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Romans 4:22-24 (NLT) **And because of Abraham's faith,**

God declared him to be righteous.

[23] Now this **wonderful truth** —That **God declared** him to be **righteous** —Wasn't just for Abraham's benefit.

[24] **It was for** us, too, **assuring us** that **God will also declare us to be righteous**

If we believe **in God,**

Who brought Jesus our **Lord back from the dead.**

Romans 4:22-24 (KJV) **And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.**

[23] **Now it was not written for his sake alone,** that it was **imputed** to him;

[24] But **for** us also, to whom it shall be **imputed,**

If we believe **on Him that rose up Jesus** our **Lord from the dead;**

Romans 4:11 (NLT) **The circumcision ceremony was a sign that Abraham**

Already had faith and that God had already accepted him

And declared him to be righteous—

Even **before** he was circumcised. So Abraham **is** the **spiritual** father

Of those who **have faith** but have **not** been circumcised.

They are made right with, by faith.

Romans 4:11 (KJV) **And he received the sign of circumcision a seal**

Of the righteousness of the faith which he **had** yet being uncircumcised:

That he **might** be the father **of** all them **that believe,**

Though they **are not** circumcised;

That **righteousness** might be **imputed** unto them **also:**

Genesis 15:1-6 (ESV) **After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram**

In a vision: "**Fear not, Abram, I am** your **shield;**

Your **reward** shall be **very great.**"

² But Abram said, "**O Lord God, what will you** give me, for I continue **childless,** And the **heir** of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

³ And Abram said, "Behold, **You** have given me **no** offspring,

And a **member of** my household **will be** my **heir.**"

⁴ And behold, **the word of the Lord came to** him: "This man **shall not** be your **heir;**

Your very own son shall be your heir."

⁵ **And He brought** him outside **and said,** "Look toward **Heaven,** and **number** the stars, If you are able to number them." **Then He said to** him,

"So **shall** your offspring **be.**"

⁶ And he **believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.**

Romans 1:17 (NLT) **This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight.**

This is **accomplished** from start to finish **by faith.**

As the Scriptures say,

"It is **through faith** that a **righteous person has life.**"

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Romans 1:17 (KJV) **For therein is the righteousness of God revealed**

From faith to faith: as it is Written,

The just shall live by faith.

James 2:23 (NLT) **And so it happened just as the Scriptures say:**

"Abraham believed God, so God declared him to be righteous."

He was even called "the friend of God."

Genesis 15:5-7 (NLT) **Then the Lord Brought Abram outside beneath the night sky And told him, "Look up into the Heavens and count the stars if you can. Your descendants will be like that —Too many to count!"**

[6] And Abram believed the Lord,

And the Lord declared him righteous because of his faith.

[7] Then the Lord told him, "I am the Lord

Who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land."

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

But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

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

Proverbs 12:17 (KJV) **He that speaks Truth shows forth righteousness:**

But a false witness deceit.

Proverbs 12:17 (NLT) **An honest witness tells the Truth; A false witness tells lies.**

Proverbs 15:28-29 (ESV) **The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,**

But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

Romans 10:4 (KJV) **For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness**

To everyone that believes.

Proverbs 12:12 (KJV) **The wicked desires the net of evil men:**

But the root of the righteous yields fruit.

Proverbs 12:12 (NLT) **Thieves are jealous of each other's loot,**

While the godly bear their own fruit.

James 2:23 (KJV) **And the Scripture was fulfilled which said,**

Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness:

And he was called the Friend of God.

Proverbs 28:1 (ESV) **The wicked flee when no one pursues,**

But the righteous are bold as a lion.

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Genesis 6:1-22 (ESV) When man began to multiply on the face of the land

And daughters were born to them,

²The 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."

⁴The 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 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.**

⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man,

Blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now 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. ¹⁵**This is how you are to make it:** the length

Of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits.

¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark

In its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks.

¹⁷For behold, **I will bring a flood** of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which

Is the breath of life under Heaven. All that is on the earth shall die.

¹⁸**But I will establish my covenant with** you, and you shall come into the ark,

You, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort

Into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female.

