to others, shall not benefit me. It is not enough to think about it. I must **feed** on God’s Word, and take it into my heart, and life. In love and obedience, I must **appropriate** the words of God, and let them take full possession of my heart. Then they will indeed be Words Of Life. See Proverbs 4:22

Bread must be eaten daily. And the same is true of God’s Word. The Psalmist says: “Blessed *is* the man—his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and **in his law doth he meditate day and night.**” (Psalm 1:1-2) and, “O how love I thy law! it *is* my **meditation all the day.**” (Psalm 119:97). To secure a strong, and powerful, spiritual life, **God’s Word is indispensable every day.**

When on earth, The Lord Jesus learned, loved, and obeyed The Words of The Father. And if you seek fellowship with Him, you will find Him in His Word. Christ will teach you to commune with The Father, through The Word, even as was His Custom. You will learn, like Him, to live **solely for the glory of God** and the fulfillment of **His Word**.

How To Read God's Word

“Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.” — Psalm 1:1-2.

Here are some simple rules for Bible reading.

Read God's Word with great reverence. Meditate a moment in silence on the thought that the words come from God Himself. Bow in deep reverence. Be silent unto God. Let Him reveal His Word in your heart.

Read with careful attention. If you read the words carelessly, thinking that you can grasp their meaning with your human understanding, you will use the words superficially, and not enter into their depths. When a person tries to explain anything wonderful or beautiful to us, we give our entire attention, to try to understand what is said. *How much higher and deeper are God's Thoughts than our thoughts.* “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:9). We need to give our **undivided attention** to understand even the superficial meaning of the words. How much harder to grasp the spiritual meaning?

Read with the expectation of the guidance of God's Spirit. It is God's Spirit alone that can make The Word a living power in our hearts and lives. Read Psalm 119. Notice how earnestly David prays that God will teach him, and open his eyes, and give him understanding, and incline his heart to God's Ways. As you read, remember that God's Word and God's Spirit are inseparable.

Read with the firm purpose of keeping The Word day and night in your heart, and in your life. Your whole heart and whole life must come under the influence of The Word. David said: “O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day.” (Psalm 119:97). And so in the midst of his daily work, the believer can cherish God's Word in his heart and meditate on it. Read Psalm 119 again, until you accept God's Word with all your heart, and pray that God may teach you to understand it, and carry out its precepts in your life.

The Word And Prayer

“Quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.” — Psalm 119:107.

Prayer and The Word Of God are inseparable, and should always go together in the quiet time of the inner chamber. *In His Word, God speaks to me; in prayer, I speak to God.* If there is to be true communication, dialogue, and intimacy, God and I must both take part.

If I simply pray, without using God’s Word, I am likely to use my own words and thoughts. When I take God’s Thoughts from His Word, and present them before Him when I pray, this gives the prayer its power. Then I am enabled to pray according to God’s Word. How indispensable God’s Word is for all true prayer!

When I pray, I must seek to know God properly. It is through The Word that The Holy Spirit gives me right thoughts of Him. The Word will also teach me how wretched and sinful I am. It reveals to me, all the wonders that God will do for me, and the strength He will give me to do His Will. The Word teaches me how to pray—with strong desire, with a firm faith, and with constant perseverance. The Word teaches me not only what I am, but what I may become through God’s Grace. And above all, it reminds me each day, that Christ is The Great Intercessor, and it allows me to pray in His Name.

O Christian, learn this great lesson, to renew your strength each day in God’s Word, and to pray according to His Will.

Then we turn to the other side that is prayer. We need prayer when we read God’s Word—prayer to be taught of God to understand His Word, prayer that through The Holy Spirit I may rightly know and use God’s Word,—prayer that I may see in The Word that Christ is all in all, and will be all in me.

Blessed inner chamber, where I may approach God in Christ through The Word and prayer. There I may offer myself to God and His Service, and be strengthened by The Holy Spirit, so that His Love may be shed abroad in my heart, and I may daily walk in that love.

Obedience

“Obey my voice...and I will be your God:” — Jeremiah 11:4.

God gave this command to Israel when He gave them the law. But Israel had no power to keep the law. So God gave them a “new covenant,” to enable His People to live a life of obedience. We read, “...I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Jeremiah 31:33, “...I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.” Jeremiah 32:40, “And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.” Ezekiel 36:27. These wonderful promises gave the assurance that **obedience** would be their **delight**.

