

# WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?

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**What is the meaning of life? Why are we here? What is our purpose?** The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is uniquely competent to answer these questions without ambiguity or apology.

The Alpha and the Omega,<sup>1</sup> the True and Living God,<sup>2</sup> the Great and Dreadful God,<sup>3</sup> the Consuming Fire<sup>4</sup> made earth and heaven<sup>5</sup> and everything seen and unseen.<sup>6</sup> There is no other God.<sup>7</sup> In His wisdom He created an innumerable race of beings called angels<sup>8</sup> to do His bidding. A third of the angels left their first estate,<sup>9</sup> followed Satan<sup>10</sup> and rebelled against God.<sup>11</sup> God did not provide a savior for the fallen angels and sentenced them to hell forever.<sup>12</sup> God created man in His image.<sup>13</sup> Satan beguiled<sup>14</sup> man, and man (Adam/Eve) sinned against God at the Garden of Eden.<sup>15</sup> God drove out man from the Garden of Eden<sup>16</sup> and man became an outcast and abhorrent to God.<sup>17</sup> When Adam sinned against God, the race of man sinned against God and all were sentenced to a mortal life, to die and to go to hell.<sup>18</sup> Of God's own accord, He provided a savior<sup>19</sup>, His own Son<sup>20</sup> (Jesus Christ<sup>21</sup>), to die for the sins of a few<sup>22</sup> elect<sup>23</sup> souls. Their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life and will enter heaven and those not in the Lamb's Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire.<sup>24</sup> Christ was born to Mary and Joseph<sup>25</sup> and came (the first time) to suffer,<sup>26</sup> be shamed,<sup>27</sup> be hated of all men,<sup>28</sup> be tempted and ridiculed,<sup>29</sup> have cruel mockings,<sup>30</sup> be tortured<sup>31</sup> and crucified.<sup>32</sup> Christ will come a second time, at the end of the world,<sup>33</sup> as a thief in the night,<sup>34</sup> in power and glory,<sup>35</sup> with mighty angels and ten thousands of His saints to execute judgment<sup>36</sup> on mankind, and the earth will melt away.<sup>37</sup> All men will stand before the terror of the Lord and the judgment seat of Christ and receive the things done in the body, whether it be good or evil.<sup>38</sup> As told in the scriptures in the book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ, He will judge the earth, and, through many wondrous events, destroy the earth and most of mankind<sup>39</sup> and establish His administration on earth.<sup>40</sup>

Life is a proving<sup>41</sup> ground to show forth who is worthy<sup>42</sup> of heaven and who has transgressed<sup>43</sup> against God and is worthy of hell.<sup>44</sup> For those in hell, their worm does not die and their fire is not quenched.<sup>45</sup> In the days of Noah, God saw that the wickedness of man was great, that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually,<sup>46</sup> and that the earth was corrupt and filled with violence,<sup>47</sup> and it grieved God and it repented Him that He made them<sup>48</sup>; He sought to destroy all men and beasts with The Flood.<sup>49</sup> But Noah was a preacher of righteousness and found grace in the eyes of the Lord,<sup>50</sup> and was delivered from the Flood upon the world of the ungodly.<sup>51</sup> When God utterly destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone<sup>52</sup> from heaven for sodomy,<sup>53</sup> He saved Lot, who was just.<sup>54</sup> The Jewish people and the nation of Israel were also proved.<sup>55</sup> God fixed his love upon them and supernaturally delivered them from the hand of their oppressors, the Egyptians.<sup>56</sup> He established their nation, gave them the commandments,<sup>57</sup> established His religion and the practice of it<sup>58</sup>, and gave them a prosperous and good land;<sup>59</sup> in exchange, He required their loyalty and that they worship only Him.<sup>60</sup> Israel repeatedly and openly violated the commandments in every way,<sup>61</sup>

engaged in every form of sin as a people and a nation.<sup>62</sup> God delivered them into the hands of their enemies many times for their sin.<sup>63</sup> God sent them His prophets to reprove, rebuke and warn them to change their ways.<sup>64</sup> They refused and instead mocked His messengers, despised His words, and misused His prophets until the wrath of the LORD arose against them till there was no remedy.<sup>65</sup> For their sins and their repeated refusal to follow His ways, God sent the Syrians<sup>66</sup> and the Babylonians<sup>67</sup> to utterly and violently kill them, destroy their nation and drag the few who survived back to their oppressors to live. God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.<sup>68</sup> The wicked and the guilty shall not go unpunished.<sup>69</sup>

Christ says the road to heaven is narrow, the gate to it is strait and few go therein, but the road to hell is broad, the gate to it wide, and many go therein.<sup>70</sup> "For what is your life?" asks the apostle? He answers: "it is a vapor that is here a little time and then vanishes away."<sup>71</sup> The psalmist says that the days of a man are as grass, the wind passeth over it and it is gone; it is so quickly gone that the place where it was does not even know it was there.<sup>72</sup> Every human either lives their short life in service to God or in service to Satan.<sup>73</sup>

Those that live in service to God display a number of characteristics.

