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1 John 3:10 (KJV) In this the children of God are manifest,
And the children of the devil:
Whosoever does not righteousness is not of God,
Neither he that loves not his brother.

1 John 3:10 (NLT) So now we can tell who are children of God
And who are children of the Devil.
Anyone who does not obey God's commands
And does not love other Christians does not belong to God.

Luke 8:11-14 (NLT) "This is the meaning of the story: The seed is God's message.

[12] The seed that fell on the hard path

Represents those who hear the Message,
But then the Devil comes and steals it away and prevents them
From believing and being saved.

[13] The rocky soil represents those who hear the Message with joy.

But like young plants in such soil, their roots don't go very deep.
They believe for a while,
But they wilt when the hot winds of testing blow.

[14] The thorny ground represents those who hear and accept the Message,

But all too quickly the Message is crowded out by the cares
And riches and pleasures of this life.
And so they never grow into maturity.

1 John 5:19-20 (NLT) We know that we are children of God

And that the world around us
Is under the power and control of the evil one.

[20] And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding

So that we can know the True God.
And now we are in God because we are in his Son, Jesus Christ.
He is the only True God, and he is eternal life.

Ephes. 4:26-27 (NLT) And "don't sin by letting anger gain control over you.

"Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry,

[27] For anger gives a mighty foothold to the Devil.

Ephes. 4:26-27 (KJV) Be you angry, and sin not:

Let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

[27] Neither give place to the devil.

2 Timothy 3:12-13 (ESV) Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus

Will be persecuted,

¹³ While evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse,
Deceiving and being deceived.

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Rev. 12:9-10 (NLT) This great dragon—The ancient serpent called the Devil,

Or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world —

Was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.

[10] Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the Heavens,

"It has happened at last—The salvation and power and Kingdom
Of our God, and the Authority of his Christ!

For the Accuser

Has been thrown down to earth—The one who accused our brothers

And sisters before our God day and night.

Ephes. 6:12-18 (NLT) For we are not fighting against people

Made of flesh and blood,

But against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world,

Against those mighty powers of darkness

Who rule this world,

And against wicked spirits in the Heavenly realms.

[13] Use every piece of God's armor

To resist the enemy in the time of evil,

So that after the battle you will still be standing firm.

[14] Stand your ground,

Putting on the sturdy belt of Truth

And the body armor of God's Righteousness.

[15] For shoes, put on the peace

That comes from the Good News, so that you will be fully prepared.

[16] In every battle you will need faith as your shield

To stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan.

[17] Put on salvation as your helmet,

And take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

[18] Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert

And be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere.

2 Cor. 11:14-15 (NLT) But I am not surprised! Even Satan can disguise himself

As an angel of light.

[15] So it is no wonder his servants can also do it by pretending to be godly ministers.

In the end they will get every bit of punishment

Their wicked deeds deserve.

Isaiah 14:12-14 (NLT) "How you are fallen from Heaven, O shining star,

Son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth,

You who destroyed the nations of the world.

[13] For you said to yourself,

'I will ascend to Heaven and set my throne above God's stars.

I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north.

[14] I will climb to the highest Heavens and be like the Most High.'

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Luke 22:31-32 (NLT) "Simon, Simon, Satan **has asked to have all of you,**
To sift you like wheat.

[32] But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith **should not fail.**
So when you have repented and turned to Me again,
Strengthen and build up your brothers."

John 8:44 (NLT) **For you are the children of your father the Devil,**
And you love **to do** the evil things he does.
He was a murderer from the beginning and has always **hated the Truth.**
There is **no Truth** in him.
When he lies, it is consistent **with** his character;
For he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 12:31 (NLT) **The time of judgment for the world has come,**
When the prince of this world **will be cast out.**

John 12:31 (KJV) **Now is the judgment of this world:**
Now shall the prince of this world **be cast out.**

Daniel 10:13 (NLT) **But for twenty-one days**
The spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia **blocked My way.**
Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help Me,
And I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.

Matthew 4:8-10 (NLT) Next the Devil took Him to the peak of a very high mountain
And showed Him the nations of the world and all their glory.

[9] "**I will** give it all to You," he said,
"If You will only **kneel down and worship me.**"

[10] "**Get out** of here, Satan," Jesus told him.
"**For the Scriptures say,** 'You must **worship the Lord** your God;
Serve **only Him.**' "

Matthew 25:37-43 (NLT) "**Then the King will turn to those on the left**
And say, '**Away** with you, you cursed ones,
Into the eternal fire prepared **for** the Devil and his demons!

[42] **For I was hungry**, and you **didn't** feed me.
I was thirsty, and you **didn't** give me anything to drink.

[43] **I was a stranger**, and you **didn't** invite me into your home.
I was **naked**, and you gave me **no** clothing.
I was **sick** and in prison, and you **didn't** visit me.'

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT) Be **careful!** **Watch out** for attacks from the Devil,
Your great enemy. **He prowls around like** a roaring lion,
Looking for some victim to **devour**.

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James 2:19 (KJV) **You believe that there is one God; You do well:**

The devils also believe, and tremble.

1 Peter 5:8 (KJV) **Be sober, be vigilant; Because your adversary the devil,**

As a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour:

Job 1:6-11 (NLT) **One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord,**

And Satan the Accuser came with them.

[7] "Where have you come from?"

The Lord asked Satan. And Satan answered the Lord,

"I have been going back and forth across the earth,

Watching everything that's going on."

[8] Then the Lord asked Satan,

"Have you noticed My servant Job?

He is the finest man in all the earth—a man of complete integrity.

He fears God and will have nothing to do with evil."

[9] Satan replied to the Lord,

"Yes, Job fears God, but not without good reason!

[10] You have always protected him and his home and his property from harm.

You have made him prosperous in everything he does.

Look how rich he is!

[11] But take away everything he has, and he will surely curse You to your face!"

1 Kings 11:1-8 (ESV) **Now King Solomon loved many foreign women,**

Along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

² From the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the people of Israel,

"You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you,

For surely they will turn away your heart after their gods."

Solomon clung to these in love.

³ He had 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines.

And his wives turned away his heart.

⁴ For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods,

And his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God,

As was the heart of David his father.

⁵ For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians,

And after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

⁶ So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord

And did not wholly follow the Lord, as David his father had done.

⁷ Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab,

And for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites,

On the mountain east of Jerusalem.

⁸ And so he did for all his foreign wives,

Who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods.

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Job 1:12 (NLT) "All right, you may test him," the Lord said to Satan.

"Do whatever you want with everything he possesses,

But don't harm him physically.

"So Satan left the Lord's presence.

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT) Because God's children are human beings—

Made of flesh and blood — Jesus also became flesh and blood

By being born in human form.

For only as a human being could He die,

And only by dying could He break the power of the Devil,

Who had the power of death.

[15] Only in this way could He deliver those who have lived all their lives

As slaves to the fear of dying.

Psalms 5:4-12 (ESV) For You are not a God who delights in wickedness;

Evil may not dwell with You.

⁵ The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

⁶ You destroy those who speak lies;

The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

⁷ But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love,

Will enter Your house.

I will bow down toward Your Holy temple in the fear of you.

⁸ Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

Make Your way straight before me.

⁹ For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction;

Their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

¹⁰ Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels;

Because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,

For they have rebelled against You.

¹¹ But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy,

And spread Your protection over them,

That those who love Your Name may exult in you.

¹² For You bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

James 4:7 (NLT) So humble yourselves before God. Resist the Devil,

And he will flee from you.

Hebrews 2:14-15 (KJV) Forasmuch then as the children

Are partakers of flesh and blood,

He also himself likewise took part of the same;

That through death

He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

[15] And deliver them who through fear of death

Were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

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1 Tim. 4:1-3 (NLT) Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly

That in the **last times** some **will** turn **away** from **what we believe**;

They will follow lying spirits

And **teachings that come** from **demons**.

[2] **These** teachers **are hypocrites** and **liars**. **They pretend to be religious**,

But their consciences **are dead**.

[3] **They will say it is wrong** to be married and wrong to eat certain foods.

But **God created** those foods **to be eaten**

With **thanksgiving** by people who **know** and **believe the Truth**.

1 Tim. 4:1-3 (KJV) Now the Spirit speaks expressly,

That in the **latter times** some **shall depart** from the faith,

Giving **attention** to **seducing** spirits, **and doctrines of devils**;

[2] Speaking **lies** in **hypocrisy**;

Having their conscience **seared** with a **hot iron**;

[3] **Forbidding** to marry, And **commanding** to abstain from meats,

Which God has created to be **received** with thanksgiving

Of them which **believe** and **know the Truth**.

James 3:14-16 (NLT) **But if you are bitterly jealous**

And there is **selfish ambition** in your hearts,

Don't brag about being wise. **That is the worst kind of lie**.

[15] For **jealousy** and **selfishness**

Is **not God's** kind of wisdom.

Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and **motivated** by the **Devil**.

[16] For wherever there is **jealousy** and **selfish ambition**,

There you will find disorder And **every kind of evil**.

2 Cor. 11:14-15 (KJV) **And no marvel; For Satan himself is transformed into**

An angel of light.

[15] Therefore **it is** no great thing if **his ministers**

Also **be transformed as** the ministers of righteousness;

Whose **end** shall be **according to their works**.

Acts 10:38 (NLT) **And no doubt you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth**

With the Holy Spirit and with power.

Then **Jesus went around doing**

And healing all who were **oppressed** by the **Devil**,

For God was with Him.

Ephes. 6:12 (KJV) **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.

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Isaiah 14:6-17 (KJV) **He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke,**
He that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted,
And none hinders.

[7] **The whole earth is at rest,** And **is quiet:** They break forth **into singing.**

[8] Yes, the fir trees rejoice at **you,**
And the cedars of Lebanon, **saying, since you are laid down,**
No feller (lumberman) is come up against us.

[9] **Hell** from beneath **is moved for you** to meet you at **your coming:**
It stirs up the dead for you, even all the chief ones of the earth;
It has raised up **from** their thrones **all** the kings of the nations.

[10] All they shall **speak** and **say** unto **you,**
Are you also become weak as we? Are **you** become **like** unto us?

[11] **Your pomp** is brought **down** to the **grave,**
And the **noise of your harps: the worm** is spread **under you,**
And the worms cover you.

[12] How are **you fallen** from Heaven, **O Lucifer,** son of the morning!
How are **you cut down to the ground,** which **did weaken** the nations!

[13] For **you** have said **in** your heart,
I will ascend into Heaven,
I will exalt my throne **above the stars of God:**
I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation,
In the sides of the north:

[14] **I will ascend** above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like **the most High.**

[15] **Yet you shall be brought down to hell,** to the **sides of the pit.**

[16] They that see **you** shall narrowly look upon **you,**
And consider **you,** saying,
Is this the man that **made** the earth to **tremble,** that **did shake** kingdoms;

[17] That **made** the world **as a wilderness,** And **destroyed** the cities thereof;
That opened not the house of **his prisoners?**

Job 2:3-7 (NLT) **Then the Lord** asked **Satan,** "**Have you noticed my servant Job?**

He is the **finest man in all** the earth—

A man **of complete integrity** (honesty, truthfulness, honor, reliability)

He **fears God** and will **have nothing to do** with evil.

And he has maintained his **integrity,** (honesty, truthfulness, honor, reliability)

Even though **you** persuaded **Me to harm him without cause."**

[4] **Satan** replied to **the Lord,**

"Skin for skin —He blesses **You** only because **you bless** him.

A man will **give up** everything he has **to save** his life.

[5] But **take away** his health, And he will surely **curse You** to **your face!"**

[6] "**All right, do with him** as **you please,"**

The Lord said to **Satan.**"But **spare** his life."

[7] So **Satan** left **the Lord's presence,**

And **he struck** Job **with** a **terrible case** of **boils** from head to foot.

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Matthew 4:3-4 (KJV) And when the tempter came to Him,

He said, If You be the Son of God,

Command that these stones be made bread.

[4] But He answered and said, It is Written, man shall **not** live by bread alone,

But by every Word

That proceeds out of the mouth of God.

