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1 Peter 1:23 (NLT) **For you have been born again.**

Your **new** life **did not** come from your earthly parents

Because the life they **gave you** will end in **death**.

But this **new** life will **last forever**

Because it comes from **the eternal, living Word of God**.

1 Peter 1:20-25 **He was foreknown before the foundation of** the world

But was made manifest in the last times

For the **sake of** you

²¹ Who **through Him** are believers **in God**,

Who raised Him from the dead and **gave him glory**,

So that your faith and hope are **in God**.

²² Having **purified** your souls **by your obedience to the Truth**

For a **sincere** brotherly love,

Love one another earnestly **from** a **pure** heart,

²³ **Since you have been born again**, not of perishable seed

But of imperishable, **through the living and abiding Word of God**;

²⁴ For "**All flesh is like grass** and all its glory **like** the flower of grass.

The grass **withers**, and the flower **falls**,

²⁵ **But the Word of the Lord remains forever.**"

And this Word is the Good News that was **preached** to you.

Isaiah 40:6-8 (NLT) **A voice said, "Shout!" I asked, "What should I shout?"**

"Shout that people are **like the grass** that **dies** away.

Their beauty **fades**

As **quickly** as the beauty of flowers in a field.

[7] The grass **withers**, and the flowers **fade** beneath **the breath of the Lord**.

And so it is with people.

[8] The grass **withers**, and the flowers **fade**,

But the Word of our God stands forever."

Isaiah 40:6-8 (KJV) **The voice said, Cry. And he said, what shall I cry?**

All flesh **is** grass,

And all the **goodliness** thereof **is as** the flower of the field:

[7] The grass **withers**, the flower **fades**:

Because **the Spirit of the Lord blows upon** it:

Surely the people are as grass.

[8] The grass **withers**, the flower **fades**: **but the Word of our God shall stand forever.**

Isaiah 40:6-8 (ESV) **A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"**

All **flesh is** grass, **and all its beauty** is **like** the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass **withers**, the flower **fades** when **the breath of the Lord blows on** it;

Surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass **withers**, the flower **fades**, **but the Word of our God will stand forever.**

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James 4:13-16 (KJV) **Go to now, you that say,**

Today **or** tomorrow we **will go** into such a city,
And **continue** there a year, **And** buy and sell, and **get gain:**

[14] Whereas you know **not** what **shall be** on the morrow.

For what is your life? It is even a **vapor**, that **appears** for a **little** time,
And **then** vanishes **away**.

[15] **For that you ought to say, if the Lord will,** we shall **live**, and do **this**, or **that**.

[16] But now you rejoice **in** your **boastings:**

All such rejoicing is **evil**.

Job 34:14-15 (NLT) **If God were to take back his Spirit and withdraw his breath,**

[15] All life would **cease**, and **humanity would turn again to dust**.

2 Peter 3:13-14 (NLT) **But we are looking forward to the new Heavens and new earth**

He has promised, a world where everyone is right **with God**.

[14] And so, dear friends, while you are **waiting**

For **these things** to **happen**,
Make every **effort** to live a **pure** and **blameless** life.
And be at peace with God.

James 4:13-17 (ESV) **Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow**

We **will go** into such **and such** a town
And **spend** a year there **and trade** and **make** a profit"---

¹⁴ **Yet you do not know** what tomorrow **will bring**.

What is your life?

For you **are** a **mist** that appears **for a little** time and **then vanishes**.

¹⁵ **Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord will,**

We **will** live and **do this** or that."

¹⁶ **As it is,** you **boast in** your **arrogance**. All **such** boasting is **evil**.

¹⁷ So whoever **knows** the right thing **to do** and **fails** to do it, **for** him **it is sin**.

1 Kings 2:1-3 (NLT) **As the time of King David's death** approached,

He gave **this charge** to his son Solomon:

[2] "I am **going where** everyone on earth **must** someday **go**.

Take **courage** and **be** a man.

[3] **Observe** the requirements **of the Lord** your **God** and **follow all his ways**.

Keep each of the laws, commands, regulations, and stipulations

Written in the Law of Moses **so that** you **will be successful**

In all you do and wherever you **go**.