- Like Moses, they willingly choose to suffer affliction with the people of God, rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;<sup>74</sup> they esteem the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt;<sup>75</sup> and, by faith, they forsake Egypt (the World), not fearing the wrath of men, and endure, as seeing and believing Him who is invisible.<sup>76</sup>
- They fear God.<sup>77</sup>
- They demonstrate their love for God by keeping God's Commandments,<sup>78</sup> for without this they cannot enter the gates of heaven.<sup>79</sup>
- The servant is not greater than the master,<sup>80</sup> so like Christ, they too must: (1) suffer persecution,<sup>81</sup> (2) endure afflictions,<sup>82</sup> (3) suffer shame,<sup>83</sup> (4) be reproached,<sup>84</sup> (5) be hated of the world,<sup>85</sup> (6) take up their cross daily and deny themselves,<sup>86</sup> (7) bring every thought into captivity,<sup>87</sup> (8) make no provision for the lust of the flesh,<sup>88</sup> (9) not be fearful of what man can do to them,<sup>89</sup> (10) lose their life and not save it,<sup>90</sup> and (11) not be ashamed of God.<sup>91</sup>
- They are mocked, despised and misused.<sup>92</sup>
- They have powerful enemies, both worldly and spiritually.<sup>93</sup>
- They are threatened with death,<sup>94</sup> are killed all the day long and accounted as sheep for the slaughter,<sup>95</sup> have fiery trials,<sup>96</sup> are made a spectacle, and are despised, reviled, defamed, treated as the filth and offscouring of all things.<sup>97</sup>
- They are spiritually minded (which is life) and not carnally minded (which is death).<sup>98</sup>
- They are spoken of as evildoers<sup>99</sup> and have hard speeches made against them.<sup>100</sup>
- They enter the Kingdom of God after much tribulation.<sup>101</sup>
- By their constant preaching, they trouble cities and put them in an uproar.<sup>102</sup>
- They have faith in God,<sup>103</sup> without which, it is impossible to please Him.<sup>104</sup>
- They preach the word in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, and show the world their transgression, and clearly put the people's abomination before their eyes.<sup>105</sup>

- They love their neighbor by rebuking them when they sin and will not suffer sin upon them.<sup>106</sup> They also show they love their neighbor by keeping the commandments.<sup>107</sup>
- They abstain from fleshly lusts,<sup>108</sup> and are not entangled with or overcome by the cares of this life.<sup>109</sup>
- They are as strangers, sojourners<sup>110</sup> and pilgrims in this world,<sup>111</sup> and will not conform to the lusts of the world,<sup>112</sup> and have no citizenship here, but seek a better city and country.<sup>113</sup>
- They are not deceived,<sup>114</sup> are not terrified of their adversaries,<sup>115</sup> do not draw back,<sup>116</sup> are not lukewarm,<sup>117</sup> and have great boldness.<sup>118</sup>
- They give up family members for Christ's sake.<sup>119</sup>
- They pray often,<sup>120</sup> in private,<sup>121</sup> and without vain repetitions.<sup>122</sup>
- They have great humility<sup>123</sup> and see their own sinful nature.<sup>124</sup>
- They are thankful.<sup>125</sup>
- They have no strength of their own.<sup>126</sup>
- They have a command of the scriptures and read them daily.<sup>127</sup>
- They have great charity<sup>128</sup> and love<sup>129</sup> for God's elect.
- They are subject one to another.<sup>130</sup>
- They continually exhort and consider one another.<sup>131</sup>
- They attend the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ every week and every time it meets.<sup>132</sup>
- They do not allow any man to take their crown.<sup>133</sup>
- They bring forth fruit<sup>134</sup> meet for repentance, according to the calling<sup>135</sup> of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Do not engage in physical violence<sup>136</sup> or revenge,<sup>137</sup> but wait on the Lord.<sup>138</sup>
- They cannot be turned aside or dissuaded.<sup>139</sup>