James 2:19 (NLT) **Do you still think it's enough just to believe that there is one God?**

Well, even the demons believe this, And they tremble in terror!

Isaiah 45:7 (KJV) I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace,

And create evil: I the Lord do all these things.

Jeremiah 11: 6-14 (ESV) And the Lord said to me, "Proclaim all these words

In the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem:

Hear the Words of this Covenant and do them.

⁷ For I solemnly warned your fathers when I brought them up out of the land of Egypt,

Warning them persistently, even to this day, saying, obey My voice.

⁸ Yet they **did not** obey or incline their ear,

But everyone **walked in the stubbornness of his evil heart.**

Therefore I brought upon them all the Words of this Covenant,

Which I commanded them to **do**, but they **did not.**"

⁹ Again the Lord said to me, "A conspiracy exists among the men of Judah

And the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

¹⁰ They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers,

Who refused to hear My Words.

They have gone after other gods to serve them.

The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant

That I made with their fathers.

¹¹ Therefore, thus says the Lord, Behold, I am bringing disaster upon them

That they **cannot** escape. Though they cry to Me,

I will not listen to them.

¹² Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem

Will go and cry to the gods to whom they make offerings,

But they cannot save them in the time of their trouble.

¹³ For your gods have become as many as your cities, O Judah,

And as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars

You have set up to shame, altars to make offerings to Baal.

¹⁴ Therefore do not pray for this people,

Or lift up a cry or prayer on their behalf, for I will not listen

When they call to Me in the time of their trouble.

James 4:7 (KJV) Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, And he will flee from you.

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Isaiah 14:6-17 (NLT) **You persecuted the people with unceasing blows of rage**

And **held** the nations **in** your **angry** grip.

Your **tyranny** was **unrestrained**.

[7] **But at last the land is at rest and is quiet.** Finally it **can sing** again!

[8] Even the trees of the forest—the cypress trees and the cedars of Lebanon—

Sing out this **joyous** song: '**Your power is broken!**

No one will come to cut us down now!'

[9] "**In the place of the dead**

There is excitement over **your arrival**.

World leaders and mighty kings **long dead** are there to **see you**.

[10] With one voice they all cry out, 'Now **you are** as **weak** as we **are!**

[11] **Your** might and power **are gone;**

They were **buried** with **you**.

All the pleasant music in **your** palace **has ceased**.

Now **maggots** are **your** sheet And **worms** **your** blanket.'

[12] "**How you** are **fallen** from Heaven, **O** shining star, **son** of the morning!

You have been **thrown down** to the earth,

You who **destroyed** the nations of the world.

[13] For **you** said to **yourself**,

'**I will** ascend to Heaven and **set my** throne above **God's** stars.

I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north.

[14] **I will** climb to the highest Heavens

And **be** like **the Most High.**'

[15] **But** instead, **you will be brought down** to the **place of** the **dead**,

Down to its **lowest depths**.

[16] Everyone there **will stare at you** and **ask**, 'Can **this** be the **one** who **shook** the earth

And the kingdoms of the world?

[17] **Is this** the **one** who **destroyed** the world **and made it into a wilderness?**

Is this the king who **demolished** the world's greatest cities

And had no mercy on his prisoners?'

Acts 10:38 (KJV) **How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth**

With the Holy Ghost and with Power: Who went about doing good,

And healing all

That were **oppressed** of the **devil**; **For God was with Him.**

Mark 7:21 (NLT) **For from within, out of a person's heart,**

Come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder,

Acts 10:38 (NLT) **And no doubt you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth**

With the Holy Spirit and with Power.

Then Jesus went around doing good

And healing all who were **oppressed** by the **Devil**,

For **God was with Him.**

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Isaiah 13:11 (NLT) "**I, the Lord, will punish the world for its evil**

And the **wicked** for their **sin**. **I will crush** the arrogance of the **proud**
And the **haughtiness** of the mighty.

Matthew 12:43-45 (KJV) **When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man,**

He walks through dry places, **seeking rest**, and **finds none**.

[44] Then **he** says, **I will return** into my house **from where I came out**;

And **when he** is come,

He finds it empty, swept, and garnished.

[45] Then **he goes**, and **takes** with **himself** seven **other** spirits **more wicked**

Than **himself**, And **they enter in** and **dwell there**;

And the **last state** of **that man** **is worse** than the **first**.

Even so shall it be also **unto** this **wicked** generation.

Matthew 12:43-45 (NLT) "**When an evil spirit leaves a person,**

It goes into the desert, **seeking rest** but finding **none**.

[44] Then **it** says, '**I will return** to the person **I came from**.'

So it returns And **finds its** former home **empty**, swept, and clean.

[45] **Then** the spirit **finds** seven **other** spirits **more evil** than **itself**,

And **they** all **enter** the person

And **live there**. And so that person **is worse off** than **before**.

That will be the experience **of** this **evil** generation."

1 Samuel 16:14-16 (NLT) **Now the Spirit of the Lord had left Saul,**

And the Lord sent a tormenting spirit

That filled him **with depression and fear**.

[15] Some of Saul's servants **suggested** a **remedy**.

"It is clear that **a spirit from God is tormenting** you," they said.

[16] "Let us **find** a **good** musician to **play** the harp for you

Whenever **the tormenting spirit is bothering** you.

The harp music will quiet you, and you **will soon be well again**."

Proverbs 6:12-15 (KJV) **A naughty person,**

A wicked man, walks **with** a **forward** mouth.

[13] **He** winks with his eyes, **He** speaks with his feet, **he** teaches with his fingers;

[14] **Forwardness** is **in** his heart, **he** devises **mischief** continually; **he** sows **discord**.

[15] Therefore shall his **calamity** come **suddenly**;

Suddenly shall **he** be **broken** without remedy.

Proverbs 17:13 (KJV) **Whoso rewards evil for good,**

Evil shall not depart from his house.

2 Chron. 12:14 (NLT) **But he was an evil king,**

For he **did not** seek **the Lord** **with** all his heart.

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Luke 11:18-26 (NLT) You say I am empowered by the prince of demons.

But if Satan is fighting against himself

By empowering Me to cast out his demons,

How can his kingdom survive?

[19] And if I am empowered by the prince of demons,

What about your own followers? They cast out demons, too,

So they will judge you **for what you have said.**

[20] But if I am casting out demons by the power of God,

Then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you.

[21] For when Satan, who is completely armed, guards his palace, it is safe—

[22] Until someone who is stronger attacks **and overpowers him**,

Strips him of his weapons, and carries off his belongings.

[23] "Anyone who isn't helping Me opposes me,

And anyone who isn't working with Me is actually working against me.

[24] "When an evil spirit leaves a person,

It goes into the desert, searching for rest.

But when it finds none, it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.'

[25] So it returns and finds that its former home **is all swept and clean.**

[26] **Then** the spirit finds seven other spirits **more evil** than itself,

And they all enter the person and live there.

And so that person **is worse off than before.**"

Galatians 5:16-26 (ESV) But I say, walk by the Spirit,

And **you will not gratify** the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are **against the Spirit**,

And the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh,

For these are opposed to each other,

To keep you from **doing** the things you want to do.

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, **you are not under the law.**

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are **evident**: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,

²⁰ Idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger,

Rivalries, dissensions, divisions,

²¹ Envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like **these**. I warn you,

As I **warned** you before, **that those who do such things**

Will **not** inherit the Kingdom of God.

²² **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,**

Patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ **Gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.**

²⁴ And those who **belong** to Christ Jesus

Have **crucified** the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

²⁶ **Let us not become conceited**, provoking one another, envying one another.

Proverbs 17:13 (NLT) If you repay evil for good, **evil will never leave your house.**

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Proverbs 20:22 (KJV) **Don't say, I will recompense evil;**
But wait on the Lord, and he shall save you.

Proverbs 20:22 (NLT) **Don't say, "I will get even for this wrong.**
"Wait for the Lord to handle the matter.

Proverbs 6:12-15 (NLT) **Here is a description of worthless and wicked people:**

They **are** constant **liars**,

[13] **Signaling** their **true intentions** to their friends

By making signs **with** their eyes and feet and fingers.

[14] **Their perverted hearts plot evil.** They stir up **trouble constantly.**

[15] But they will be **destroyed** suddenly, **broken beyond** all hope of healing.

Matthew 4:1-11 (KJV) **Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness**
To be tempted of the devil.

[2] **And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights,**
He was afterward very hungry.

[3] And **when the tempter came to Him, he said,** if **you** be **the Son of God,**
Command that these stones be made bread.

[4] **But He answered and said, it is Written,** man shall **not live by bread alone,**
But **by every Word**

That proceeds out of the mouth of God.

[5] **Then the devil takes Him** up into the **holy** city,
And sets **Him** on a pinnacle of the temple,

[6] **And says** unto **Him,** if **you** be **the Son of God,** cast **yourself** down:
For it is Written, He shall give his angels charge concerning You:
And in **their hands** they shall bear **You up,**
Lest at any time **You dash your foot** against a stone.

[7] **Jesus said** unto **him, it is Written again,** you shall **not tempt the Lord** your **God.**

[8] **Again, the devil takes Him** up into an exceeding high mountain,
And showed **Him** all the kingdoms of the world,
And the glory of them;

[9] And **says** unto **Him,** all these things will **I** give **you,**
If **You** will fall down and **worship me.**

[10] **Then said Jesus unto him, get out** of here, **Satan:**
For it is Written, you shall worship the Lord your **God,**
And **Him only** shall you **serve.**

[11] Then the **devil** leaves **Him,** And, behold, **angels** came and **ministered** unto **him.**

Proverbs 20:30 (NLT) **Physical punishment cleanses away evil;**
Such discipline purifies the heart.

Proverbs 20:30 (KJV) **The blueness of a wound cleanses away evil:**
So do stripes the inward parts of the belly.

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Matthew 4:1-11 (NLT) Then Jesus was led out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit To be tempted there by the Devil.

[2] For forty days and forty nights He ate nothing and became very hungry.

[3] Then the Devil came and said to Him,

"If You are the Son of God,

Change these stones into loaves of bread."

[4] But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People need more than bread For their life;

They must feed on every word of God.' "

[5] Then the Devil took Him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple,

[6] And said, "If You are the Son of God, jump off!

For the Scriptures say, 'He orders his angels to protect You.

And they will hold You with their hands

To keep You from striking your foot on a stone.' "

[7] Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'Do not test the Lord your God.' "

[8] Next the Devil took Him to the peak of a very high mountain

And showed Him the nations of the world and all their glory.

[9] "I will give it all to You," he said,

"If You will only kneel down and worship me."

[10] "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him.

"For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God; Serve only Him.' "

[11] Then the Devil went away, and angels came and cared for Jesus.

Mark 5:8-13 (KJV) For He said unto him, come out of the man, you unclean spirit.

[9] And He asked him, what is your name?

And he answered, saying, my name is Legion: for we are many.

[10] And he besought Him much

That He would not send them away out of the country.

[11] Now there was there close unto the mountains a great herd of swine (pigs) feeding.

[12] And all the devils besought Him, saying,

Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

[13] And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out,

And entered into the swine:

And the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea,

(They were about two thousand ;) And were choked in the sea.

Mark 8:33 (NLT) Jesus turned and looked at his disciples

And then said to Peter very sternly, "Get away from Me, Satan!

You are seeing things

Merely from a human point of view, Not from God's."

Proverbs 15:28 (KJV) The heart of the righteous studies to answer:

But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

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Mark 5:8-13 (NLT) For Jesus had already said to the spirit,

"Come out of the man, you evil spirit."

[9] Then Jesus asked, "What is your name?" And the spirit replied,

"Legion, because there are many of us here inside this man."

[10] Then the spirits begged Him again and again

Not to send them to some distant place.

[11] There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby.

[12] "Send us into those pigs," the evil spirits begged.

[13] Jesus gave them permission.

So the evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs,

And the entire herd of two thousand pigs

Plunged down the steep hillside into the lake, where they drowned.

Mark 5:15-19 (KJV) And they come to Jesus,

And see him that was possessed with the devil,

And had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind:

And they were afraid.

[16] And they that saw it told them how it happened

To him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

[17] And they began to pray Him to depart out of their coasts.