²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds,

Of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind,

Two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive.

²¹Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up.

It shall serve as food for you and for them."

²²**Noah did this; he did all that God commanded** him.

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Genesis 6:9 (KJV) These are the generations of Noah: **Noah was a just man**
And **perfect** in his generations, and Noah **walked with God.**

Genesis 6:9 (NLT) **This is the history of Noah and his family.**
Noah **was a righteous man,**
The **only blameless** man living **on earth at the time.**
He consistently **followed God's will**
And enjoyed a close relationship with Him.

Genesis 6:9 (ESV) **These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man,**
Blameless in his generation. Noah walked **with God.**

Genesis 7:1 (NLT) **Finally, the day came when the Lord said to Noah,**
"Go **into** the boat **with** all your family,
For among all the people of the earth,
I consider you **alone to be righteous.**

Romans 3:10-25 (ESV) **As it is Written: "None is righteous, no, not one;**

¹¹ **No one** understands; **no one** seeks for **God.**

¹² **All have** turned **aside**; together they have **become worthless**;
No one does good, **not even** one."

¹³ "Their throat **is** an **open grave**; they use their tongues **to deceive.**"
"The **venom** of asps is under their lips."

¹⁴ "Their mouth **is** full of **curse**s and **bitterness.**"

¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to **shed blood**;

¹⁶ **In** their paths **are ruin** and **misery**,

¹⁷ And the **way of peace** they have **not** known."

¹⁸ "There is **no fear** of **God** before their eyes."

¹⁹ Now we know that **whatever the law says it speaks to** those who **are under the law**,
So that **every mouth may be stopped**,
And the whole world **may be held accountable to God.**

²⁰ **For by works of the law** no human being **will be justified in His sight**,
Since through the law comes knowledge of **sin.**

²¹ But now **the righteousness of God has been manifested** apart from **the law**,
Although **the Law** and the **Prophets**
Bear **witness to it--**

²² **The righteousness of God** through **faith** in **Jesus Christ** for **all who believe.**
For there is **no distinction**:

²³ For **all** have **sinned** and **fall short** of **the Glory of God**,

²⁴ And are **justified by His grace** as a **gift**,

Through the redemption that is **in Christ Jesus**,

²⁵ **Whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood**, to be received by **faith**.
This was **to show God's righteousness**,
Because in His Divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

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Proverbs 13:5 (ESV) The righteous hates falsehood,
But the wicked brings shame and disgrace.

Galatians 3:11 (KJV) But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God,
It is evident: for, the just shall live by faith.

Galatians 3:11-14 (NLT) Consequently, it is clear that
No one can ever be right with God by trying to keep the law.
For the Scriptures say,
"It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

[12] How different from this way of faith
Is the way of law, which says,
"If you wish to find life by obeying the law,
You must obey all of its commands."

[13] But Christ has rescued us
From the curse pronounced by the law
When He was hung on the cross,
He took upon himself the curse for our wrong doing.
For it is Written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone
Who is hung on a tree."

[14] Through the work of Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles (non Jewish people)
With the same blessing He promised to Abraham,
And we Christians receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

Proverbs 10:11 (KJV) The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life:
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

Proverbs 10:11 (NLT) The words of the godly lead to life;
Evil people cover up their harmful intentions.

Proverbs 10:11 (ESV) The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,
But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

Romans 3:10 (KJV) As it is Written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Galatians 3:11-14 (ESV) Now it is evident that no one is justified before God
By the law,

For "The righteous shall live by faith."

¹² But the law is not of faith, Rather "The one who does them shall live by them."

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law

By becoming a curse for us---

For it is Written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"---

¹⁴ So that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles,
So that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

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Romans 3:10 (NLT) As the Scriptures say, “**No one is good—not even one.**”

Proverbs 21:12 (KJV) The righteous man wisely considers the house of the wicked:
But God overthrows the wicked for their wickedness.

Proverbs 21:12 (NLT) The Righteous One knows what is going on
In the homes of the wicked; He will bring the wicked to disaster.