For those that overcome, Christ will give him/her to eat of the tree of life,<sup>140</sup> to eat of the hidden manna and are given a white stone with a new name written in the stone,<sup>141</sup> are given the morning star,<sup>142</sup> given clothes of white raiment,<sup>143</sup> are made a pillar in the temple of God,<sup>144</sup> are made to sit with Christ in His throne,<sup>145</sup> and Christ will confess his/her name before his Father and before His angels.<sup>146</sup> Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard the things that God hath prepared for them that love him.<sup>147</sup>

But let no one deceive you: the wrath of God comes upon the children of disobedience for fornication, uncleanness, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking/jesting, whoremongery, and idolatry.<sup>148</sup> The works of the flesh are these: adultery, fornication, lasciviousness, witchcraft, hatred, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and they which do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.<sup>149</sup> The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Be not deceived: unrepentant fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of themselves with mankind (homosexuals), thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, or extortioners, shall not inherit the kingdom of God.<sup>150</sup> Walk not to fulfill the lusts of the flesh; to do so is certain death.<sup>151</sup> All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world and the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.<sup>152</sup>

The dead, small and great, will stand before God; and the books will be opened. And the dead will be judged out of those things written in the books, every man according to his works.<sup>153</sup> When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels, then He will sit upon the throne of His glory and before Him shall be gathered all peoples, and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides His sheep from the goats: And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, come, ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you... then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels... And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.<sup>154</sup> Whosoever was not found written in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire.<sup>155</sup>

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.<sup>156</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. 22:13 - *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

<sup>2</sup> Jer. 10:10 - *But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.*

<sup>3</sup> Dan. 9:4 - *And I (Daniel) prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments.*

<sup>4</sup> Deut. 4:24; Heb. 12:29 - *For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.*

<sup>5</sup> Gen. 1:1 - *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

<sup>6</sup> See Gen. 1:1-25.

<sup>7</sup> Deut. 32:39 - *See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.*

<sup>8</sup> Ps 104:1-4 - *Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire. Heb 12:22 - *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.**

<sup>9</sup> Rev. 12:3-4 - *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven ...; Jude 1:6 - *And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.**

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- <sup>10</sup> Rev. 12:9 - *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*
- <sup>11</sup> Luke 10:18 *And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*
- <sup>12</sup> Pet. 2:4 *For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.*
- <sup>13</sup> Gen. 1:36 - *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...*
- <sup>14</sup> 2 Cor. 11:3 - *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*
- <sup>15</sup> See Gen. 3.
- <sup>16</sup> See Gen. 3:23-24 - *Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubs, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*
- <sup>17</sup> Gen. 6:5-7 - *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.*
- <sup>18</sup> Rom. 5:12;19 - *... As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned; For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners... Ps 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*
- <sup>19</sup> Rom. 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- <sup>20</sup> Rom. 8:32-33 - *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*
- <sup>21</sup> Mr 1:1 - *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*
- <sup>22</sup> Mt 7:14 - *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.* Luke 13:23-24 - *Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.* Isa 1:9 *Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.* See also Mat. 22:14.
- <sup>23</sup> Mt 24:31 - *And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.* Mr 13:20 *And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.* 1Pe 1:2 *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.* Rom. 11:5 *Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.* Rom. 11:7 *What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.* 1Th 1:4 *Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.*
- <sup>24</sup> Rev. 21:27 - *And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.* Rev. 20: 15 - *And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*
- <sup>25</sup> Mt 1:18 - *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.*
- <sup>26</sup> 1 Pet 2:21 - *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.* Lu 24:46 *...Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer.* Acts 3:18 *But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer...* Acts 26:23 *That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.*
- <sup>27</sup> Heb. 12:2 - *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
- <sup>28</sup> John 15:18 - *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.* John 7:7 *The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.* John 19:6-7 - *When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him,*

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and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

<sup>29</sup> Mt 4:1-10 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 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. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Mt 22:18 - But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Mt 16:1 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. Mt 19:3 - The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

<sup>30</sup> John 19:2-3 - And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his (Jesus) head, and they put on him a purple robe, And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

<sup>31</sup> Mt 27:26 - Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. John 19:1 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.

<sup>32</sup> Mat. 27:35 - And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. 2Co 13:4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

<sup>33</sup> Mat. 13:39-42 - *The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

<sup>34</sup> 1Th 5:2 - For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night... Rev. 3:3 ...If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Re 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

<sup>35</sup> Mt 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

<sup>36</sup> 2 Thes 1:7-9 ...The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; Jude 14-15 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed...