[18] And when He was come into the ship,

He that had been possessed with the devil prayed Him

That he might be with Him.

[19] Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but said unto him; Go home to your friends,

And tell them how great things the Lord has done for you,

And has had compassion on you.

Mark 7:25-29 (KJV) For a certain woman,

Whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of Him,

And came and fell at His feet:

[26] The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation;

And she besought Him

That He would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

[27] But Jesus said unto her; Let the children first be filled:

For it is not right to take the children's bread,

And to cast it unto the dogs and she answered and said unto Him,

Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

[29] And He said unto her, For this saying go your way;

The devil is gone out of your daughter.

Mark 8:33 (KJV) But when He had turned about and looked on his disciples,

He rebuked Peter, saying,

Get yourself behind Me, Satan: For you savor not the things

That be of God, but the things that be of men.

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Mark 7:25-29 (NLT) **Right away a woman came to Him**

Whose little girl was **possessed** by an **evil spirit**.

She had heard about Jesus,

And now she **came** and fell **at His feet**.

[26] She **begged Him** to release her child **from the demon's control**.

Since she was a **Gentile**, born in Syrian Phoenicia,

[27] **Jesus told** her, "**First I should help my own** family, the Jews.

It **isn't right to take** food **from** the children and **throw it to the dogs**."

She replied, "That's **true, Lord,**

But **even** the **dogs** under the table **are given some crumbs**

From the children's plates."

[29] "**Good** answer!" **He said**. "And **because** you have **answered so well,**

I have healed your daughter."

Proverbs 15:28 (NLT) **The godly think before speaking; the wicked spout evil words.**

Mark 9:25-29 (KJV) **When Jesus saw** that the people came running together,

He rebuked the **foul** spirit,

Saying unto him, you **dumb** and **deaf spirit,**

I charge you, come **out** of him, **and enter no more into him**.

[26] And the spirit **cried,** and **rent** him **sore,** and **came out** of him:

And he was **as one dead;** insomuch that many **said,** He **is dead**.

[27] **But Jesus took** him **by the hand,**

And lifted him **up;** and he **arose**.

[28] **And when He was come into** the house, **his** disciples **asked him** privately,

Why could not we cast **him** out?

[29] **And He said unto** them, **this kind** can come forth **by nothing,**

But **by prayer** and **fasting**.

Mark 9:25-29 (NLT) **When Jesus saw** that the crowd of onlookers was growing,

He rebuked the **evil** spirit.

"**Spirit** of deafness and muteness," **He said,**

"**I command you to come out of this child** and **never** enter him again!"

[26] Then the **spirit** screamed And **threw** the boy

Into another **violent** convulsion **and left him**.

The boy **lay** there **motionless,** and he **appeared to be dead**.

A murmur ran through the crowd, "He's **dead**."

[27] **But Jesus took** him **by the hand** **and helped** him to his feet, and he **stood up**.

[28] Afterward, **when Jesus was alone in** the house **with his** disciples,

They **asked Him,** "Why **couldn't** we **cast out** that **evil** spirit?"

[29] **Jesus replied,** "**This kind** can be **cast out** only by **prayer** (KJV and **fasting**)."

Mark 7:21 (KJV) **For from within, out of the heart of men,**

Proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

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Ephes. 6:12-18 (KJV) 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.

[13] Wherefore **take unto** you

The whole armor of God,

That you may be **able** to **withstand** in the **evil** day,

And **having done** all, to stand.

[14] **Stand** therefore, **having** your loins **girt** about **with Truth**, And **having on**

The **breastplate** of **righteousness** (**the righteousness of Jesus** bestowed on us);

[15] And your feet **shod with** the preparation **of the Gospel of peace;**

[16] **Above all, taking** the **shield** of **faith,**

Wherewith you shall be **able** to **quench** all the **fiery** darts of the **wicked.**

[17] And **take** the **helmet** of **salvation**, (gift of life through faith in Jesus by earnestly seeking him)

And the **sword** of **the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

[18] **Praying** always **with** all **prayer** and supplication **in the Spirit,**

And watching thereunto **with all perseverance**

And **supplication** for **all** saints;

James 3:13-18 (KJV) Who is a **wise man and endued with knowledge among you?**

Let him **show** out of a **good conversation**

His **works** with **meekness** of wisdom.

[14] But **if** you have **bitter envying** and **strife** in your hearts, **glory not,**

And **lie not against the Truth.**

[15] **This** wisdom descends **not** from above, but **is earthly, sensual, and devilish.**

[16] For **where envying** and **strife is**, there **is confusion** and **every evil** work.

[17] But **the wisdom that is from above is** first **pure,**

Then **peaceable, gentle, and easy** to be **intreated**, full of **mercy**

And **good** fruits, **without partiality, and without hypocrisy.**

[18] And the **fruit** of **righteousness**

Is **sown** in **peace** of them that **make peace.**

Revelation 21:22-27 (ESV) **And I saw no temple in the city,**

For its temple **is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.**

²³ And the city has **no need** of sun or moon to shine on it,

For the Glory of God gives it **light**, and its **lamp** is **the Lamb.**

²⁴ **By its Light will** the nations **walk,**

And the kings of the earth will **bring** their **glory** into **it,**

²⁵ And its **gates will never** be shut by day---

And **there will be no night there.**

²⁶ They will **bring** into **it** the **glory** and the **honor** of the nations.

²⁷ **But nothing unclean** (nothing **evil** NLT) **will ever** enter **it,**

Nor anyone who **does** what **is** detestable **or** false,

But **only** those **who are written** in **the Lamb's book of life.**

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2 Chron. 12:14 (KJV) **And he did evil,**
Because he prepared **not** his heart **to seek the Lord.**

Proverbs 20:9 (NLT) **Who can say,**
"I have **cleansed** my heart; **I am pure and free from sin**?"

1 Samuel 16:14-16 (KJV) **But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul,**
And an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.

[15] And Saul's servants **said** unto him,

Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubles you.

[16] **Let our lord now command** your servants, which are before you, to **seek out** a man,
Who is a **cunning player on a harp:**
And **it shall come to pass,** when **the evil spirit from God is upon** you,
That he shall **play** with his hand, **And you shall be well.**

Proverbs 20:9 (KJV) **Who can say, I have made my heart clean,**
I **am** pure from my **sin**?

Luke 4:33-36 (KJV) **And in the synagogue there was a man,**
Which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and **cried out** with a loud voice,

[34] **Saying,** Let us alone; what have we to do with **You, your Jesus of Nazareth?**

Are **You come** to **destroy** us?

I know who **You are, your; the Holy One of God.**

[35] **And Jesus rebuked** him, **saying,** hold your peace,

And come out of him. And when the **devil had thrown** him in the midst,
He came out of him, and hurt him **not.**

[36] And they **were all amazed,** and spoke among themselves,

Saying, what a **Word is this! for with Authority and Power**
He commands the **unclean** spirits, and **they come out.**

Romans 12:21 (NLT) **Don't let evil get the best of you,** but **conquer evil by doing good.**

Luke 4:33-36 (NLT) **Once when He was in the synagogue, A man possessed**
By a demon began **shouting** at **Jesus,**

[34] "Go away! Why are **You** bothering us, **Jesus of Nazareth?**

Have **You come** to **destroy** us?

I know who **You are—the Holy One sent from God."**

[35] **Jesus cut** him **short.** "Be silent!"

He told the **demon.** "**Come out of the man!**" The **demon** threw the man
To the floor as the crowd watched;

Then it left him **without hurting him further.**

[36] Amazed, the people exclaimed, "**What Authority And power**
This Man's words possess!

Even **evil** spirits **obey Him** and flee at **his command!**"

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Romans 16:17-20 (KJV) Now I plead with you, brethren,

Mark them which cause divisions and **offences** contrary
To **the Doctrine** which you have **learned; and avoid them.**

[18] For **they** that are **such** serve **not** our **Lord Jesus Christ,**

But their **own belly;** And by good words and fair speeches **deceive**
The hearts of the simple.

[19] For your **obedience** is come **abroad** unto all men.

I am glad therefore on your behalf:

But yet I would **have you wise** unto **that** which is **good,** and **simple**
Concerning **evil.**

[20] **And the God of peace shall bruise Satan** under your feet **shortly.**

The grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ** be **with** you. Amen.

Romans 12:21 (ESV) **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

Romans 16:17-20 (NLT) **And now I make one more appeal,**

My dear brothers and sisters.

Watch out for people who **cause divisions** and **upset** people's **faith**

By teaching **things**

That are **contrary** to **what** you have **been taught.**

Stay away from them.

[18] **Such** people are **not** serving **Christ** our **Lord;**

They are **servicing** their own **personal** interests.

By smooth talk and **glowing** (flattery) words **they deceive** innocent people.

[19] But everyone knows that you are **obedient** to **the Lord.**

This makes me very happy. I want you to see **clearly** what is **right**

And to **stay innocent** of any wrong.

[20] **The God of peace will soon crush Satan** under your feet.

May **the grace of** our **Lord Jesus Christ** be **with** you.

Romans 16:17-20 (ESV) **I appeal to you, brothers,**

To watch out for those who **cause** divisions and **create obstacles**

Contrary to **the Doctrine** that you have **been taught;**

Avoid them.

¹⁸ For **such** persons **do not** serve our **Lord Christ,** but their **own** appetites,

And **by smooth** talk and **flattery** they **deceive** the hearts of the **naive.**

¹⁹ For your **obedience** is known to all, so that I **rejoice over** you,

But I want you to **be wise** as to **what** is **good**

And innocent as to **what** is **evil.**

²⁰ **The God of peace will soon crush Satan** under your feet.

The grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ** be **with** you.

Proverbs 17:11 (ESV) **An evil man seeks only rebellion,**

And a **cruel** messenger **will be sent against** him.

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1 Tim. 6:10 (KJV) For the love of money **is the root of all evil**:

Which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith,
And pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Zechariah 3:1-7 (ESV) Then he showed me Joshua the high priest

Standing before the angel of the Lord,
And Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

² And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, O Satan!
The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you!
Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?"

³ Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments.

⁴ And the angel said to those who were standing before him,
"Remove the filthy garments from him."
And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you,
And I will clothe you with pure vestments."

⁵ And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head."
So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments.
And the angel of the Lord was standing by.

⁶ And the angel of the Lord solemnly assured Joshua,

⁷ "Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge,
Then you shall rule My house and have charge of my courts,
And I will give you the right of access
Among those who are standing here.

Zech. 3:1-7 (NLT) Then the angel showed me Joshua the high priest

Standing before the angel of the Lord. Satan was there
At the angel's right hand, accusing Joshua of many things.

[2] And the Lord said to Satan, "I, the Lord, reject your accusations, Satan.
Yes, the Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebukes you.
This man is like a burning stick that has been snatched from a fire."

[3] Joshua's clothing was filthy as he stood there before the angel.

[4] So the angel said to the others standing there,
"Take off his filthy clothes." And turning to Joshua he said,
"See, I have taken away your sins,
And now I am giving you these fine new clothes."

[5] Then I said, "Please, could he also have a clean turban on his head?"
So they put a clean priestly turban on his head
And dressed him in new clothes while the angel of the Lord stood by.

[6] Then the angel of the Lord spoke very solemnly to Joshua and said,

[7] "This is what the Lord Almighty says:
If you follow My ways and obey my requirements,
Then you will be given authority over My Temple and its courtyards.
I will let you walk in and out of my presence
Along with these others standing here.

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Isaiah 13:11-16 (NLT) **"I, the Lord, will punish the world for its evil**

And the **wicked** for their **sin**. **I will crush** the arrogance of the **proud**
And the **haughtiness** of the mighty.

[12] **Few will be left alive when I have finished My work.**

People will be as **scarce** as gold—**more rare** than the gold of Ophir.

[13] **For I will shake** the Heavens, and **the earth will move** from its place.

I, the Lord Almighty, will show my fury and fierce anger."

[14] Everyone will run **until exhausted**, rushing **back** to their own lands

Like hunted deer, **wandering** like sheep **without** a shepherd.

[15] Anyone who is captured **will be run through with** a **sword**.