Let us listen to what the Lord Jesus says about obedience. “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.” John 14:21. “Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” John 14:23. And in John 15:10, “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love.” These words are an inexhaustible treasure. Faith can firmly *trust Christ to enable us to live such a life of love and of obedience*.

No father can train his children unless they are obedient. No teacher can teach a child who continues to disobey them. No general can lead his soldiers to victory without prompt obedience. Pray for God to imprint this lesson on your heart: *the life of faith is a life of obedience*. As Christ lived in obedience to The Father, so we too need **obedience** for a life in The Love Of God.

Alas, the thought is too common: “I cannot be obedient, it is quite impossible.” Yes, impossible to you, but not to God. He has promised *to cause you to walk in His Statutes*. See Ezekiel 36:27. Pray, and meditate on these words, and The Holy Spirit will enlighten your eyes, so that you will have power to do God’s Will. Let your fellowship with The Father and with The Lord Jesus Christ have as its one aim and object—a life of faith and belief in Christ, which has at its root: quiet, determined, unquestioning **obedience**.

Confession Of Sin

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

Too often the confession of sin is superficial, and often it is quite neglected. Few Christians realize how necessary it is to be sincere about the matter, or feel that an honest confession of sin gives power to live the life of victory over sin. *In fellowship with The Lord Jesus, we need to confess with a sincere heart every sin that may be a hindrance in our Christian lives.*

Listen to what David says, “I acknowledged my sin unto thee...I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin...Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance...” Psalm 32:5-7. David speaks of a time when he was unwilling to confess his sin. “When I kept silence...thy hand was heavy upon me...” Psalm 32:3-4. *But when he had confessed his sin, a wonderful change came.*

Confession means, not only that I confess my sin with shame, but that I hand it over to God, trusting Him to take it away. Such a confession implies that I am wholly unable to get rid of my guilt, but **by an act of faith**, I depend on God to deliver me. This deliverance means, in the first place, that I know my sins are forgiven, and secondly, that Christ undertakes to cleanse me from the sin, and keep me from its power.

O Christian, if you are seeking to have fellowship with Jesus, do not fear to confess *each sin*, in the confident assurance that there is deliverance. Let there be a mutual understanding between The Lord Jesus and yourself, that you will confess each sin, and obtain forgiveness. Then you will know your Lord, as Jesus Who Saves His People From Their Sins. Believe that there is great power in the confession of sin, for the burden of sin is borne by our Lord and Savior.

The First Love

“Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.” — Revelation 2:4.

In Revelation 2:2-3, eight signs are mentioned showing the zeal and activity of the Church at Ephesus. But there was one bad sign, and the Lord said: “...I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou **repent.**” (Revelation 2:5). And what was this sign? “...**thou hast left thy first love.**” (Revelation 2:4).

We find the same lack in The Church of the present day. There is zeal for the truth, there is continuous and persevering labor, but that which The Lord values most is lacking: ***your tender, fervent love for Him.***

This is a thought of great significance: a church, a community, or a Christian, may be an example in every good work, and yet *the tender love to The Lord Jesus in the inner chamber is missing.* What a pity!

There is **no personal daily fellowship with Christ**, and all the many activities with which people satisfy themselves, are **as nothing** in the eyes of The Master Himself.

Dear brother and sister, this book speaks of the fellowship of love with Christ in the inner chamber. Everything depends on this. Christ came from heaven to love us with the love wherewith The Father Loved Him. He Suffered, and Died, to win our hearts for this love. *His Love can be satisfied with nothing less than a deep, personal love on our part.*

Christ considers this of the **utmost importance.** Let us do so, too. Many ministers, missionaries, and Christian workers confess with shame, that in spite of all their zeal in The Lord’s Work, that their prayer life is defective, **because they have left their first love.** I pray that you write this down on a piece of paper, and remember it continually: *The Love Of Jesus must be all.* In the inner chamber, is all my work, in my daily life.

The Holy Spirit

“He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.” — John 16:14.