<sup>37</sup> 2Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 2 Pet. 3:12 - Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? See also Rev. 8:7-13.

<sup>38</sup> 2 Cor. 5:10-11 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men... Rom 9: 18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth... What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction.

<sup>39</sup> Rev. 6 White horse = Christ/Word, Red horse = great war, Black Horse = great famine, Pale Horse = great disease, great earthquakes. Rev. 7 & 8, 1/3 all trees/grass burned up, 1/3 oceans turned to blood, 1/3 creatures/ships

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destroyed, great plagues on men, 1/3 rivers poisoned, 1/3 men slain. Rev. 15/16, grievous sores, all things in seas die, rivers become blood/poisoned, darkness in the earth, sun scorches the earth, hail stones, and more great earthquakes.

<sup>40</sup> Rev. 19/20, Armageddon and the millennial reign of Christ.

<sup>41</sup> Deut. 8:2 - *And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.* Rom. 12:2 *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.*

<sup>42</sup> 2Th 1:4-5 *So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer.*

<sup>43</sup> Isaiah 66:24 - *And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.*

<sup>44</sup> Isa 14:9 *Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.* Re 20:14 *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.* Re 20:15 *And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

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<sup>46</sup> Gen. 6:5 - *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

<sup>47</sup> Gen. 6: 11-12 - *The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.*

<sup>48</sup> Gen. 6:6- *And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.*

<sup>49</sup> Gen. 6:7. *And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.*

<sup>50</sup> Gen. 6:8 *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.* Heb 11:7 *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.* 1Pet. 3:20 *Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.* 2Pet. 2:5 *And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness...*

<sup>51</sup> 2 Pet. 2:5 *... bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.*

<sup>52</sup> Gen. 19:24-25 *Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.* Luke 17:28-30 *Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.* 2Pe 2:6 *And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: Jude 1:7 *Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh (homosexuality), are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

<sup>53</sup> Gen. 19: 1-7 *And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot*

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went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh (homosexuality) ...

<sup>54</sup> 2 Pet. 2:6-10 *And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.*

<sup>55</sup> Deut. 8:2 - *And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.*

<sup>56</sup> Heb. 11:29 *By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. See Exodus 14.*

<sup>57</sup> See Exodus 20.

<sup>58</sup> See Leviticus 1-27.

<sup>59</sup> Exodus 3:7-8 - *And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.*

<sup>60</sup> Ex 20:5 - *Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; Ex 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:*

<sup>61</sup> Deut. 31:25-29 *...Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?...29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. See Deut. 32. Jud 2:19 *And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way. See also the books of Judges, Samuel, the Kings and the Chronicles among others.**

<sup>62</sup> Jer. 5:7-9 - *How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? Isa 1:4 *Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Isa. 5: 25 *Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. Jer 29:18 *And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them. Jer 5:11 *For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD. Nu 32:13 *And the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed. Jud 2:11 *And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: Jud 3:7 *And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves. 1Ki 14:22 *And Judah did evil in the sight of the*********



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LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. 2Ki 8:18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD. 2Ki 17:17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 2Ki 21:2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 2Ki 21:16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. 2Ch 33:22 But he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them;

<sup>63</sup> Jud 3:5-8 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites. And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves. Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushanrishathaim eight years. Jud 3:12,14 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD. So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. Jud 6:1 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. 1 Sam. 4:10-11 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

<sup>64</sup> 1 Kings 18:17-18 - And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim. 2 Kings 3:13-14 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab. And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. Jer. 2: 1-7 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me (Jeremiah), saying, go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem... Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?... And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. Isaiah 1:1-7 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem... Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. A sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. ... From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

<sup>65</sup> 2Ch 36:16 - But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

<sup>66</sup> 2 Kings 17:5-20 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria... For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: And there they burnt incense in all the

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high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger: For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them. And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

<sup>67</sup> 2 Kings 25:1-7 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about. And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain. And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him. So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon. See also Jeremiah 39:1-9. 2 Chron. 36:11-20 Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD. And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel. Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy. Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand. And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia.

<sup>68</sup> Gal. 6:7 - Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

<sup>69</sup> Prov. 11:21 - Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. Num. 14:18 - The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

<sup>70</sup> Mat. 7:13 - Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it; Luke 13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

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<sup>71</sup> Jas 4:14 - Whereas ye know what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

<sup>72</sup> Psalm 103:15-16 - As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. 1 Pet. 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.