[16] Their little children will be **dashed** to **death** **right before their eyes**. Their homes
Will be **sacked** and their wives **raped** by the **attacking hordes**.

Zech. 3:1-7 (KJV) **And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the**

Angel **of the Lord**, And **Satan standing** at his right hand to **resist him**.

[2] **And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke** you, O **Satan**;

Even the Lord that has chosen Jerusalem **rebuke** you:

Is not **this a brand plucked out** of the fire?

[3] **Now Joshua was clothed** with **filthy** garments, and stood before the **angel**.

[4] And **he answered** and **spoke** unto those that stood before **him, saying**,

Take away the **filthy** garments from him. **And unto him he said**,

Behold, **I have** caused **your iniquity to pass from you**,

And **I will clothe** you **with change** of raiment.

[5] **And I said**, Let them **set a fair** mitre **upon** his head.

So they **set a fair** mitre **upon** his head, and **clothed** him with **garments**.

And the **angel of the Lord** stood by.

[6] And the **angel of the Lord** **protested** unto Joshua, **saying**,

[7] **Thus says the Lord of hosts; If you will walk in my ways**,

And if you will **keep My charge**, then you shall also **judge my house**,

And shall also **keep My courts**,

And I will give you **places to walk** among these that **stand by**.

Isaiah 13:11-16 (ESV) **I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked**

For their **iniquity**; **I will put an end** to the pomp of the **arrogant**,

And lay low the pompous **pride of the ruthless**.

¹² **I will make** people **more rare** than fine gold, and mankind than the gold of Ophir.

¹³ Therefore **I will make** the Heavens **tremble**, **As the earth will be shaken** out of place,

At the wrath of the Lord of hosts in the day of his fierce anger.

¹⁴ And **like** a **hunted** gazelle, or **like** sheep **with none** to gather them,

Each **will turn** to his own people, and each **will flee** to his own land.

¹⁵ Whoever is found will **be thrust** through,

And whoever is caught **will fall** by the **sword**.

¹⁶ Their infants will be **dashed** in **pieces** before their eyes;

Their houses will be **plundered** and their wives **ravished**.

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Isaiah 13:11-16 (KJV) **And I will punish the world for their evil,**

And the **wicked** for their **iniquity**;

And I will cause the **arrogance of the proud** to cease,

And will lay low the haughtiness **of** the **terrible**.

[12] **I will make** a man **more precious** than fine gold;

Even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

[13] **Therefore I will shake** the **Heavens**, and the earth **shall remove** out of her place,

In the wrath of the Lord of hosts,

And in the day of **His fierce anger**.

[14] And **it shall be as** the **chased** roe, and as a sheep **that** no man takes up:

They shall every man **turn to** his own people,

And flee every one **into** his own land.

[15] Every one that **is found** shall be **thrust through**;

And every one that **is joined** unto them **shall fall by** the **sword**.

[16] Their children also shall **be dashed** to **pieces** before their eyes;

Their houses shall **be spoiled**, and their wives **ravished**.

Jude 1:5-12 (ESV) Now **I want to remind you**, although you once fully knew it,

That Jesus, who saved a people **out** of the land of Egypt,

Afterward destroyed those who **did not believe**.

⁶ And the **angels** who **did not** stay within their own position of authority,

But left their proper dwelling,

He has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness

Until the judgment of the great day---

⁷ Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities,

Which **likewise indulged** in **sexual immorality**

And pursued unnatural desire, serve as an **example**

By **undergoing** a **punishment of eternal fire**.

⁸ Yet in **like manner** these people also, **relying on their dreams**, **defile** the flesh,

Reject authority, and **blaspheme the Glorious Ones**.

⁹ But **when** the **archangel** Michael, **contending** with the **devil**,

Was disputing about the body of Moses,

He did not presume to pronounce a **blasphemous** judgment,

But **said**, "**The Lord rebuke** you."

¹⁰ But these people **blaspheme** all that they **do not** understand,

And they **are destroyed** by all that they, **like unreasoning** animals,

Understand **instinctively**.

¹¹ **Woe to them!** For they **walked in** the **way of** Cain

And **abandoned** themselves **for the sake of gain** to Balaam's **error**

And **perished** in Korah's **rebellion**.

¹² These are **hidden reefs** at your love feasts, as they **feast with** you **without** fear,

Shepherds **feeding** themselves; **waterless** clouds,

Swept along by winds;

Fruitless trees in late autumn, **twice dead**, uprooted;

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Mark 4:10-20 (ESV) And when He was alone, those around him with the twelve Asked Him about the Parables.

¹¹ And He said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the Kingdom of God,

But for those outside everything is in parables,

¹² So that "they may indeed see but not perceive,

And may indeed hear but not understand,

Lest they should turn and be forgiven."

¹³ And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable?

How then will you understand all the parables?

¹⁴ The sower sows the Word.

¹⁵ And these are the ones along the path, where the Word is sown: When they hear,

Satan immediately comes

And takes away the Word that is sown in them.

¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: The ones who,

When they hear the Word, immediately receive it with joy.

¹⁷ And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while;

Then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the Word,

Immediately they fall away.

¹⁸ And others are the ones sown among thorns.

They are those who hear the Word,

¹⁹ But the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches

And the desires for other things enter in and choke the Word,

And it proves unfruitful.

²⁰ But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones

Who hear the Word And accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold

And sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

Matthew 7:16-20 (KJV) You shall know them by their fruits.

Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

[17] Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit;

But a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit.

[18] A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit,

Neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

[19] Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

[20] Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them.

2 Cor. 10:3-5 (KJV) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

[4] (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal,

But mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

[5] Casting down imaginations, and every high thing

That exalts itself against the knowledge of God,

And bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2 Chronicles 12:14 (ESV) And he did evil, for he did not set his heart to seek the Lord.

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2 Cor. 10:3-5 (NLT) We are human,

But we **don't** wage war **with human plans and methods.**

[4] We **use God's mighty weapons**, not mere worldly weapons,

To knock down the Devil's **strongholds.**

[5] With **these weapons we break down** every proud **argument**

That **keeps people from** knowing **God.**

With these weapons we conquer their rebellious **ideas,**

And we teach them to **obey Christ.**

Matthew 25:40-46 (ESV) **And the King will answer** them, **'Truly, I say to** you,

As you did it to one of the **least** of these **My** brothers,

You **did it** to **Me.'**

⁴¹ **"Then He will say to** those **on his left, 'Depart from me,** you **cursed,**

Into the eternal fire prepared **for the devil** and **his** angels.

⁴² **For I was hungry** and you gave **me no** food, **I was thirsty**

And you gave **me no** drink,

⁴³ **I was a stranger** and you **did not** welcome **me, naked** and you **did not** clothe **me,**

Sick and in prison and you **did not** visit **Me.'**

⁴⁴ **Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did** we see **you** hungry or thirsty

Or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and **did not** minister to **You?'**

⁴⁵ **Then He will answer** them, **saying, 'Truly, I say to** you,

As you **did not** do it **to one** of the **least** of these, **you did not** do it **to Me.'**

⁴⁶ **And** these will **go away** into **eternal punishment,**

But the righteous into **eternal life."**

Job 42:11-17 (ESV) **And the Lord restored the fortunes** of Job,

When he had prayed for his friends.

And the Lord gave Job **twice** as much as he **had before.**

¹¹ **Then came** to him **all** his brothers **and** sisters **and all** who **had known** him **before,**

And ate bread with him in his house.

And they **showed** him **sympathy** and **comforted** him **for all the evil**

That the Lord had brought upon him.

And **each of** them **gave** him a **piece** of **money** and a ring of gold.

¹² **And the Lord blessed** the **latter days** of Job **more than** his beginning.

And he **had** 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen,

And 1,000 female donkeys.

¹³ He **had** also **seven** sons and **three** daughters.

¹⁴ And he called the name of the first daughter Jemimah, and the name of the second

Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-happuch.

¹⁵ And **in all** the **land** there were **no** women **so beautiful as** Job's daughters.

And their father **gave** them **an inheritance** among their brothers.

¹⁶ And **after this Job lived 140 years,** and saw his sons,

And his sons' sons, four generations.

¹⁷ And Job **died,** an **old man,** **and full of days.**

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Judges 10:7-16 (ESV) The people of Israel **again did what was evil**

In the sight of the Lord and **served** the **Baals** and the **Ashtaroth**,
The **gods** of Syria, the **gods** of Sidon, the **gods** of Moab,
The **gods** of the Ammonites, and the **gods** of the Philistines.
And they **forsook the Lord** and **did not** serve **him**.

⁷ **So the anger of the Lord was kindled against** Israel,

And He sold them into the hand of the Philistines
And **into the hand of** the Ammonites,

⁸ And they **crushed** and **oppressed** the people of Israel that year. **For eighteen years**
They **oppressed all** the people of Israel who were beyond the Jordan
In the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

⁹ And the Ammonites crossed the Jordan to **fight** also **against** Judah

And **against** Benjamin and **against** the house of Ephraim,
So that Israel **was severely distressed**.

¹⁰ And **the people of Israel cried out to the Lord**, saying,

"We **have sinned** against **You**, because we **have forsaken** our **God**
And **have served** the **Baals**."

¹¹ **And the Lord said to** the people of Israel, "**Did I not save** you from the Egyptians

And from the Amorites, **from** the Ammonites **and from** the Philistines?

¹² The Sidonians **also, and** the Amalekites **and** the Maonites **oppressed** you,

And you cried out to Me, and I saved you out of their hand.

¹³ Yet you **have forsaken Me** and served **other** gods; therefore **I will save** you **no more**.

¹⁴ **Go and cry** out to the **gods** whom you **have chosen**;

Let **them** save you **in the time of your distress**."

¹⁵ And the people of Israel **said to the Lord**, "We **have sinned**;

Do to us **whatever** seems good **to You**. Only **please deliver** us **this day**."

¹⁶ **So they put away the foreign gods** from among them and **served the Lord**,

And He became impatient over the **misery** of Israel.

Proverbs 28:4-10 (ESV) Those who **forsake the law**

Praise the wicked,

But those who keep the law strive against **them**.

⁵ **Evil** men **do not** understand **justice**,

But those who **seek the Lord** understand it **completely**.

⁶ **Better** is a poor man who **walks in his integrity**

Than a rich man who **is crooked** in his **ways**.

⁷ **The one who keeps the law is** a son with **understanding**,

But a companion **of** gluttons **shames** his father.

⁸ Whoever **multiplies** his wealth by **interest** and **profit** **gathers it** for him

Who **is generous** to the poor.

⁹ If one **turns away** his ear from **hearing the law**,

Even his **prayer is an abomination**.

¹⁰ Whoever **misleads** the upright **into an evil** way **will fall into his own pit**,

But the **blameless** will **have a goodly inheritance**.

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1 Kings 14:8-18 (ESV) **Go, tell Jeroboam, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:**

"Because I exalted you **from among the people**

And made you **leader** over **My** people Israel

8 And tore the kingdom away from the house of David **and gave it** to you,

And yet **you have not been like My servant** David,

Who **kept My commandments** and followed **me with all** his heart,

Doing only that which **was right in My eyes,**

9 But you have done evil above all who were before you

And have **gone and made** for yourself **other gods and metal images,**

Provoking Me to anger, and have **cast me behind** your back,

10 Therefore behold, I will bring harm upon the house of Jeroboam

And will cut off from Jeroboam every male, both bond and free in Israel,

And will burn up the house of Jeroboam,

As a man burns up dung until it is **all gone.**

11 Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who **dies** in the city the **dogs shall eat,**

And anyone who **dies** in the open country

The **birds of the Heavens shall eat, for the Lord has spoken it."**

12 Arise therefore, **go to your house. When your feet enter** the city, **the child shall die.**

13 And all Israel **shall mourn** for him **and bury** him,

For he **only of Jeroboam shall come** to the **grave,**

Because in him there is found something pleasing to **the Lord,**

The God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

14 Moreover, the Lord will raise up for himself a king over Israel

Who shall **cut off** the house of Jeroboam **today.** And henceforth,

15 The Lord will strike Israel as a **reed is shaken** in the water,

And root up Israel **out** of this good land that **He gave to** their fathers

And scatter them beyond the Euphrates,

Because they have made their Asherim, **provoking the Lord to anger.**

16 And He will give Israel **up** because of the **sins** of Jeroboam,

Which he **sinned and made Israel to sin."**

17 Then Jeroboam's **wife** arose and departed and came to Tirzah.

And as she **came to the threshold of the house,** the child **died.**

18 And all Israel **buried him and mourned for him,** according to **the word of the Lord,**

Which He spoke by his servant Ahijah the prophet.