Our Lord, in the last night that He was with His Disciples, promised to send The Holy Spirit as a Comforter. Although His Bodily Presence was removed, they would realize His Presence in them and with them in a wonderful way. The Holy Spirit as God, would so reveal Christ in their hearts, that they would experience His Presence with them continually. The Spirit would glorify Christ, and would reveal The Glorified Christ in Heavenly Love and Power.

How little do Christians understand, believe, and experience this glorious truth. We should fail in our duty as ministers, if in a little book like this, or in our preaching, we encouraged Christians to love The Lord Jesus, without at the same time warning them that it is not a duty that they can perform in their own strength. No, that is impossible. It is God, The Holy Spirit alone, who will shed abroad His Love in our hearts, and teach us to love Him fervently. *Through the Holy Spirit, we may experience the love and abiding presence of The Lord Jesus all the day.*

But let us remember, that The Spirit as God, must have entire possession of us. He claims our whole heart and life. He will strengthen us with might in the inner man, so that we have fellowship with Christ, and keep His Commandments, and abide in His Love.

When once we have grasped this truth, we will begin to feel our deep dependence on The Holy Spirit, and pray The Father to send Him in power into our hearts. The Spirit will teach us to love The Word, to meditate on it, and to keep it. He will reveal the love of Christ to us, that we may love Him with a pure heart fervently. Then we will begin to see, that a life in The Love Of Christ, in the midst of our daily life and distractions, is a glorious possibility and a blessed reality.

“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy...” Psalm 16:11.

Christ's Love To Us

“As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.” — John 15:9.

In relationships between friends, and family members, everything depends on their love to each other. Of what value is abundance of riches, if love is lacking between husband and wife, or parents and children? And in our religion, of what value is all knowledge and zeal in God's Work, without the knowledge and experience of Christ's Love? (See 1 Corinthians 13:1-3). O Christians, the one thing needful in the inner chamber is to know by experience *how much Christ loves you, and to learn how you may abide and continue in that love.*

Think of what Christ says: “As the Father hath loved me,” — what a Divine, everlasting, wonderful love! “...so have I loved you.” It was the same love with which He had loved The Father, and that He always bore in His Heart, which He now gave into the hearts of His Disciples. He yearns that this **everlasting love** should rest upon us, and work within us, that we may abide in it day by day. What a blessed life! Christ desires every disciple to live in the power of the self-same Love Of God that He Himself experienced. Dear precious one, do you realize that in your fellowship with Christ, in secret or in public, you are surrounded by, and kept in this heavenly love? Let your desire be to reach out to this everlasting love. The Christ, with whom you desire fellowship, longs unspeakably to fill you with His Love.

Read from time to time, what God's Word says about the love of Christ. Meditate on the words, and let them sink into your heart. Sooner or later, you will begin to realize: The greatest happiness of my life is that I am beloved by The Lord Jesus. I may live in fellowship with Him all the day long!

Let your heart continually say: His love to me is unspeakable. He will keep me abiding in His Love.

Our Love To Christ

“...Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.” — 1 Peter 1:7-9.

What a wonderful description of the Christian life! People who had never seen Christ, and yet truly loved Him, and believed on Him, so that their hearts were filled with unspeakable joy. Such is the life of a Christian who really loves his or her Lord.

We have seen that the chief attribute of The Father and of The Son, is love to each other, and love to man. This love should be the chief characteristic of the true Christian. The love of God, and of Christ, is shed abroad in the Christian's heart, and becomes a well of living water, flowing forth as love to The Lord Jesus.

This love is not merely a blessed feeling. It is an active principle. It takes pleasure in doing the will of The Beloved Lord. It is joy to keep His Commandments. The love of Christ was shown to us by His Death on the cross. Our love must be exhibited in unselfish, self-sacrificing lives. Oh, that we understood this: *In the Christian life, love to Christ is everything!*

Great love will produce the growth of great faith, which includes faith in His Love to us, faith in the powerful revelations of His Love in our hearts, and faith that He through His Love will work all His Good Pleasure in us.

The wings of faith and love, will lift us up to Heaven, and we shall be filled with joy unspeakable. The joy of the Christian is an indispensable witness to the world, of the power of Christ to change hearts, and fill them with heavenly love and gladness.

O you lovers of The Lord Jesus, take time daily in the inner chamber with Him anew, to drink in His Heavenly Love. It will make you strong in faith, and your joy will be full. Love, joy, faith, these will be our life each day, through the grace of our Lord Jesus.