<sup>73</sup> Rom 6:16-18 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. 1Ti 5:15 - For some are already turned aside after Satan. Rev. 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

<sup>74</sup> Heb 11:24-25 - By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

<sup>75</sup> Heb. 11:26 - Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

<sup>76</sup> Heb 11:27 - By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

<sup>77</sup> Ec 12:13 - Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Gen. 42:18 And Joseph said...I fear God. Ex 18:21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness... Job 1:9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Ps 66:16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God... 1Pe 2:17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God... Re 14:6-7 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven... Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come... 1 Pet. 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. Deut 6:2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

<sup>78</sup> Joh 14:15 *If ye love me, keep my commandments.* Joh 14:21 *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.* Joh 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.* Mt 19:17 *And he (Jesus) said unto him, ... if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.* Lu 18:18;20 *And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?...Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.* 1Jo 2:3 *And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.* 1Jo 2:4 *He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.* 1Jo 3:22 *And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.* 1Jo 3:24 *And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.* 1Jo 5:2 *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.* 1Jo 5:3 *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.* 2Jo 1:6 *And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.* De 7:9 *Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; Le 22:31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.* De 5:29 *O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!* De 8:2 *And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou*

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wouldest keep his commandments, or no. De 11:22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; 1 King 9:6-7 But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people. Re 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Re 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

<sup>79</sup> Rev. 22:14 - Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city (heaven).

<sup>80</sup> John 15:20 - Remember the word that I (Jesus) said unto you, *The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.*

<sup>81</sup> Rom 8:17 - And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Php 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake. 2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. Acts 9:15-16 But the Lord said unto him, *Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel.* For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

<sup>82</sup> Jas 5:10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. 2 Cor. 6:4-10 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

<sup>83</sup> Acts 5:41 And they (Peter and John) departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

<sup>84</sup> 1 Pet. 4:14 - If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you...

<sup>85</sup> John 15:18-19 - *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.* Mt 10:22 *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.* Mt 24:9 *Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.* Mr 13:13 *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.* Lu 19:14 *But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.* Lu 21:17 *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.* 1Jo 3:13 *Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.*

<sup>86</sup> Luke 9:23 - *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*

<sup>87</sup> 2 Cor. 10:5 - *...and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

<sup>88</sup> Rom 13:12-14 - *The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

<sup>89</sup> Ps 56:11 - *In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.* Phil 1:28 *And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.* Luke 12:4-5 *And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.*

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<sup>90</sup> Luke 9:24-25 - *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?* See also Mat. 16:25, Mark 8:35 and Luke 17:33.

<sup>91</sup> Luke 9:26 - *For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.*

<sup>92</sup> 2Ch 36:16 - *But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.*

<sup>93</sup> Psalm 27:2 - *When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.* See Mat. 14 (John the Baptist and King Herod); See Mat. 27 (Jesus and Pontius Pilate, The high priest, etc.). Eph 6:12 *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.*

<sup>94</sup> Acts 13:12-13 - *And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.* Mt 26:4 *And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.*

Joh 7:1 *After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.* 1 Cor 4:9 *For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death:*

<sup>95</sup> Rom. 8:36 - *As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

<sup>96</sup> 1 Pet 4:12 - *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.*

<sup>97</sup> 1 Cor 4:9-13 - *...We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.*

<sup>98</sup> Rom. 8:4-9 - *That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

<sup>99</sup> 1Pe 2:12 - *Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.* 1Pe 3:16 *Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.*

<sup>100</sup> Jude 14-16 - *... Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.*

<sup>101</sup> Ac 14:22 - *Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.*

<sup>102</sup> Acts 17:5-8 - *But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also... And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things. . 1 Kings 18:17 *And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?* Acts 19:23-29 *And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. Moreover ye see and hear, that not**

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alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. And the whole city was filled with confusion... Amos 7:10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

<sup>103</sup> Mr 11:22 - And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. Ro 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Re 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Jas 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? 1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>104</sup> Heb 11:6 - 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.

<sup>105</sup> 2Ti 4:2 - Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. Isaiah 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Ezek. 16:1-2 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations. Jer. 1:10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant. Isaiah 6:9-10 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

<sup>106</sup> Lev. 19:17-18 - Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

<sup>107</sup> Rom 13:8-10 - Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>108</sup> 1 Pet 2:11 - Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Mt. 5:27-30 *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.* See also, Mat. 18:9, Mark 9:45-47. John 8:44 *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.* Rom 1:24-27 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. Ro 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 1 Cor 6: 9-10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>109</sup> Luke 21:34 *And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.* 2 Tim 2:3-4 - Thou therefore endure

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hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

<sup>110</sup> 1 Chron 29:15 - For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. Heb 11:9 By faith he (Abraham) sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise.