Jeremiah 19:15 (ESV) **"Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel,**

Behold, **I am bringing upon** this city and upon all its towns

All the disaster that I have pronounced against it,

Because they have **stiffened** their neck, **refusing** to hear **My words."**

Isaiah 13:11 (KJV) **And I will punish the world for their evil,**

And the **wicked** for their **iniquity;**

And I will cause the arrogance of the **proud to cease,**

And will lay low the haughtiness **of the terrible.**

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Psalms 10:1-18 (ESV) **Why Do You hide yourself? Why, O Lord,**

Do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of **trouble**?

² **In arrogance** the wicked hotly pursue the poor;

Let them **be caught** in the **schemes** that they **have devised**.

³ For the wicked **boasts** of the **desires** of his soul, and the one greedy for **gain** curses
And **renounces the Lord**.

⁴ In the **pride** of his face **the wicked does not** seek Him;

All his thoughts are, "There is **no God**."

⁵ His ways prosper at all times; **Your judgments are on high**, **out of his sight**;

As for all his **foes**, he **puffs** at them.

⁶ He **says** in his heart, "I **shall not be** moved;

Throughout all generations I **shall not** meet adversity."

⁷ His mouth is **filled** with cursing and deceit and oppression;

Under his tongue **are mischief** and **iniquity**.

⁸ He **sits** in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he **murders** the innocent.

His eyes **stealthily watch** for the helpless;

⁹ He **lurks** in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he **lurks** that he **may seize** the poor;

He **seizes** the poor when he **draws** him **into his net**.

¹⁰ The helpless **are crushed**, sink down, and **fall** by his **might**.

¹¹ **He says in his heart**, "God has forgotten,

He has hidden **his face**, **he** will never see it."

¹² Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; **forget not** the afflicted.

¹³ **Why does** the wicked renounce God and **say** in his heart,

"You will **not** call to account"?

¹⁴ **But You do see, for you note** (keep record of) **mischief** and **vexation**,

That You may take it **into your hands**;

To You the helpless **commits** himself;

You have been the helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵ **Break** the arm of the wicked and evildoer;

Call his wickedness to account till You find **none**.

¹⁶ **The Lord is King forever and ever**; the nations **perish** from **his land**.

¹⁷ O Lord, **you hear** the **desire** of the afflicted; **you will strengthen** their heart;

You will incline your ear

¹⁸ **To do justice** to the fatherless and the oppressed,

So that man **who is of** the earth **may strike terror no more**.

Romans 12:21 (KJV) **Be not overcome of evil**, but **overcome evil with good**.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (ESV) **For though we walk in the flesh**,

We **are not** waging war **according to** the flesh.

⁴ **For the weapons of our warfare** are **not of** the flesh

But have Divine Power to destroy strongholds.

⁵ We **destroy** arguments and **every lofty** opinion **raised against** **the knowledge of God**,

And take every thought captive to obey Christ,

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Psalms 14:1-7 (ESV) **The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."**

They are **corrupt**, they do **abominable** deeds,

There is **none** who **does** good.

² **The Lord looks down from Heaven** on the children of man,

To see if there are any who understand, who seek **after God**.

³ They have **all** turned **aside**; together they have **become corrupt**;

There is **none** who **does** good, **not even one**.

⁴ Have they **no** knowledge, **all** the **evildoers** who **eat up** my people as they eat bread

And do not call upon the Lord?

⁵ There they are in great **terror**, **for God is with** the generation of the **righteous**.

⁶ You would shame the plans of the poor, **but the Lord is his refuge**.

⁷ Oh, that **salvation** for Israel would **come out** of Zion!

When the Lord restores the fortunes of **his** people,

Let Jacob **rejoice**, let Israel **be glad**.

Psalms 23:1-6 (ESV) **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

² **He makes** me lie down in **green** pastures.

He leads me **beside** still waters.

³ **He restores** my soul. **He leads** me in **paths** of righteousness for **his name's sake**.

⁴ Even though I **walk through** the **valley** of the **shadow** of **death**,

I will fear no evil, **for You are with** me;

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ **You prepare** a **table before** me in the presence of my **enemies**;

You anoint my head **with oil**; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely **goodness** and **mercy** shall **follow** me **all** the days of my life,

And **I shall dwell in** the **house** of **the Lord** forever.

Psalms 34:11-22 (ESV) **Come, O children, listen to me;**

I will teach you the **fear of the Lord**.

¹² **What man is there who desires life** and **loves** many days, **that he may see good?**

¹³ **Keep** your tongue **from** evil and your lips **from** speaking deceit.

¹⁴ **Turn away** from evil **and do good; seek peace** and **pursue it**.

¹⁵ **The eyes of the Lord are toward** the righteous **and his ears toward** their cry.

¹⁶ **The face of the Lord is against** those who **do evil**,

To cut off the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁷ When **the righteous cry for help**, **the Lord hears**

And delivers them **out** of all their **troubles**.

¹⁸ **The Lord is near to** the **brokenhearted** **and saves** the **crushed** in spirit.

¹⁹ **Many are** the **afflictions** of the **righteous** (Scripture that also speaks of *Jesus*),

But the Lord delivers him **out** of them **all**.

²⁰ **He keeps** all **his** bones; **not one** of them **is** broken.

²¹ **Affliction** will **slay** the **wicked**, and those who **hate** the righteous **will be condemned**.

²² **The Lord redeems** the life of **his** servants;

None of those who take **refuge** in **Him** **will be condemned**.

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Psalms 37:16-40 (ESV) Better is the little **that the righteous has**

Than the **abundance of many wicked.**

¹⁷ For the **arms** of the **wicked** shall be **broken**, **but the Lord upholds the righteous.**

¹⁸ **The Lord knows** the days of the **blameless**, and their **heritage** will remain **forever**;

¹⁹ They are **not** put to shame in evil times;

In the days of **famine** they have **abundance**.

²⁰ But the **wicked** will **perish**;

The enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the pastures;

They **vanish**---**like smoke** they **vanish away**.

²¹ The **wicked** borrows but **does not** pay back, but the **righteous** is **generous** and **gives**;

²² For those **blessed by the Lord** shall **inherit the land**,

But those **cursed by Him** shall be **cut off**.

²³ The **steps** of a man are **established by the Lord**, when **he delights in his way**;

²⁴ Though he **fall**, he **shall not** be cast headlong,

For the Lord upholds his hand.

²⁵ I have been young, and **now** am old, yet I **have not** seen the **righteous** forsaken

Or his children begging for bread.

²⁶ **He is ever lending generously**, and his children become a **blessing**.

²⁷ Turn **away** from **evil** and **do good**; so shall you **dwell forever**.

²⁸ **For the Lord loves justice; he will not** forsake **his** saints.

They are **preserved** forever,

But the children **of** the **wicked** shall be **cut off**.

²⁹ The **righteous** shall **inherit** the land and dwell upon it forever.

³⁰ The mouth **of** the **righteous** utters **wisdom**, and his tongue **speaks justice**.

³¹ **The law of his God is in his heart**; his steps **do not** slip.

³² The **wicked** watches for the righteous and **seeks** to **put** him to **death**.

³³ **The Lord will not** abandon him to his power

Or let him be condemned when he is **brought to trial**.

³⁴ **Wait** for **the Lord** and **keep his way**, and **he will exalt** you to **inherit** the land;

You will look on when the **wicked** are **cut off**.

³⁵ I have seen a **wicked, ruthless** man, **spreading** himself **like** a green laurel tree.

³⁶ But he **passed away**, and behold, he was **no more**;

Though I sought him, he **could not** be found.

³⁷ **Mark the blameless** and behold the **upright**, for there is a **future** for the man of **peace**.

³⁸ **But transgressors** shall be altogether **destroyed**;

The **future** of the **wicked** shall be **cut off**.

³⁹ The **salvation** of the **righteous is from the Lord**;

He is their **stronghold** in the **time** of trouble.

⁴⁰ **The Lord helps** them and **delivers** them; **he delivers** them **from** the wicked

And saves them, **because** they take **refuge in Him**.

Acts 13:10 (NLT) "You son **of the Devil**, full **of** every sort of **trickery** and **villainy**,

Enemy of all that is good,

Will **you** never stop **perverting the true ways of the Lord**?

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Proverbs 15:25-33 (ESV) **The Lord tears down** the house of the **proud**

But maintains the widow's boundaries.

²⁶ The **thoughts** of the **wicked** **are an abomination to the Lord,**

But **gracious** words **are pure.**

²⁷ Whoever is **greedy for unjust** gain **troubles** his own household,

But he who **hates** bribes **will live.**

²⁸ **The heart of the righteous ponders** how to **answer,**

But the **mouth** of the **wicked** pours out **evil things.**

²⁹ **The Lord is far from** the **wicked,** **but he hears** the **prayer** of the **righteous.**

³⁰ The **light** of the eyes **rejoices** the heart, and **good news refreshes** the bones.

³¹ The ear that **listens** to **life-giving reproof** (*God's criticism*) will dwell **among the wise.**

³² Whoever **ignores instruction** **despises** himself,

But he who **listens** to **reproof** (*God's criticism*) gains **intelligence.**

³³ The **fear of the Lord** is instruction **in wisdom,** and **humility** comes **before** honor.

Proverbs 16:1-12 (ESV) **The plans of the heart belong to man,**

But **the answer** of the tongue is **from the Lord.**

² All the ways of a man **are pure** in his **own** eyes, **but the Lord weighs** the spirit.

³ **Commit** your work **to the Lord,** and your **plans** will **be established.**

⁴ **The Lord has made** everything **for its purpose,**

Even the **wicked** for the **day of trouble.**

⁵ Everyone who is **arrogant** in heart **is an abomination to the Lord;**

Be assured, he **will not** go unpunished.

⁶ By **steadfast love** and **faithfulness** iniquity is **atoned** for,

And **by the fear of the Lord** **one turns away** from evil.

⁷ When a man's ways **please the Lord,**

He makes even his **enemies** to be **at peace** with him.

⁸ **Better** is a little **with righteousness** than great revenues **with injustice.**

⁹ The heart of man **plans** his **way,**

But the Lord establishes his steps.

¹⁰ An **Oracle** (*Divine Truth*) is **on** the lips of a king; his mouth **does not** sin in judgment.

¹¹ **A just balance and scales are the Lord's;**

All the weights in the bag **are His work.**

¹² It **is** an **abomination** to kings **to do evil,**

For the throne **is established** by **righteousness.**

James 4:11-12 (ESV) **Do not** speak **evil** against one another, brothers.

The one who speaks **against** a brother **or judges** his brother,

Speaks evil against **the law** and **judges the law.**

But if you **judge the law,** you are **not** a **doer** of **the law** but a **judge.**

¹² There is **only One lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy.**

But who are you to judge your neighbor?

1 Cor. 15:33 (KJV) **Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.**

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Ecclesiastes 5:13-20 (ESV) **There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun:**

Riches were kept by their owner **to his hurt,**

¹⁴ And those riches **were lost** in a **bad venture.**

And he is father of a son, but he **has nothing** in his hand.

¹⁵ As he **came** from his mother's womb **he shall go again, naked** as he **came,**

And shall **take nothing** for his **toil** that he **may carry away** in his hand.

¹⁶ **This also is a grievous evil:** just as he **came, so shall he go,**

And **what gain** is there to him who **toils for the wind?**

¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats **in darkness** in **much vexation** and **sickness** and **anger.**

¹⁸ Behold, **what I have seen to be good** and **fitting** is to **eat and drink**

And find enjoyment in all the **toil** with which one **toils** under the sun

The **few days** of his life that **God has given** him, for **this is his lot.**

¹⁹ Everyone also to whom **God has given wealth and possessions**

And power to enjoy them, and to **accept** his lot and **rejoice in his toil---**

This is the gift of God.