Love To The Brethren

“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” — John 15:12, John 13:34.

The Lord Jesus told His Disciples, that as The Father had loved Him, even so He loved them. And now, following His example, we must **love one another**, with the same love. “By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” (John 13:35). Jesus had prayed: “That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.” (John 17:21). If we exhibit the love that was in God toward Christ, and in Christ to us, the world will be obliged to confess that our Christianity is genuine and from above.

This is what actually happened. The Greeks and Romans, Jews and heathen, hated each other. Among all the nations of the world there was hardly a thought of love to each other. The very idea of self-sacrifice was a strange one. When the heathen saw that Christians from different nations, under the powerful workings of The Holy Spirit, became one, and loved one another, even to the point of self-sacrifice in time of plague or illness—they were amazed and said: “Behold how these people love one another!”

Among professing Christians, there is a certain oneness of belief, and feeling of brotherhood, but Christ’s Heavenly Love is often lacking, and we do not bear one another’s burdens, or love others heartily.

Pray that you may love your fellow-believers with the same love with which Christ Loved You. If we abide in Christ’s Love, and let that love fill our hearts, supernatural power will be given us to take all God’s Children unto our hearts in love. As close as is the bond of love between The Father and The Son, and between Christ and His Followers, so close also must be the bond of love between **all God’s Children**.

Love To Souls

“Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.” — James 5:20.

What a wonderful thought!—That I may save a soul from everlasting death. How can this be? If I convert him from the error of his ways. This is the calling not only of the minister, but of every Christian—to work for the **salvation of sinners**.

When Christ and His Love took possession of our hearts, He gave us this love that we might bring others to Him. In this way Christ’s Kingdom was extended. Everyone who had the love of Christ in his heart was constrained to tell others. This was the case in the early Christian Church. After The Day Of Pentecost, people went out and told of the love of Christ, which they had themselves experienced. Heathen writers have told us that the rapid spread of Christianity in the first century was due to the fact, that each convert, being filled with the love of Christ, tried to bring The Good News to others.

What a change has come over the Church! Many Christians never try to win others to Christ. Their love is so weak, and faint, that they have no desire to help others. May the time soon come when Christians will feel constrained to tell of the love of Christ. In a revival in Korea a few years ago, the converts were filled with such a burning love to Christ that they felt bound to tell others of His Love. It was even taken as a test of membership that each one should have brought another to The Lord before being admitted to the church.

Examine yourself, and pray that, in fellowship with Christ, you may think, not only of your own soul, but having received the gift of God’s Love, you may pass it on to others. You will then know true happiness, the joy of bringing souls to Christ.

Let us pray earnestly to be so filled with God’s Love that we may wholeheartedly surrender ourselves to win others for Him.

The Spirit Of Love

“And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” — Romans 5:5.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love...” — Galatians 5:22.

The thought sometimes arises, as we consider Christ’s Love to us, our love to Christ, and our love to the brethren or to souls around us, that the demand is too great, it is unattainable, or it is impossible for a Christian to live this life of love, and to show it to the brethren and to needy souls. And because we deem it impossible, and because of our unbelief and lack of faith in God’s Promises, we make little progress in this spirit of love.

We need to continually remind ourselves that it is not in our own strength, or even by serious thought, that we can attain to the love of Christ. We must realize the truth that the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, and will daily afresh be poured out by the Spirit of God. It is only as we are wholly surrendered to the leading of The Spirit, that we will be able to live according to God’s Will. When the inner life of love is renewed from day to day, we shall feel compelled to work for souls.

Here is a prayer that you can offer: “I bow my knees unto The Father, that He would grant me, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in my heart by faith, that I, *being rooted and grounded in love, may know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge.*” You may be rooted and grounded in this love, and know the love that passeth knowledge—but on one condition—you must be *strengthened by The Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your heart.* Then you will indeed be rooted and grounded in love. See Ephesians 3:14-19.

Christian, take this message from God’s Word, and let it influence your life. Unless you wait upon God daily on your knees, for His Spirit to be revealed in your heart, you cannot live in this love. A life of prayer, will make a life in the love of Christ, in the love of the brethren, and in love to souls, a blessed reality in your experience.