<sup>111</sup> 1 Pet 2:11 - Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Heb. 13:14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. Heb 11:9 By faith he (Abraham) sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise.

<sup>112</sup> Rom 12:1-2 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye 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.

<sup>113</sup> Heb 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Heb 11: 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country... But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. Heb. 11:16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

<sup>114</sup> Mat. 24:24 - *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.* Re 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Rev. 20:1-3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. Rev.20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. I John 3:7-8 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. Eph 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Ga 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Mt 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, *Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

<sup>115</sup> Php 1:28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

<sup>116</sup> Heb 10:38-39 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.

<sup>117</sup> Rev. 3:15-16 *I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

<sup>118</sup> 1Jo 4:17 - Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Ac 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. Ac 4:29,31 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word... And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. Ac 9:27, 29 But Barnabas took him (Paul), and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus... And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him. Ac 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo,

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we turn to the Gentiles. Ac 18:26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

<sup>119</sup> Mt 10:21 - And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. Mt 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

<sup>120</sup> Mr 13:33 - Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. 1Pe 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. Lu 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing. Col 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Ac 12:12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. Da 9:3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: Ho 14:2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

<sup>121</sup> Mt 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

<sup>122</sup> Mt 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

<sup>123</sup> Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Jas 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Jas 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. 1Pe 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Ac 20:19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews.

<sup>124</sup> Luke 18:10-14 - *Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

<sup>125</sup> Heb. 13:15 - By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Ps 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 1Ti 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; Psalm 50:14-15 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

<sup>126</sup> Psalm 28:8 The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed. 2 Cor. 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Psalm 118:14 The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Daniel 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

<sup>127</sup> Joshua 1:8 - 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. 2 Tim. 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Ac 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures



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daily, whether those things were so. Mt 21:42 *Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?* Mt 22:29 *Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*

<sup>128</sup> 2Th 1:3 *We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; 1Co 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 1Ti 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned. 1 Pet. 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.*

9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

<sup>129</sup> Joh 13:34 *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. Joh 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. Joh 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Joh 15:17 These things I command you, that ye love one another. Ro 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; 1Pe 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Ro 13:8 Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

<sup>130</sup> 1Pe 5:5 *.... Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*

<sup>131</sup> Heb. 3:13 *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. Mal. 3:16-18 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. Psalm 41:1-3 David. LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee. Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.*

<sup>132</sup> Heb 10:25 *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Acts 20:7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.*

<sup>133</sup> Rev. 3:11 *Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.*

<sup>134</sup> Mat. 13:1-24 *The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the seaside. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.... Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 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. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field. Mat. 3:10 Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Mat. 7:15-19 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing,*

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*but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Mt 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:*

<sup>135</sup> 1 Thes. 2:12 *That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. Col. 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.*

<sup>136</sup> 2 Cor. 10: 3-5 - *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (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. Luke 3:14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man... Mat. 26:50-52 And Jesus said unto him, *Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.**

<sup>137</sup> Rom. 12:18-19 *If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

<sup>138</sup> Ps 27:14 *Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD. Ps 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Pr 20:22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.*

<sup>139</sup> Ezekiel 3:8-9 *Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. Jer 1:17-19 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.*

*18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.*

*19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.*

<sup>140</sup> Rev. 2: 7 *To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*

<sup>141</sup> Rev. 2:17 *To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

<sup>142</sup> Rev. 2:26-28 *And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star.*

<sup>143</sup> Rev. 3:5 *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life.*

<sup>144</sup> Rev. 3:11-12 *Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

<sup>145</sup> Rev. 3:21 *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

<sup>146</sup> Rev. 3:5 *He that overcometh... I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

<sup>147</sup> 1 Cor. 2:9 - *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.*

<sup>148</sup> Eph 5:3-7 - *But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath*

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any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

<sup>149</sup> Gal. 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>150</sup> 1 Cor. 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

<sup>151</sup> Gal. 5:16-17 - This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren.

<sup>152</sup> 1 John 2:16-17 - For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

<sup>153</sup> Rev. 20:12-15 - And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

<sup>154</sup> Mat. 25: 31-46 - When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world... Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink... Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

<sup>155</sup> Rev. 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

<sup>156</sup> Deut 30:19-20 - 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.