²⁰ For he **will not** much **remember** the days of his **life**

Because God keeps him **occupied with joy in his heart.**

Ecclesiastes 6:1-10 (ESV) **There is an evil that I have seen under the sun,**

And **it** lies **heavy on** mankind:

² A man to whom **God gives wealth, possessions, and honor,** so that he **lacks nothing**

Of **all** that he **desires,** yet **God does not give** him power to enjoy **them,**

But a **stranger** enjoys **them.** This is **vanity; it is a grievous evil.**

³ **If** a man **fathers** a hundred children and **lives many** years,

So that the **days** of his years **are many,**

But his soul is not satisfied with life's **good things,**

And he also has **no** burial,

I say that a **stillborn** child **is better off than he.**

⁴ For **it comes** in **vanity** and **goes** in **darkness,** And in **darkness** its **name** is **covered.**

⁵ Moreover, it **has not** seen the sun or **known** anything, **yet it finds rest** rather **than he.**

⁶ Even though he should live a thousand years **twice over,** yet enjoy **no** good---

Do not all **go to the one place?**

⁷ All the **toil** of man **is for** his mouth, **yet** his appetite **is not** satisfied.

⁸ **For what advantage has** the **wise man over** the **fool?**

And **what does** the **poor man have**

Who **knows how** to **conduct** himself **before** the **living?**

⁹ **Better** is the **sight of the eyes** than the **wandering** of the appetite:

This also is vanity and a **striving** after wind.

¹⁰ **Whatever** has come **to be** has already **been named,** and **it is known** what man **is,**

And that he **is not** able to **dispute** with **One stronger than** he.

James 4:8 (KJV) **Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you.**

Cleanse your hands, you **sinners;**

And **purify** your hearts, you **double** minded (hypocrite).

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Isaiah 1:2-20 (ESV) Hear, O Heavens, **and give ear**, O earth;

For the Lord has spoken: "Children **have I reared and brought up**,
But they **have rebelled** against **Me**.

³ The ox **knows** its **owner**, and the donkey **its** master's **crib**,

But Israel **does not** know, my people **do not** understand."

⁴ Ah, **sinful** nation, a people **laden with iniquity**, **offspring of evildoers**,

Children who **deal corruptly!** They have **forsaken the Lord**,

They have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly **estranged**.

⁵ Why will you **still** be **struck down**? Why will you **continue** to **rebel**?

The whole head is **sick**, and the whole heart **faint**.

⁶ From the sole of the foot **even** to the head, there **is no** soundness in it,

But bruises and **sores** and **raw wounds**;

They **are not** pressed out **or** bound up **or** softened with oil.

⁷ Your country **lies desolate**; your cities **are burned** with **fire**; In your very presence

Foreigners **devour** your land; It is **desolate**, as **overthrown** by foreigners.

⁸ And the daughter of Zion is **left like** a booth in a vineyard,

Like a lodge in a cucumber field, **like** a **besieged** city.

⁹ If the **Lord of hosts had** not **left us a few survivors**,

We should have **been like Sodom**, and **become** like **Gomorrah**.

¹⁰ **Hear the word of the Lord**, you rulers **of Sodom!**

Give ear to the teaching of our **God**, you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ "What to **Me** is the **multitude of** your **sacrifices**? **says the Lord; I have had enough**

Of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

¹² "When you **come** to appear **before Me**,

Who has **required** of you **this trampling of My courts?**

¹³ Bring **no more vain** offerings; incense **is an abomination to Me**.

New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations---

I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed feasts **My soul hates**;

They have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you spread out your hands, **I will hide my eyes from** you; Even though

You make many **prayers, I will not listen**; your hands **are full of blood**.

¹⁶ **Wash** yourselves; **make yourselves clean**;

Remove the evil of your **deeds** from **before My eyes**; **cease to do evil**,

¹⁷ **Learn to do good**; **seek** justice, **correct** oppression;

Bring justice to the fatherless, **plead** the widow's cause.

¹⁸ "**Come now**, let us **reason** together, **says the Lord:**

Though your **sins are like** scarlet, they shall **be as white** as **snow**;

Though they **are red like crimson** (purplish reds),

They shall **become like** wool.

¹⁹ **If you are willing and obedient**, you **shall eat** the **good** of the land;

²⁰ But **if you refuse** and **rebel**, you shall be eaten **by** the **sword**;

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

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Ecclesiastes 8:1-13 (ESV) Who is like the wise?

And who **knows** the **interpretation** of a thing?

A man's **wisdom** **makes his face shine**,

And the **hardness** of his face is **changed**.

² I say: **Keep the King's command, because of God's oath to him.**

³ **Be not hasty to go** from His presence. **Do not** take your stand **in** an evil cause,

For He does whatever he pleases.

⁴ For the word of the King is Supreme, and who may **say** to him,

"**What** are You doing?"

⁵ Whoever **keeps a command** will know **no** evil thing,

And the **wise** heart will **know** the **proper** time and the **just** way.

⁶ For **there is a time** and a **way for everything**,

Although man's **trouble** lies **heavy** on him.

⁷ For he **does not know what is to be**, for who **can tell** him **how it will be**?

⁸ **No** man **has** power to **retain** the spirit, or power **over** the day of **death**.

There is no discharge from **war**,

Nor will **wickedness** deliver those **who are given to it**.

⁹ All this I **observed** while **applying** my heart to **all that is done** under the sun,

When **man had power over man to his hurt**.

¹⁰ Then I saw the **wicked buried**. They **used** to go **in** and **out** of the **Holy place**

And **were praised** in the city **where** they had **done** such **things**.

This also is vanity.

¹¹ **Because** the **sentence** against an **evil deed** is **not** executed speedily,

The heart **of** the children of man **is fully set to do evil**.

¹² Though a **sinner does evil** a **hundred** times and **prolongs** his life,

Yet I **know** that **it will be well** with those **who fear God**,

Because they **fear** before **Him**.

¹³ But it **will not** be well **with** the **wicked**, **neither** will he prolong his days like a shadow,

Because he **does not** fear before **God**.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 (ESV) **Finally, brothers, pray for us,**

That the Word of the Lord may **speed** ahead and be **honored**,

As **happened** among you,

² And **that we may be delivered** from **wicked** and **evil** men.

For not all have **faith**.

³ But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you **against** the evil one.

⁴ And we have confidence **in the Lord** about you,

That you **are doing** and **will do** the things that we **command**.

⁵ **May the Lord** direct your hearts **to the love of God**

And **to the steadfastness of Christ**.

Acts 13:10 (KJV) And said, **O full of all subtlety** and all **mischief**,

You **child** of the **devil**, you **enemy** of all righteousness,

Will you not cease to **pervert the right ways of the Lord**?

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Ecclesiastes 9:11-18 (ESV) Again I saw that under the sun **the race is not to the swift,**

Nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise,

Nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge,

But **time and chance happen to them all.**

¹² For man **does not** know his **time**. Like fish that **are taken** in an **evil net**,

And **like** birds that **are caught** in a **snare**,

So the children of man **are snared** at an **evil time**,

When it suddenly falls upon them.

¹³ I have also seen this **example** of **wisdom** under the sun, **and it seemed great to me.**

¹⁴ **There was a little city** with few men in it,

And a great king came **against** it

And **besieged** it, building great siege works **against** it.

¹⁵ But **there was found** in it a **poor, wise** man,

And he **by his wisdom delivered** the city.

Yet **no one** remembered **that** poor man.

¹⁶ **But I say that wisdom** is **better than** might,

Though the poor man's **wisdom** is **despised** and his words **are not** heard.

¹⁷ **The words of the wise heard** in quiet

Are better than the **shouting of** a ruler among fools.

¹⁸ **Wisdom** is **better than** weapons of war, **but one sinner destroys** much good.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-8 (ESV) **Cast your bread upon the waters,**

For you **will find it** after many days.

² **Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,**

For you know not what **disaster may** happen on earth.

³ If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth,

And if a tree **falls** to the south or to the north,

In the **place** where the tree **falls**, there it **will lie**.

⁴ He who **observes the wind will not sow**, and he who **regards the clouds will not reap**.

⁵ As you **do not** know the way the spirit **comes**

To the bones in the womb of a woman with child,

So you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

⁶ In the morning **sow** your seed, **and at evening withhold not** your hand,

For **you do not know which will prosper,**

This or that, or whether both alike will be good.

⁷ **Light** is **sweet**, and it is **pleasant** for the eyes **to see** the sun.

⁸ So **if a person lives** many years, let him **rejoice in them all;**

But let him remember that the days of darkness will be many.

All that comes is vanity (having no real value, valueless, empty).

1 Corinthians 15:34 (ESV) **Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins** good morals."

³⁴ **Wake up** from your drunken stupor,

As is right, And **do not** go on sinning.

For some have **no** knowledge of **God**. I **say this to your shame**.

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Ezekiel 7:1-19 (ESV) The word of the Lord **came to me:**

²"And you, O son of man, thus says the Lord God to the land of Israel:

An **end!** The **end** has **come upon** the four corners of the land.

³Now the end is **upon** you, and I will send my anger upon you;

I will judge you according to your **ways,**

And I will punish you for all your **abominations** (worthy of causing disgust).

⁴And My eye will not spare you, nor (neither) will I have pity,

But I will punish you for your **ways,**

While your **abominations** (worthy of causing hatred) are **in** your **midst.**

Then you will know that I am the Lord.

⁵"Thus says the Lord God: Disaster after disaster! Behold, it comes.

⁶An **end** has **come;** the **end** has **come;**

It has **awakened against** you. Behold, **it** comes.

⁷Your **doom** has **come to** you, O inhabitant of the land. The **time** has **come;**

The day is near, a day of **tumult,**

And **not** of joyful shouting on the mountains.

⁸Now I will soon pour out my wrath upon you, and spend my anger against you,

And judge you according to your **ways,**

And I will punish you for **all** your **abominations.**

⁹And My eye will not spare, nor (neither) will I have pity. I will punish you

According to your **ways,** while **your abominations** are **in** your **midst.**

Then you will know that I am the Lord, who strikes.

¹⁰"Behold, the **day!** Behold, **it comes!**

Your **doom** has **come;** the **rod** has **blossomed;** **pride** has **budded.**

¹¹**Violence** has **grown up** into a **rod** of **wickedness.** **None** of them shall **remain,**

Nor (neither) their abundance, **nor** (neither) their wealth;

Neither shall there be **preeminence** among them.

¹²The **time** has **come;** the **day** has **arrived.** Let **not** the buyer rejoice,

Nor (neither) the seller mourn, **for wrath** is **upon all** their multitude.

¹³For the seller **shall not** return to **what** he **has sold,** while they live.

For **the vision** concerns **all their multitude;** it **shall not** turn back;

And **because of** his **iniquity,** **none** can **maintain** his life.

¹⁴"They have blown the trumpet and made everything ready, **but none** goes to battle,

For My wrath is **upon** all their multitude.

¹⁵The **sword** is without; **pestilence** and **famine** are within.

He who is in the field **dies** by the **sword,**

And him who is in the city **famine** and **pestilence devour.**

¹⁶And if any **survivors** escape, they will be on the mountains, like doves of the valleys,

All of them moaning, each one **over** his **iniquity.**

¹⁷All hands **are feeble,** and all knees **turn** to water.

¹⁸They **put on sackcloth,** and **horror** covers them. **Shame** is **on all** faces,

And **baldness on** all their heads.

¹⁹They **cast** their **silver** into the streets,

And their **gold** is **like** an **unclean** thing. (Verses continued on page #21bi)

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Ezekiel 7:1-27 (ESV) (Continuation from page#21bh) **Their silver and gold**

Are not able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord.

They **cannot** satisfy their hunger or fill their stomachs with it.

For it was the **stumbling** block of their **iniquity**.

²⁰ **His beautiful ornament** they **used** for **pride**,

And they **made** their **abominable images**

And their **detestable** things of it.

Therefore **I make it an unclean thing** to them.

²¹ **And I will give it into** the hands of **foreigners** for **prey**,

And to the **wicked** of the earth for **spoil**, and they shall **profane** it.