Proverbs 21:12 (ESV) The Righteous One observes the house of the wicked;
He throws the wicked down to ruin.

Galatians 3:6 (NLT) In the same way, “Abraham believed God,
So God declared him righteous because of his faith.”

Galatians 3:6 (ESV) Just as Abraham “believed God,
And it was counted to him as righteousness”?

2 Peter 2:4-8 (KJV) For if God spared not the angels that sinned,
But cast them down to hell, and delivered them
Into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
[5] And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person,
A preacher of righteousness,
Bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
[6] And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes
Condemned them with an overthrow,
Making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly;
[7] And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
[8] (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing,
Vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

2 Peter 2:4-8 (ESV) For if God did not spare angels when they sinned,
But cast them into hell and committed them
To chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;
⁵ If He did not spare the ancient world, But preserved Noah,
A herald (God’s official ambassador) of righteousness, with seven others,
When He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;
⁶ If by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes
He condemned them to extinction,
Making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;
⁷ And if He rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by
The sensual conduct of the wicked
⁸ (For as that righteous man lived among them day after day,
He was tormenting his righteous soul
Over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);

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James 2:14-26 (ESV) What good is it, my brothers, **if someone says** he has faith

But does not have works? Can **that faith** save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is **poorly clothed and lacking** in daily food,

¹⁶ And one of you **says** to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled,"

Without giving them the **things needed** for the body, **what good is that**?

¹⁷ So also faith **by itself**, if it **does not** have works, is **dead**.

¹⁸ But someone **will say**, "You **have faith** and I **have works**."

Show me your **faith apart from** your works,

And I will **show** you my **faith by** my works.

¹⁹ You **believe** that **God is one**; you **do well**. **Even the demons believe---**and **shudder!**

²⁰ Do you **want to be shown**, you **foolish** person, that **faith apart** from works is **useless**?

²¹ Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**

When he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?

²² You see **that faith** was **active** along with his **works**,

And **faith** was **completed** by his **works**;

²³ **And the Scripture was fulfilled that says**, "Abraham **believed God**,

And **it was counted to him as righteousness**"---

And he was **called a friend of God**.

²⁴ You see that a person is **justified** by **works** and **not by faith alone**.

²⁵ And **in the same way** was not also Rahab the prostitute **justified by works**

When she received the messengers and **sent them out by** another way?

²⁶ **For as the body apart** from the **spirit is dead**, **so also faith apart** from works is **dead**.

2 Peter 2:4-8 (NLT) **For God did not spare** even the angels when they **sinned**;

He threw them **into hell**,

In gloomy caves and **darkness** until **the judgment day**.

[5] **And God did not spare** the ancient world—**except for Noah** and his family of seven.

Noah warned the world of **God's righteous judgment**. Then **God**

Destroyed the whole world of **ungodly** people **with a vast flood**.

[6] **Later, He turned** the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah **into heaps of ashes**

And swept them **off** the face of the earth.

He made them an **example** of what **will happen** to **ungodly** people.

[7] But at the same time, **God rescued** Lot **out of Sodom**

Because he was a good man who was **sick** of all the **immorality**

And **wickedness** around him.

[8] **Yes, he was** a **righteous** man who **was** distressed by the **wickedness** he saw

And heard day after day.

Proverbs 21:25-26 (KJV) **The desire of the slothful** (lazy) **kills him**;

For his hands **refuse** to labor.

[26] He **covets** greedily all the day long: **but** the righteous **gives** and spares **not**.

Proverbs 28:1 (KJV) **The wicked flee** when no man pursues:

But the **righteous** are **bold** as a lion.

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Proverbs 21:25-26 (NLT) The desires of lazy people will be their ruin,
For their hands refuse to work.

[26] They are always greedy for more, while the godly love to give!

Isaiah 26:2-9 (ESV) Open the gates, that the righteous nation
That keeps faith may enter in.

³ You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you,
Because he trusts in You.

⁴ Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

⁵ For He has humbled the inhabitants of the height, the lofty city.
He lays it low, lays it low to the ground,
Casts it to the dust.

⁶ The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy."

⁷ The path of the righteous is level;

You make level the way of the righteous.