Put your confidence each day in secret in The Holy Spirit, The Spirit Of Love, which God will give to those who ask in faith.

Rivers Of Living Water

“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” — John 7:38.

Our Lord, in His Conversation with the Samaritan woman, said: “The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” (John 4:14). In our text, the promise is even greater: rivers of living waters flowing from Him, bringing life and blessing to others. John says further that this refers to The Holy Ghost, who should come when Christ had been glorified, for The Holy Spirit was not yet poured out. The Spirit Of God was mentioned in the Old Testament, but The Holy Spirit had not yet been given. Christ must first be offered through The Eternal Spirit (on the cross) (Hebrews 9:14), and raised from the dead by The Spirit Of Holiness (Romans 1:4), and receive from the Father power to send forth The Holy Ghost. Then only would the Christian be able to say: Now The Holy Spirit of Christ is in me.

What do we need in order to experience these two wonderful promises, of the well of water and the rivers of living water? Just one thing—the inner attachment to Christ, and the unreserved surrender to fellowship with Him, and the firm assurance that His Spirit will work in us what we cannot do. In one word: **He that believeth on Me.** We need a faith that rejoices in the divine might and love, and depends on Him day by day, to grant us grace, that living water may flow forth from us.

We can truly agree that The River Of God is so full of life, and also has the power to revive us. As we drink from its water, it causes us to hunger and thirst for the deeper things of God and become alive through Christ. Jesus Christ calls it *living water*. We need to take this *living water* and spread it to others, so that they may be revived, and come to believe on Christ.

If the water from a reservoir is to flow into a house all day, one thing is necessary, that the connection must be perfect, and then the water passes through the pipe of its own accord. So the union between you and Christ must be uninterrupted. Your faith must accept Christ, and depend and believe upon Him, to sustain the new life.

Let your faith rejoice that Jesus Christ gives us The Holy Spirit, and may you have the assurance that The Holy Spirit is within you as a fountain of blessing.

The Glory Of God

“Unto him *be* glory...throughout all ages... Amen.” — Ephesians 3:21.

God Himself must reveal His Glory to us. Then alone are we able to know and Glorify Him.

There is not a more wonderful image in nature of The Glory Of God than we find in the starry heavens. The telescopes, which are continually made more powerful, have long proclaimed the wonders of God’s Universe. And by means of computer imaging, new wonders of that glory have been revealed. A computer imaging sensor attached to the telescope will reveal millions of stars, which could never have been seen by the naked eye through the best telescope. Man must step aside and allow the glory of the heavens to reveal itself. The stars, at first wholly invisible, and at immense distances, will leave their image upon the sensor.

What a lesson for the soul that longs to see the glory of God in His Word. Put aside your own efforts and thoughts. Let your heart be as an imaging sensor that waits for God’s Glory to be revealed. The sensor must be rightly prepared and clean. Let your heart be prepared and purified by God’s Spirit. “Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” Matthew 5:8. The sensor must be immovable—let your heart be still before God. The telescope and its digital sensor must properly focus on, and receive the complete impression of, the farthest stars. Let your heart take time in silent waiting upon God, and He will reveal His Glory. If you keep silence before God, and give Him time, He will put thoughts into your heart, that may be of unspeakable blessing to yourself and others. He will create within you desires and inclinations that will indeed be as the rays of His Glory shining in you. Put this to the test this morning. Offer your spirit to Him in deep humility, and have faith that God will reveal Himself in His Holy Love. His Glory will descend upon you. You will feel the need to give Him the full time to do His Blessed Work.

“But the LORD *is* in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.” Habakkuk 2:20.

“My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation *is* from him.” Psalm 62:5.

“For God...hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” 2 Corinthians 4:6.

“Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10.

Persevering Prayer

“...men ought always to pray, and not to faint;” — Luke 18:1.

“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;” — Romans 12:12.

“Pray without ceasing.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

One of the greatest drawbacks to the life of prayer, is the fact that the answer does not come as speedily as we expect. We are discouraged by the thought: “Perhaps I do not pray right,” and so we do not persevere in prayer. This was a lesson that Our Lord taught often and urgently. If we consider the matter, we can see that there may be a reason for the delay, and the waiting may bring a blessing to our souls. Our desire must grow deeper and stronger, and we must ask with our whole heart. God puts us into the practicing school of persevering prayer, that our weak faith may be strengthened. Do believe that there is a great blessing in the delayed answer to prayer.