²² **I will turn my face from** them, and they shall **profane my treasured place**.

Robbers shall enter and **profane** it.

²³ "Forge a chain! For the land is **full** of **bloody crimes** and the city is **full** of **violence**.

²⁴ **I will bring** the **worst** of the **nations** to **take possession** of their houses.

I will put an end to the **pride** of the strong,

And their holy places **shall be profaned**.

²⁵ When **anguish comes**, **they will seek peace**, but **there shall be none**.

²⁶ **Disaster comes** upon **disaster**; rumor follows rumor.

They **seek** a **vision** from the prophet,

While **the law perishes** from the priest and counsel **from** the elders.

²⁷ The king **mourns**, the prince is wrapped in **despair**,

And the **hands** of the people of the land are **paralyzed** by **terror**.

According to their way **I will do to them**,

And according to their judgments **I will judge** them,

And they shall know that **I am the Lord**."

1 Peter 4:1-9 (ESV) **Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh,**

Arm yourselves **with the same way of thinking**,

For whoever **has suffered** in the **flesh** has **ceased** from **sin**,

² **So as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions**

But for the will of God.

³ For the **time that is past** suffices for doing **what** the Gentiles **want to do**,

Living in **sensuality**, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties,

And lawless **idolatry**.

⁴ With respect to **this** they are **surprised** when you **do not** join them

In the same **flood** of **debauchery**, and they **malign** you;

⁵ **But they will give account** to **Him who is ready to judge** the **living** and the **dead**.

⁶ For **this is why the Gospel** was **preached** even to those who **are dead**,

That though **judged** in the **flesh** the way people **are**,

They **might** live **in** the **spirit the way God does**.

⁷ The **end** of all things **is at hand**; therefore **be self-controlled** and **sober-minded**

For the **sake** of your **prayers**.

⁸ Above all, **keep loving** one another **earnestly**, **since love covers a multitude of sins**.

⁹ **Show hospitality** to one another **without grumbling**.

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Isaiah 65:1-8 (ESV) I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here am I, here am I,"

To a nation that was not called by My Name.

² I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people,

Who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

³ A people who provoke Me to my face continually,

Sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks;

⁴ Who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh,

And broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

⁵ Who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

⁶ Behold, it is written before Me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their bosom

⁷ Both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the Lord;

Because they made offerings on the mountains

And insulted Me on the hills,

I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds."

⁸ Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster,

And they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,'

So I will do for my servants' sake, And not destroy them all.

Colossians 2:6-15 (ESV) Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord,

So walk in Him,

⁷ Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith,

Just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit,

According to human tradition,

According to the elemental spirits of the world,

And not according to Christ.

⁹ For in Him the whole fullness of Deity dwells Bodily,

¹⁰ And you have been filled in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority.

¹¹ In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands,

By putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

¹² Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him

Through faith in the powerful working of God,

Who raised Him from the dead.

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,

God made alive together with Him,

Having forgiven us all our trespasses,

¹⁴ By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame,

By triumphing over them in Him.

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Ezekiel 33:10-20 ESV) "And you, son of man, **say to the house of Israel,**

Thus have you **said:**

'Surely our **transgressions** (violation of command) and our **sins** are **upon** us,
And we **rot away** because of **them**. **How then can we live?'**

¹¹ **Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God,**

I have no pleasure in the death of the **wicked,**

But that the wicked **turn from** his way and **live; turn** back,

Turn back from your evil ways, **for why will you die,** O house of Israel?

¹² "And you, son of man, **say to your people, the righteousness** of the **righteous**

Shall not deliver him when he **transgresses** (violation of God's law),

And as for the **wickedness** of the **wicked,**

He **shall not** fall by it **when** he **turns from** his wickedness,

And the righteous shall not be able to live

By his righteousness when he **sins.**

¹³ **Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live,**

Yet **if** he trusts **in his** righteousness and **does injustice,**

None of his **righteous** deeds **shall be remembered, but in his injustice**

That he has done he shall **die.**

¹⁴ **Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,'**

Yet **if** he **turns from** his **sin** and **does** what is **just** and **right,**

¹⁵ **If** the wicked **restores** the pledge, **gives back** what he **has taken** by robbery,

And **walks in the statutes of life,**

Not doing injustice, he **shall** surely **live;** he **shall not** die.

¹⁶ **None** of the **sins** that he **has committed shall be remembered** against him.

He **has done** what is **just** and **right;** he shall **surely live.**

¹⁷ **"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,'**

When it is their **own way that is not just.**

¹⁸ When the righteous **turns from** his **righteousness** and **does injustice,**

He **shall die** for **it.**

¹⁹ And **when** the wicked **turns from** his wickedness and **does what is just and right,**

He shall **live** by **this.**

²⁰ **Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.'**

O house of Israel, **I will judge each** of you **according to his ways."**

Matthew 7:15-20 (ESV) "**Beware of false** prophets,

Who **come** to you **in** sheep's **clothing** but **inwardly** are **ravenous** wolves.

¹⁶ **You will recognize them** by their **fruits.**

Are **grapes** gathered **from thorn** bushes, or **figs** from **thistles?**

¹⁷ So, every **healthy** tree **bears good** fruit,

But the **diseased** tree **bears bad** fruit.

¹⁸ A **healthy** tree **cannot** bear bad fruit,

Nor can a **diseased** tree **bear** good fruit.

¹⁹ Every tree **that does not bear good fruit is cut down** and **thrown into the fire.**

²⁰ Thus you will **recognize them** by their **fruits.**

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James 3:1-18 (ESV) Not many of you **should become teachers**, my brothers,

For you **know that** we who **teach**

Will be judged with greater strictness.

² For we **all stumble** in **many** ways. And **if** anyone **does not** stumble **in what he says**,

He is a **perfect** man, **able also** to **bridle** his whole body.

³ If we **put bits** into the mouths of horses **so that** they **obey** us,

We **guide** their whole bodies as well.

⁴ **Look** at the **ships** also: though they **are so large** and **are driven** by strong winds,

They **are guided** by a very **small rudder**

Wherever the **will** of the pilot **directs**.

⁵ **So also** the **tongue is a small member**, yet it **boasts** of great things.

How great a forest is **set ablaze** by such a **small fire**!

⁶ And the **tongue is a fire**, a world of **unrighteousness**.

The **tongue is set** among our members, **staining** the whole body,

Setting on **fire** the entire **course of life**, and **set** on **fire** by **hell**.

⁷ For **every kind** of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature,

Can be **tamed** and has **been tamed** by mankind,

⁸ But **no** human being **can tame** the tongue. It **is** a **restless evil**, full of **deadly poison**.

⁹ **With it** we **bless** our **Lord and Father**, and with **it** we **curse** people

Who are **made** in the **likeness** of **God**.

¹⁰ **From the same mouth** **come blessing and cursing**.

My brothers, these things **ought not** to be so.

¹¹ **Does** a spring **pour forth** from the **same** opening **both fresh and salt** water?

¹² **Can** a **fig tree**, my brothers, **bear olives**, or a **grapevine produce** figs?

Neither can a **salt pond yield** fresh water.

¹³ **Who is wise** and **understanding** among you?

By his good conduct

Let him **show** his **works** in the **meekness of wisdom**.

¹⁴ But **if** you **have bitter jealousy** and **selfish ambition** in your hearts,

Do not boast and be false to **the Truth**.

¹⁵ This is **not** the wisdom **that comes down from above**,

But **is earthly**, unspiritual, **demonic**.

¹⁶ For **where jealousy** and **selfish ambition exist**, there will be **disorder**

And every **vile practice**.

¹⁷ **But the wisdom from above is first pure**, then **peaceable, gentle, open** to reason,

Full of **mercy** and **good fruits, impartial** and **sincere**.

¹⁸ And a **harvest of righteousness is sown in peace** by those who **make peace**.

Galatians 5:17 (NLT) The **old sinful nature** loves to **do evil**,

Which is just opposite from what **the Holy Spirit wants**.

And the Spirit gives us **desires** that are **opposite**

From **what** the **sinful nature** desires.

These **two forces** are **constantly fighting** each other. And your **choices**

Are **never free** from **this conflict**.

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Ecclesiastes 8:14-17 (ESV) **There is a vanity** (valueless, empty) **that takes place on earth,**

That there **are righteous** people to whom **it happens**

According to the deeds of the wicked,

And there **are wicked** people to whom **it happens**

According to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity.

¹⁵ And I **commend joy**, for man **has no** good thing under the sun

But to eat and drink and be joyful, for **this will** go **with** him in his **toil**

Through the days of his life **that God has given** him under the sun.

¹⁶ **When** I applied my heart to **know wisdom**, and to **see** the business

That is done on earth, **how neither** day **nor** night do one's eyes see sleep,

¹⁷ Then I saw **all the work of God**, that man **cannot find** out the work

That **is done** under the sun. **However much** man may **toil** in **seeking**,

He **will not** find it out.

Even though a **wise man claims** to **know**, **he cannot** find it out.

Eccles. 8:9-17 (NLT) **I have thought deeply about all that goes on here** in the world,

Where people **have** the **power** to **hurt** each other.

[10] I have seen **wicked** people **buried** with **honor**.

How strange that they **were** the very **ones** who **frequented** the Temple

And **are praised** in the very city

Where they **committed** their **crimes!**

[11] **When a crime is not punished**, people **feel** it is **safe** to **do wrong**.

[12] But even though a person **sins** a **hundred** times and **still** lives a **long** time,

I **know** that those who **fear God** **will be better off**.

[13] The **wicked will never** live **long**, good lives,

For they **do not** fear **God**.

Their days **will never** grow long like the evening shadows.

[14] And this is **not all** that is **meaningless** in our world. In this life,

Good people are **often treated** as **though they were wicked**,

And **wicked** people are **often treated** as **though they were good**.

This is so meaningless!

[15] So I **recommend** having **fun**, because **there is nothing better**

For people **to do** in **this** world

Than to **eat, drink, and enjoy life**.

That way they **will experience** some **happiness**

Along **with** all the **hard** work **God gives** them.

[16] In my **search** for **wisdom**, I **tried** to **observe** everything that goes on all across

The earth. I **discovered** that there is **ceaseless activity**, day and night.

[17] This **reminded** me **that no one can discover** everything

God has created in our world, **no matter** how **hard** they **work** at it.

Not even the wisest people **know everything**, **even if they say they do**.

James 4:8 (NLT) **Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you.**

Wash your hands, you **sinners**; **purify** your hearts, you **hypocrites**.

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John 5:25-29 (ESV) "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming,
And is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
And those who hear will live.
²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself,
So He has granted the Son also to have life in himself.
²⁷ And He has given Him Authority to execute judgment,
Because He is the Son of Man.
²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming
When all who are in the tombs will hear His voice
²⁹ And come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life,
And those who have done evil
To the resurrection of judgment.

Luke 6:32-36 (ESV) "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you?
For even sinners love those who love them.
³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you,
What benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.
³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive,
What credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners,
To get back the same amount.
³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return,
And your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High,
For He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.
³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Revelation 12:7-12 (ESV) Now war arose in Heaven,
Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon.
And the dragon and his angels fought back,
⁸ But he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in Heaven.
⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent,
Who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world---
He was thrown down to the earth,
And his angels were thrown down with him.
¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in Heaven, saying,
"Now the salvation and the power and the Kingdom of our God
And the Authority of His Christ have come,
For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,
Who accuses them day and night before our God.
¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
And by the word of their testimony,
For they loved not their lives even unto death.
¹² Therefore, rejoice, O Heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth
And sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath,
Because he knows that his time is short!"

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Rev. 12:9-10 (KJV) **And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent,**
Called the **Devil**, and **Satan**, which **deceives** the whole world:
He was **cast out** into the earth, and **his** angels were **cast out** with **him**.
[10] And I heard a loud voice **saying in Heaven**,
Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God,
And **the Power of His Christ**:
For the **accuser of our brethren is cast down**,
Which **accused** them before our **God** day and night.