⁸ In the path of Your judgments, O Lord, we wait for you;

Your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul.

⁹ My soul yearns for You in the night; my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.
For when Your judgments are in the earth,
The inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

Proverbs 16:2 (NLT) People may be pure in their own eyes,
But the Lord examines their motives.

Hebrews 11:4-7 (ESV) By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice
Than Cain, through which

Abel was commended as righteous,

God commending him by accepting his gifts.

And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up

So that he should not see death,

And he was not found, because God had taken him.

Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please Him,

For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists

And that He rewards those who seek him.

⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen,

In reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household.

By this he condemned the world

And became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Proverbs 21:25-26 (ESV) The desire of the sluggard kills him,

For his hands refuse to labor.

²⁶ All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

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Romans 4: 1-18 (ESV) What then shall we say was gained by Abraham,
Our forefather **according to the flesh**?

² For **if** Abraham was justified **by works**, he has **something** to boast about,
But not before **God**.

³ For what does **the Scripture say**? "Abraham **believed God**, And it was
Counted to him as righteousness."

⁴ Now to the **one who works**, his wages **are not** counted as a gift **but as his due**.

⁵ And to the **one who does not work** **but believes in Him who justifies** the ungodly,
His **faith is counted as righteousness**,

⁶ Just as David **also speaks** of the **blessing**

Of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷ "**Blessed** are those whose lawless deeds **are forgiven**, and whose sins **are covered**;

⁸ **Blessed** is the man **against** whom **the Lord will not** count his sin."

⁹ **Is this blessing then** only for the circumcised,
Or also for the uncircumcised?

We say that **faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness**.

¹⁰ How then was it **counted to him**? Was it **before** or **after** he had been circumcised?
It was not after, but before he was circumcised.

¹¹ He **received** the sign of circumcision as a **seal of the righteousness**

That he **had by faith while** he was still uncircumcised.

The **purpose was to make him the father of all who believe**

Without being circumcised,

So that righteousness would be counted to them as well,

¹² And to **make him the father of** the circumcised who are **not merely** circumcised

But who **also walk in the footsteps of the faith**

That our father Abraham **had before** he was circumcised.

¹³ **For the promise** to Abraham and his offspring that he **would be heir of** the world

Did not come through **the law**

But **through** the **righteousness of faith**.

¹⁴ For **if** it is the **adherents of the law** who **are to be** the heirs,

Faith is null and the **promise is void**.

¹⁵ **For the law brings wrath**, but where **there is no law there is no** transgression.

¹⁶ **That is why it depends on faith**, in order that **the promise** may **rest on grace**

And be guaranteed to all his offspring---

Not only to the adherent of the law

But also to the one who shares the **faith** of Abraham,

Who **is** the father of us all,

¹⁷ **As it is written, "I have made** you the father **of** many nations"---

In the **presence of the God in whom** he **believed**,

Who gives life to the dead

And calls into existence the things that **do not exist**.

¹⁸ In **hope** he **believed** against hope, that he **should become** the father **of** many nations,

As he had **been told**,

"So shall your **offspring be**." (Verses continued on page #23j)

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Romans 4:19-25 (ESV) (continuation from page #23i) **He did not weaken in faith**

When he **considered** his own body,

Which was as good as dead (since **he was about a hundred years old**),

Or when he **considered** the **barrenness** of Sarah's womb.

²⁰ **No distrust** made him waver **concerning the promise of God**,

But he **grew** strong **in his faith** as he **gave glory to God**,

²¹ **Fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.**

²² **That is why his faith** was "**counted to him as righteousness.**"

²³ But the words "it was **counted** to him" were **not** written for his sake alone,

²⁴ But **for** ours also. **It will be counted to us** who **believe**

In Him who raised from the dead Jesus our **Lord**,

²⁵ **Who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.**

Romans 1:16-25 (ESV) **For I am not ashamed of the Gospel**,

For it is the Power of God for **salvation** to everyone who **believes**,

To the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ **For in it the righteousness of God** is **revealed** from **faith** for **faith, as it is written**,

"The **righteous** shall live by **faith.**"

¹⁸ **For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness**

And **unrighteousness** of men,

Who **by** their **unrighteousness suppress the Truth.**

¹⁹ For **what** can be **known** about **God** is **plain to them**,

Because God has shown it to them.