Above all, God would draw us into closer fellowship with Himself. When our prayers are not answered, we learn to realize that the fellowship, nearness, and love of God are more to us than the answers of our petitions, and we continue in prayer. What a blessing Jacob received, through the delay in the answer to his prayer! He saw God face to face, and as a prince he had power with God and prevailed.

Christians, listen to this warning. Be not impatient or discouraged if the answer does not come. Continue in prayer. “Pray without ceasing.” You will find it an unspeakable blessing to do so. You will ask whether your prayer is really in accordance with the will of God, and The Word Of God. You will inquire if it is in the right spirit and in The Name Of Christ. Keep on praying. You will learn that the delay in the answer to prayer is one of the most precious means of grace that God can bestow on you. You will learn, too, that those who have persevered often and long before God, in pleading His Promises, are those who have had the greatest power with God in prayer.

The Prayer Meeting

“These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication...” “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost...” — Acts 1:14, 2:4.

“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:19-20.

Great is the value of a genuine prayer meeting. There God’s Children meet together, not as in church, to listen to one speaker, but to lift up their hearts unitedly to God. By this means Christians are drawn closer to each other. Those who are weak, are strengthened and encouraged by the testimony of the older and more experienced members, and even young Christians have the opportunity of telling of the joy of The Lord.

The prayer meeting may become a great power for good in a congregation, and a spiritual help to both minister and members. By means of intercession, God’s Blessing is poured out at home and abroad.

But there are also dangers to be considered. Many attend, and are edified, but never learn to pray themselves. Others go for the sake of social and religious fervor, and have a form of godliness, but do not know the hidden life of prayer. Unless there is *much and earnest prayer in the inner chamber*, attendance at a prayer meeting may be a mere form. There should be hearty love and fellowship between the members. It is well to ask: What constitutes a living prayer meeting?

The leaders should realize how great the influence of such a meeting may be, with its roots nourished by the life of prayer in the inner chamber. Prayer should include God’s People and His Church all over the world. And above all, as on The Day Of Pentecost, there must be waiting on God for the filling with The Holy Spirit.

Dear reader, this book aims at helping you in your spiritual life. But remember, you do not live for yourself alone, but you are part of The Body Of Christ. Your prayer must include, in its intercession, all Christians. As the roots of the tree hidden deep in the earth, and the branches spread out to Heaven, are one, so the hidden prayer life is inseparably bound up with united prayer. Prayer is a privilege, that, unfortunately, far too few Christians avail themselves of.

Intercession

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;” — Ephesians 6:18.

What an unspeakable blessing there is in intercession. That one should pray down heavenly gifts on himself is a wonder of grace, but that he should bring down blessings on others is indeed an inconceivable honor. Will God indeed make the pouring out of blessing on others *dependent on our prayers*? Yes, He makes us His Remembrancers and Fellow-workers. He has taken us into partnership in His Work. If we fail in doing our part, others will suffer, and His Work will suffer unspeakable loss.

God has appointed intercession as one of the means by which souls shall be saved, and saints and ministers of The Gospel are edified and built up in the faith. Even the ends of the earth will receive life and blessing through our prayers. Should we not expect God’s Children to strive joyfully, and with all their powers, by means of intercession, to bring down blessing on the world?

Christian, begin to use intercession as a means of grace for yourself and for others. Pray for your neighbors. Pray for souls, with the definite desire that they may be won for Christ. Pray for your minister, for all ministers and missionaries. Pray for your country and people, for rulers and subjects. Pray for all men, women, and children worldwide. If you surrender yourself to the guidance of The Holy Spirit, and live a life wholly for God, you will realize that the time spent in prayer is an offering well-pleasing to God, bringing blessing to yourself, and power into the lives of those for whom you pray.

Yes, *pray always* with all prayer and supplication, *watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints*. And in so doing, you will learn the lesson that intercession is the chief means of *winning souls* and bringing *glory to God*.

Prayer And Fasting

“And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief...Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.” — Matthew 17:20-21.