1 John 4:1-6 (ESV) **Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits**
To see whether they are from God,
For many false prophets have gone out into the world.
² By **this** you **know the Spirit of God**: every spirit **that confesses that Jesus Christ**
Has come in the flesh is **from God**,
³ And every spirit that **does not** confess **Jesus**
Is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist,
Which you heard **was coming** and **now** is **in** the world already.
⁴ Little children, you **are from God** and have **overcome** them,
For He who is in you is greater
Than he **who** is **in** the world.
⁵ They are **from** the world;
Therefore they **speak from** the world, And the world **listens** to **them**.
⁶ We **are from God**. Whoever **knows God listens to us**;
Whoever is **not** from **God** does **not** listen to us.
By this we know the Spirit of Truth and the **spirit of error**.

Mark 16:14-20 (ESV) **Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves**
As they were **reclining** at table, **and He rebuked** them
For their **unbelief** and **hardness** of heart,
Because they had not believed those who saw **Him after he had risen**.
¹⁵ **And He said to** them, "**Go** into **all the world**
And **proclaim the Gospel to** the whole creation.
¹⁶ **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,**
But whoever **does not** believe **will be condemned**.
¹⁷ And these **signs** will accompany those who **believe**:
In My Name they will cast out demons;
They will **speak** in **new tongues**;
¹⁸ They **will** pick up serpents **with** their hands; and **if** they **drink** any **deadly** poison,
It **will not** hurt them; they **will lay** their hands **on** the sick,
And they **will recover**."
¹⁹ **So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to** them, **was taken up into Heaven**
And sat down at the right hand of God.
²⁰ And they went out and **preached** everywhere, **while the Lord worked with** them
And confirmed the Message by accompanying signs.

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Luke 22:31-34 (ESV) "Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan demanded to have you,**
That **he** might **sift** you like wheat,

³² **But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.**

And **when** you have **turned again, strengthen** your brothers."

³³ Peter said to **Him, "Lord,** I am ready to go with **you both** to prison and to death."

³⁴ **Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day,
Until you deny three times that you know Me."**

James 4:1-8 (ESV) **What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?**

Is it not **this**, that your **passions are at war within you?**

² You **desire** and **do not** have, so you **murder**. You **covet** and **cannot** obtain,

So you fight and quarrel. You **do not** have, because you **do not** ask.

³ You **ask** and **do not** receive, because you **ask wrongly**, to **spend it on** your **passions**.

⁴ You **adulterous** people! **Do you not know**

That **friendship with** the world is **enmity** (ill will) **with God?**

Therefore whoever **wishes** to be a **friend** of the **world**

Makes himself **an enemy of God.**

⁵ Or do you **suppose** it is to **no purpose** that **the Scripture says,**

"He yearns jealously over the Spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

⁶ **But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud,**

But gives grace to the humble."

⁷ **Submit** yourselves therefore **to God. Resist** the devil, **and he will flee from you.**

⁸ **Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse** your **hands**, you sinners,
And **purify** your hearts, you **double-minded** (hypocrite).

Psalms 37:30-40 (ESV) **The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,**

And his tongue **speaks justice.**

³¹ **The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.**

³² The **wicked** watches for the **righteous** and **seeks** to put him to **death.**

³³ **The Lord will not abandon him to his power**

Or let him be **condemned** when he is **brought to trial.**

³⁴ **Wait for the Lord and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit** the land;

You will **look on** when the **wicked are cut off.**

³⁵ I have **seen** a **wicked, ruthless** man, **spreading himself** like a green laurel tree.

³⁶ But **he** passed **away**, and behold, **he was no more;**

Though I **sought him**, he **could not** be found.

³⁷ **Mark the blameless and behold the upright,**

For there **is** a **future** for the man of **peace.**

³⁸ But **transgressors** (violators of **God's law** or commandments) **shall** be **altogether destroyed;**

The **future** of the **wicked** shall be **cut off.**

³⁹ The **salvation** of the **righteous is from the Lord;**

He is their **stronghold** in the **time** of trouble.

⁴⁰ **The Lord helps** them **and delivers** them; **he delivers** them from the **wicked**

And saves them, because they **take refuge in Him.**

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Genesis 6:1-8 (ESV) **When man began to multiply on the face of the land**

And daughters were born to them,

² The sons of **God** saw that the **daughters** of man **were attractive**.

And they **took** as their wives **any** they **chose**.

³ **Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever,**

For he **is** flesh:

His days shall be 120 years."

⁴ The Nephilim **were** on the earth **in those days**, and **also afterward**,

When the sons of **God** came **in to** the daughters of man

And they bore children to them.

These were the **mighty** men who were **of old**, the men **of renown**.

⁵ **The Lord saw** that the **wickedness** of man **was great in** the earth,

And that **every intention of** the **thoughts of** his heart

Was only evil continually.

⁶ **And the Lord was sorry that he had made** man on the earth,

And it grieved Him to his heart.

⁷ **So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created** from the face of the land,

Man and animals and creeping things and birds of the Heavens,

For I am sorry that I have made them."

⁸ **But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.**

Genesis 6:9-14 (ESV) **These are the generations of Noah.**

Noah **was** a **righteous** man, **blameless** in his **generation**.

Noah walked with God.

¹⁰ And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth **was corrupt in God's sight**, and **the earth was filled with violence**.

¹² **And God saw** the earth, and behold, it **was corrupt**,

For **all flesh had corrupted** their way **on** the earth.

¹³ **And God said to** Noah, "**I have determined to make an end of** all flesh,

For the earth **is filled with violence** through them.

Behold, **I will destroy** them with the earth.

¹⁴ **Make** yourself **an ark** of gopher wood. **Make** rooms **in** the **ark**,

And cover it inside and out with pitch.

Genesis 8:20-21 (ESV) **Then Noah built an altar to the Lord**

And **took some** of every clean animal

And **some of** every clean bird and **offered** burnt offerings **on** the altar.

²¹ **And when the Lord smelled** the **pleasing aroma**, **the Lord said in his heart**,

"I will never again curse the ground **because** of man,

For the intention of man's heart **is evil** from his youth.

Neither will I ever again

Strike down every living creature **as I have done**.

²² **While** the earth **remains**, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer

And winter, day and night, **shall not cease."**

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2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 (ESV) **Let no one** deceive you in **any** way.

For that day **will not** come, **unless** **the rebellion** comes **first**,

And the **man** of **lawlessness** is revealed,

The son of **destruction**,

⁴ Who **opposes** and **exalts** himself **against** every so-called god or object of worship,

So that he **takes** his seat **in** the **temple of God**,

Proclaiming **himself** to **be** God.

⁵ Do you **not remember** that when I was **still with** you I told you **these** things?

⁶ And you **know** **what is restraining him** now

So that **he** may **be revealed** in his **time**.

⁷ For the **mystery** of **lawlessness** is already **at work**.

Only He who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

⁸ And **then** the **lawless one** will be revealed,

Whom **the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth**

And bring to nothing

By the Appearance of His coming.

⁹ The **coming** of the **lawless one** is **by** the **activity** of **Satan** with **all power**

And **false** signs and wonders,

¹⁰ And **with** all **wicked deception** for **those** who are **perishing**,

Because they **refused** to love **the Truth** and so be saved.

¹¹ **Therefore God sends** them **a strong delusion**, so that they **may believe** what is **false**,

¹² **In order** that all **may** be **condemned** who **did not** believe **the Truth**

But **had** pleasure in **unrighteousness**.

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (ESV) **Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man** who trusts **in** man

And **makes** flesh his **strength**,

Whose heart **turns away** from **the Lord**.

⁶ He is **like** a **shrub** in the **desert**, and **shall not** see any good come.

He **shall dwell** in the **parched** places **of** the wilderness,

In an **uninhabited** salt land.

⁷ **Blessed is** the man who **trusts in** **the Lord**, whose **trust is** **the Lord**.

⁸ He is **like** a tree planted **by** water, that **sends** out its roots **by** the stream,

And **does not** fear **when** heat comes, for **its** leaves **remain** green,

And is not anxious **in** the year of drought,

For it **does not** cease to **bear** **fruit**."

⁹ The heart is **deceitful** above all things, and **desperately** **sick**; who can **understand it**?

¹⁰ **"I the Lord** **search** the heart **and test** the mind,

To give every man according to his **ways**,

According **to** the **fruit** of his **deeds**."

Col. 2:8 (NLT) **Don't let** anyone lead you **astray** **with empty philosophy**

And high-sounding nonsense that **come** from human **thinking**

And from the **evil powers** of **this** world,

And **not** **from** **Christ**.

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Jeremiah 17:5-10 (NLT) This is what the Lord says:

"Cursed are those who **put** their **trust in** mere humans

And **turn** their hearts **away from** the Lord.

[6] They **are** like **stunted** shrubs **in** the desert, with **no** hope for the future. They **will** live

In the **barren** wilderness, **on** the **salty** flats where **no one** lives.

[7] "But **blessed** are those who **trust in** the Lord

And have **made** the Lord their **hope** and **confidence**.

[8] They are **like** trees planted **along** a **riverbank**,

With roots that reach **deep**

Into the **water**. Such **trees** are **not** bothered by the **heat**

Or **worried** by long months of **drought**. Their leaves **stay green**,

And they **go** right **on** **producing** delicious **fruit**.

[9] "The human heart **is** **most** **deceitful**

And **desperately** **wicked**. Who really knows how **bad** it **is**?

[10] **But I** **know!** **I, the Lord**, **search** all hearts **and** **examine** secret motives.

I **give** all people **their due** rewards,

According to **what** their **actions** **deserve**."

Jeremiah 2:5-13 (ESV) Thus says the Lord: "What wrong did your fathers find in me

That they went far from Me,

And went after worthlessness, and became worthless?

⁶ **They did not** say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

Who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits,

In a land of drought and deep darkness,

In a land that **none** passes through, where **no** man dwells?'

⁷ And I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and its good things.

But when you came in,

You defiled My land and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸ **The priests did not** say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law

Did not know Me;

The shepherds transgressed against Me;

The prophets prophesied by Baal

And went after things that do not profit.

⁹ **"Therefore I still contend with** you, declares the Lord, and with your children's

Children I will contend.

¹⁰ For cross to the coasts of Cyprus **and see**, or **send to** Kedar

And examine with care; see if there has been such a thing.

¹¹ **Has a nation** **changed** its gods, even though they **are** **no** gods?

But My people have **changed** their **glory** for that which **does not** profit.

¹² **Be appalled, O Heavens**, at **this**; be shocked,

Be utterly **desolate**, declares the Lord,

¹³ For My people have **committed** two **evils**: They have **forsaken me**,

The Fountain of Living waters, And hewed **out cisterns** for themselves,

Broken cisterns (an artificial reservoir holding water) **that can** hold **no** water.

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Jeremiah 2:13 (NLT) For My people have done **two evil things**:

They have forsaken Me— the Fountain of Living water.

And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns

That can hold **no** water at all!

John 7:6-7 (ESV) Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come,

But your time **is** always here.

⁷ The world **cannot** hate you,

But it hates Me because I testify about it that its works are evil.

John 7:5-7 (NLT) For even his brothers didn't believe in Him.

[6] Jesus replied, "Now is not the right time for me to go.

But you **can go anytime**, and it will make **no difference**.

[7] The world **can't** hate you, but it **does** hate Me because I accuse it of sin and evil.

John 15:18 (NLT) "When the world hates you,

Remember it hated Me before it **hated** you.

John 15:18-19 (ESV) "If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me

Before it **hated** you.

¹⁹ If you were **of the world**, the world would love you as its own;

But because **you are not** of the world,

But I chose you **out** of the world, **therefore** the world hates you.

²⁰ Remember the Word that I said to you:

'A servant is **not** greater **than** his master.'

If they persecuted Me, they **will** also persecute you.

If they kept My word,

They will also **keep** yours.

²¹ But all **these things** they **will do** to you on **account** of My Name,

Because they **do not** know Him who sent Me.

²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would **not have** been **guilty** of sin,

But **now** they have **no** excuse **for** their **sin**.

²³ Whoever hates Me hates my Father also.

²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did,

They **would not** be guilty of sin,

But **now** they have **seen** and hated both Me and my Father.

²⁵ But the Word that is written in their law must be fulfilled:

'They hated Me **without** a cause.'