²⁰ **For His invisible attributes**, namely, **his eternal power and divine nature**,

Have been **clearly** perceived, **ever since the creation** of the world,

In the things that have been made. **So they are without excuse.**

²¹ For although they **knew God**,

They **did not** honor **Him as God** or give thanks to **him**,

But they **became futile** in their **thinking**,

And their **foolish** hearts **were darkened.**

²² **Claiming to be** wise, they **became fools**,

²³ And **exchanged the Glory of the immortal God** for **images** resembling **mortal** man

And birds and animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore **God gave** them **up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity**,

To the dishonoring of their bodies **among** themselves,

²⁵ **Because** they **exchanged the truth about God** for a **lie**

And worshiped and **served** the **creature** rather than **the Creator**,

Who is blessed forever! Amen.

Proverbs 12:123 (ESV) **Whoever is wicked covets the spoil of evildoers**,

But **the root of the righteous bears fruit.**

Proverbs 13:5 (NLT) **Those who are godly hate lies**;

The **wicked** come to **shame** and **disgrace.**

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Psalms 34:1-22 (ESV) I will **bless the Lord at all times**;

His praise shall **continually** be **in** my mouth.

² My soul makes its **boast in the Lord**;

Let the humble hear and be **glad**.

³ Oh, **magnify the Lord** with me, and let us **exalt his name** together!

⁴ I **sought the Lord, and he answered** me **and delivered** me from all my **fears**.

⁵ Those who look **to Him are radiant**, and their faces **shall never** be ashamed.

⁶ This poor man cried, **and the Lord heard** him

And saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel **of the Lord encamps** around those who **fear him**, and **delivers** them.

⁸ Oh, taste and see that **the Lord is good! Blessed** is the man who **takes refuge in him!**

⁹ Oh, **fear the Lord**, you **his saints**, for those who **fear him have no lack!**

¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger;

But those who **seek the Lord** lack no good thing.

¹¹ 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**, **but the Lord delivers** him **out** of them all.

²⁰ **He keeps all His bones** (a prophecy of *Jesus*) ; **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.

Isaiah 26:2-9 (NLT) **Open the gates to all who are righteous**;

Allow the **faithful** to **enter**.

[3] **You will keep** in perfect **peace** all who **trust in you**,

Whose thoughts are **fixed on You!**

[4] Trust **in the Lord** always, for **the Lord God is the Eternal Rock**.

[5] **He humbles** the **proud**

And brings the **arrogant** city to the **dust**. Its walls **come crashing** down!

[6] The poor and oppressed **trample it** underfoot.

[7] But for those who **are righteous**, the path **is not** steep and rough.

You are a God of justice, and you smooth out the road ahead of them.

[8] **Lord**, we **love** to **obey your laws**; our heart's desire is to **glorify your name**.

[9] **All night long I search for You**; earnestly I **seek** for **God**.

For **only** when **You come to judge** the earth

Will people turn from wickedness and do what is right.

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Proverbs 29:7 (NLT) **The godly know the rights of the poor;**
The wicked **don't care** to know.

Proverbs 29:7 (ESV) **A righteous man knows the rights of the poor;**
A **wicked** man **does not** understand such knowledge.

Proverbs 28:1 (NLT) **The wicked run away when no one is chasing them,**
But the **godly are as bold** as lions.

Proverbs 16:2 (ESV) **All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,**
But the Lord weighs the spirit.

Proverbs 11:30 (NLT) **The godly are like trees that bear life-giving fruit,**
And **those who save lives are wise.**

Proverbs 16:2 (KJV) **All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes;**
But the Lord weighs the spirits.

Zech. 9:9 (NLT) **Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph,**
O people of Jerusalem! Look, your **King is coming to** you.
He is Righteous and Victorious,
Yet **He is humble, riding on** a donkey— Even on a donkey's colt.