Our Lord here teaches us that a life of faith requires both prayer and fasting. That is, prayer grasps the power of heaven, fasting loosens the hold of earthly pleasure.

Jesus Himself fasted to get strength to resist the devil. He taught His Disciples that even as with prayer and almsgiving, fasting should be in secret, and The Heavenly Father would reward openly. Abstinence from food, or temperance in taking it, helps to strengthen the soul for communion and communication with God.

Let us learn this great lesson that abstinence, temperance, and self-denial in temporal things, is a help to the spiritual life. After having partaken of a hearty meal, one does not feel much desire to pray. To willingly sacrifice our own pleasure, or bodily enjoyment, and to subdue the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, will help to set our minds more fully on heavenly things. The very exertion needed in overcoming the desires of the flesh will give us strength to take hold of God in prayer.

This great lesson is this. Our dullness in prayer comes from our fleshly desire of comfort and ease. *Those who are in Christ have crucified the flesh and its desires.* Prayer is no easy work. It may easily become a mere form. For the real practice of prayer, and taking hold of God, and having communion with Him, it is necessary that all that can please the flesh must be sacrificed and given over to death.

Beloved Christian, do believe that it is worth any trouble to deny ourselves daily, in order to meet The Holy God, and receive from Him heavenly blessings.

The Spirit Of Prayer

“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.” — Romans 8:26.

“And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. ” — Romans 8:27.

The Spirit makes intercession for the saints.

Prayer is not our work, but God’s Work, that He works within us by His Almighty Power. As we think of this, our attitude should be one of silent expectation, that as we pray, The Holy Spirit may help our infirmities, and pray within us with groanings that cannot be uttered.

What a thought! When I feel how defective my prayer is, when I have no strength of my own, I may bow in silence before God in the confidence that His Holy Spirit will teach me to pray. The Spirit is The Spirit Of Prayer. It is not my work, but God’s Work in me. My very desire, is a sign that God will hear me. When God would grant our requests, He first works the desire in our hearts, and The Spirit will perfect the work, even in our weakness. We see this in the story of Jacob. The same One who wrestled with him, and seemed to withhold the blessing, was in reality strengthening him to continue and to prevail in prayer. What a wondrous thought! Prayer is the work of The Triune God: The Father, who wakens the desire, and will give all we need; The Son, who through His Intercession, teaches us to pray in His Name; and The Holy Spirit, who in secret will strengthen our feeble desires.

We have spoken of The Spirit Of Truth who will glorify Christ in us, and of The Spirit Of Love, who will shed this love abroad in our hearts. And now we have The Spirit Of Prayer, through whom our life may be one of continual prayer. *Thank God. The Spirit has been given from Heaven to dwell in our hearts, and to teach us to pray.*

Christian, listen to the leading of The Spirit. Obey His Voice in all things. He will make you an instrument of prayer. You will then realize the glory of your calling as an intercessor, asking great things of God, for those around you, for the church, and for the whole unsaved world.

Final Thoughts

This is the last section of the *God* book. I pray that you have **taken the time** investing in your spiritual development. This book was designed for many uses, such as being used as a devotional, for Bible study, for sermon preparation, for discipleship training, and for sharing **The Gospel Of Jesus Christ** with others. I have written other writings **and books to help develop your walk with Christ also. They will help to take you deeper in your intimacy with God through Jesus Christ.** I greatly appreciate your prayers for me and for the worldwide evangelism outreach via books and other media.

My assignment from God is to: deliver hope to a lost and dying world. Apart from Jesus Christ, people have no hope, as **He** is their only hope. My prayer is that you will be inspired, blessed, and encouraged by reading this book, and will **share Jesus** with many other people, **being an excellent example of Him**, by your words and your life.

Prayer changes things. So **never neglect using prayer** as led by The Holy Spirit, to change your community, family, health, job, country, and also the world, to glorify God. **The lack of time** spent in intimacy with God is **the greatest problem** our world faces. I encourage you to separate yourself from the world, selfish pursuits, and distractions. Instead look to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. Pray and read God's Word.

Believe, and faithfully confess God's Word. "**He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.**" Psalm 107:20. His Word brings **alignment.**

Please **tell others** about this *God* book, so they may get a copy, and also be blessed. May God Bless you, as you develop faith, pray, and live your life to better Glorify Him.

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