Zechariah 9:9 (ESV) **Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud,**
O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your **King is coming to** you;
Righteous and having salvation is He,
Humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Malachi 3:16-18 (ESV) **Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another.**
The Lord paid attention and heard them,
And a **book of remembrance**
Was written before Him
Of those who **feared the Lord and esteemed his name.**

¹⁷ **They shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts,** in the day
When I make up my treasured possession,
And I will spare them

As a man **s pares** his son who **serves** him.

¹⁸ **Then once more you shall see the distinction** between the **righteous** And the **wicked,**
Between one who serves God and **one who does not** serve **him.**

Hebrews 10:37-38 (NLT) **"For in just a little while, the Coming One**
Will come and not delay.

[38] And a **righteous** person **will** live by **faith.**

But I will have no pleasure **in anyone who turns away."**

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Luke 18:9-14 (ESV) **He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves**

That they **were** righteous, and **treated** others **with contempt**:

¹⁰ "Two men went up **into** the temple to **pray**,

One a Pharisee and the **other** a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, **prayed thus**: '**God**, I thank **you**

That I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers,

Or even like this tax collector.

¹² **I fast** twice a week; **I give** tithes of all that **I get**.'

¹³ But the tax collector, **standing** far off, **would not** even lift up his eyes **to Heaven**,

But beat his breast, **saying**, '**God**, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

¹⁴ **I tell** you, **this man went down** to his house **justified**,

Rather than the **other**.

For everyone who **exalts** himself **will be** humbled,

But the one who **humbles** himself **will be exalted**."

Acts 7:52 (NLT) **Name one prophet your ancestors didn't persecute!**

They **even killed** the ones who **predicted**

The coming **of the Righteous One**—

The Messiah whom you **betrayed** and **murdered**.

Acts 7:51-60 (ESV) "You **stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears**,

You always **resist the Holy Spirit**. As your fathers **did**, so **do** you.

⁵² Which of the prophets **did** your fathers **not persecute**?

And they **killed** those **who announced beforehand**

The coming of the Righteous One,

Whom you have now **betrayed** and **murdered**,

⁵³ You who received **the law** as delivered **by** angels **and did not keep it**."

⁵⁴ Now **when** they heard **these things** they were **enraged**,

And they **ground** their **teeth at** him.

⁵⁵ But he, **full of the Holy Spirit**, **gazed into Heaven** and **saw the glory of God**,

And Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

⁵⁶ And he said, "**Behold, I see the Heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at**

The right hand of God."

⁵⁷ But they **cried out** with a loud voice **and stopped** their ears

And **rushed** together **at** him.

⁵⁸ Then they **cast** him **out** of the city **and stoned** him. And the witnesses

Laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ And as they were **stoning** Stephen, he **called out**, "**Lord Jesus, receive my spirit**."

⁶⁰ **And falling** to his knees he **cried out** with a loud voice,

"**Lord, do not hold this sin** against them."

And when he had **said this**, he fell asleep.

Acts 22:14 (NLT) "Then he **told me**, '**The God of our ancestors has chosen** you

To **know His will** and to **see the Righteous One** and **hear him speak**.

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Acts 22:6-16 (ESV) "As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus,

About noon a great Light from Heaven suddenly Shone around me.

⁷ And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me,

'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?'

⁸ And I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And he said to me,

'I am Jesus of Nazareth,

Whom you are persecuting.'

⁹ Now those who were with me saw the Light but **did not** understand

The voice of the One who was speaking to me.

¹⁰ And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me,

'Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told

All that is appointed for you to do.'

¹¹ And since I **could not** see because of the brightness of that Light, I was led

By the hand **by** those who **were with** me, and came into Damascus.

¹² "And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law,

Well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,

¹³ **Came** to me, and **standing by** me said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.'

And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him.

¹⁴ And he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will,

To see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth;

¹⁵ For you will be a witness for Him to everyone of what you have seen and heard.

¹⁶ And now **why** do you wait? **Rise** and be baptized

And wash away your sins, calling on His Name.'

Hebrews 11:4 (NLT) It was by faith that Abel brought

A more acceptable offering to God than Cain did.

God accepted Abel's offering to show that he was a righteous man.

And although Abel is long dead,

He still speaks to us because of his faith.

Luke 1:6 (NLT) Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes,

Careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations.

Luke 1:5-6 (ESV) In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest

Named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife

From the daughters of Aaron, And her name was Elizabeth.

⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly

In all the commandments and statutes of the Lord.

Proverbs 29:7 (KJV) The righteous considers the cause of the poor:

But the wicked regards not to know it.

Proverbs 11:30 (KJV) The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life;

And he that wins souls is wise.

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Hebrews 10:19-39 (ESV) Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence

- To enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,
- ²⁰ By the new and living way that He opened for us
Through the curtain, that is, through His flesh,
- ²¹ And since we have a Great Priest over the house of God,
- ²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
And our bodies washed with pure water.
- ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
For He who promised is faithful.
- ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
- ²⁵ Not neglecting to meet together,
As is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,
And all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
- ²⁶ For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the Truth,
There no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
- ²⁷ But a fearful expectation of judgment,
And a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.
- ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses
Dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.
- ²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think,
Will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God,
And has profaned the blood of the Covenant
By which He was Sanctified,
And has outraged the Spirit of grace?
- ³⁰ For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay."
And again, "The Lord will judge his people."
- ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
- ³² But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened,
You endured a hard struggle with sufferings,
- ³³ Sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction,
And sometimes being partners with those so treated.
- ³⁴ For you had compassion on those in prison,
And you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property,
Since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession
And an abiding one.
- ³⁵ Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.
- ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God
You may receive what is promised.
- ³⁷ For, "Yet a little while, and the coming One will come and will not delay;
- ³⁸ But My righteous one shall live by faith,
And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him."
- ³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed,
But of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

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Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV) "When the Son of Man comes in his glory,

And all the angels with Him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

³² Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people

One from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

³³ And He will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right,

'Come, you who are blessed by My Father,

Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty

And you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me,

I was in prison and you came to me.'

³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry

And feed You, or thirsty and give you drink?

³⁸ And when did we see You a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

³⁹ And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit you?'

⁴⁰ 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."

Matthew 25:37 (NLT) "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord,

When did we ever see You hungry and feed you?

Or thirsty and give You something to drink?

Matthew 25:37 (KJV) Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord,

When did we see You hungry, and feed you?

Or thirsty, and gave You drink?

Hebrews 11:4 (KJV) By faith Abel offered unto God

A more excellent sacrifice than Cain,

By which he obtained witness that he was righteous,

God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaks.

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Isaiah 54:14-17 (KJV) **In righteousness** shall you be established:

You shall **be far** from oppression;

For you **shall not** fear:

And **from** terror; for it **shall not come near you**.

[15] Behold, they **shall surely** gather together, but **not by Me**:

Whosoever shall **gather** together **against** you shall **fall** **for your sake**.

[16] Behold, **I have created** the smith

That **blow out** the **coals** in the **fire**,

And that **brings forth** an instrument **for his work**;

And I have created the **waster** to **destroy**.

[17] **No weapon** that is **formed against** you shall prosper;

And every tongue that shall **rise against** you **in judgment**

You shall condemn.

This **is** the **heritage** of the servants **of the Lord**,

And their **righteousness is of Me, says the Lord**.

Habakkuk 2:1-6 (NLT) **I will climb up into my watchtower now**

And **wait** to see what **the Lord** will say to me

And how **He** will answer my complaint.

[2] **Then the Lord said to me**, "**Write my answer** in large, clear letters **on a tablet**,

So that a runner can **read it** and **tell** everyone else.

[3] **But these things I plan won't happen right away**. Slowly, steadily, surely,

The time approaches **when the vision will be fulfilled**.

If it seems slow, **wait patiently**,

For it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.

[4] "Look at the **proud**! They trust **in themselves**,

And their lives are **crooked**; but **the righteous will live by their faith**.

[5] **Wealth is treacherous**, and the **arrogant** are **never** at rest. They range far and wide,

With their mouths opened **as wide** as **death**,

But they are **never** satisfied.

In their greed they have **gathered up** many nations and peoples.

[6] But the **time is coming** when **all their captives will taunt them**, saying,

'You **thieves**! At last **justice has caught up** with **you**!

Now you will get what you **deserve** **for** your **oppression** and **extortion**!'

Habakkuk 2:2-4 (ESV) **And the Lord answered me**: "Write **the vision**;

Make **it plain on tablets**, so he may run who **reads it**.

³ For still **the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens** to the end---**it will not** lie.

If it seems slow, **wait for it; it will surely come; it will not** delay.

⁴ "Behold, his soul is **puffed up**; it is **not** upright within him,

But the **righteous** shall live **by his faith**.

Luke 1:6 (KJV) **And they were both righteous** before **God**, walking in **all**
The commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

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Genesis 7:1 (ESV) **Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark,**
You and all your household,
For I have seen that you are righteous before **me** in this generation.

Proverbs 13:5 (KJV) **A righteous man hates lying:**
But a **wicked** man is **loathsome** (hateful, despicable), and **comes** to **shame**.

Genesis 7:1 (KJV) **And the Lord said unto Noah,**
Come you and all your house **into** the **ark**;
For you have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Philippians 3:1-16 (ESV) (Righteousness Through Faith in Christ)

- ¹ Finally, my brothers, **rejoice** in **the Lord**. To write the same things to you
Is no trouble to me and **is safe** for you.
- ² **Look out** for the **dogs**, **look out** for the **evildoers**,
Look out for those who **mutilate** the flesh.
- ³ For we **are** the circumcision, who worship **by the Spirit of God**
And glory **in Christ Jesus** and **put no confidence** in the flesh---
- ⁴ Though I myself **have reason** for **confidence** in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks
He has reason for confidence in the flesh, I **have more**:
- ⁵ **Circumcised** on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,
A Hebrew of Hebrews; as to **the law**, a Pharisee;
- ⁶ As to zeal, a persecutor of the church;
As to righteousness **under the law**, blameless.
- ⁷ **But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss** for the sake of **Christ**.
- ⁸ Indeed, I **count** everything as **loss** because of
The **surpassing worth** of **knowing Christ Jesus** my **Lord**.
For **His** sake I **have suffered** the **loss** of all things
And count them as rubbish, **in order** that I **may gain Christ**
- ⁹ And **be found** in **Him**, **not having** a righteousness of my **own** that comes from **the law**,
But that **which comes through faith in Christ**,
The righteousness from God that **depends** on **faith---**
- ¹⁰ That I **may know Him and the Power of his resurrection**,
And **may share His sufferings**, becoming **like him in his death**,
- ¹¹ That by **any means possible I may attain the resurrection** from the dead.
(Straining Toward the Goal)
- ¹² **Not that** I have already **obtained this** or am already perfect, but I **press on**
To **make it** my own, because **Christ Jesus has made** me **his own**.
- ¹³ Brothers, I **do not** consider that I have made it my own. But **one thing I do**:
Forgetting what lies behind and **straining forward** to what lies ahead,
- ¹⁴ I **press on** toward the **goal** for the **prize** of **the upward call of God in Christ Jesus**.
- ¹⁵ Let those of us who **are** mature **think this way**, And
If in anything you think otherwise, **God will reveal that also** to you.
- ¹⁶ **Only let us hold true** to what we **have attained**.

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Psalms 24:1-10 (ESV) **The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,**

The **world** and those who **dwell therein,**

² **For He has founded it upon** the seas **and established it upon** the rivers.

³ **Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?**

And **who** shall **stand** in **His holy place?**

⁴ He who **has clean** hands and a **pure** heart,

Who **does not** lift up his soul to **what is false**

And **does not** swear deceitfully.

⁵ He will **receive blessing from the Lord**

And **righteousness from the God of** his **salvation.**

⁶ Such is the generation of those who **seek Him,**

Who **seek** the **face of the God of** Jacob. Selah

Proverbs 11:30 (ESV) **The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,**

And **whoever captures souls is wise.**