Jeremiah 17:13 (NLT) **O Lord, the hope of Israel,**

All who **turn away** from **You** will be **disgraced** and **shamed**.

They **will** be **buried** in a **dry** and **dusty grave**,

For they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living water.

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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

Was all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Rev. 20:13 (KJV) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; And death and hell

Delivered up the dead which were in them:

And they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev. 20:13 (NLT) The sea gave up the dead in it, and death and the grave gave up

The dead in them. They were all judged according to their deeds.

Proverbs 20:9 (NLT) Who can say,

"I have cleansed my heart; I am pure and free from sin"?

Proverbs 20:9 (KJV) Who can say, I have made my heart clean,

I am pure from my sin?

Rev. 21:8 (KJV) But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable,

And murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters,

And all liars,

Shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone:

This is the second death.

Luke 20:34-36 (KJV) And Jesus answering said unto them,

The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:

[35] But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world,

And the resurrection from the dead,

Neither marries, nor are given in marriage:

[36] Neither can they die anymore:

For they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God,

Being the children of the resurrection.

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.

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Luke 16:19-26 (NLT) Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man

Who was **splendidly** clothed and **who lived each day in luxury**.

[20] **At his door lay** a **diseased beggar** named Lazarus.

[21] As Lazarus **lay** there **longing** for **scraps** from the rich man's table,
The dogs would **come** and **lick** his open **sores**.

[22] Finally, the **beggar died** And was **carried by** the angels **to be with** Abraham.
The rich man also died and was **buried**,

[23] And his soul **went to the place of** the **dead**.

There, **in torment**, he saw Lazarus in the far distance **with** Abraham.

[24] "**The rich man shouted**,

'Father Abraham, **have some pity!**

Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger **in water**

And cool my tongue, because I am in **anguish** in these **flames**.'

[25] "But Abraham **said** to him, 'Son, **remember**

That **during** your lifetime you **had everything** you wanted,
And Lazarus **had nothing**.

So now he is here being **comforted**, and you are in **anguish**.

[26] And besides, there **is a great** chasm **separating** us.

Anyone who wanted to cross over to you **from here**

Is **stopped** at its **edge**, and **no** one **there** can **cross over** to us.'

Revelation 20:11-15 (ESV) Then I saw a great white throne and Him

Who was seated on it. From His presence earth and sky **fled away**,
And **no place** was found **for them**.

¹² **And I saw the dead**, great and small, **standing** before the throne,

And **books** were **opened**.

Then **another book** was **opened**, **which is the book of life**.

And the **dead were judged**

By **what was written** in the **books**, according **to what they had done**.

¹³ And the sea **gave up** the **dead** who **were in it**, Death and Hades

Gave up the **dead** who **were in them**, And they were **judged**,

Each one of them, according **to what they had done**.

¹⁴ **Then Death** and **Hades** were **thrown** into the **lake of fire**.

This is the second death, the **lake of fire**.

¹⁵ And **if** anyone's name

Was **not** found **written in the book of life**,

He was **thrown into** the **lake of fire**.

Luke 20:34-36 (NLT) Jesus replied, "Marriage is for people here on earth.

[35] But that is **not** the way it will be **in the age to come**.

For those **worthy** of being **raised from the dead**

Won't be married then.

[36] **And they will never die again**. In these respects they **are like** angels.

They **are** children **of God raised up to new life**.

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2 Peter 3:10-12 (NLT) **But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief.**

Then the Heavens will pass away with a **terrible noise**,
And everything **in** them will **disappear in fire**,
And the earth and everything on it **will be exposed to judgment**.

[11] Since everything around us **is going to melt away**,
What **holy, godly** lives **you should be living!**

[12] You **should** look forward to **that day** and hurry it along — **The day when God will set the Heavens on fire**
And the elements **will melt away** in the **flames**.

Rev. 21:8 (NLT) **But cowards who turn away from Me, and unbelievers, And the corrupt, and murderers, and the immoral, And those who practice witchcraft, and idol worshipers, And all liars— Their doom is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death.**"

Proverbs 21:16 (KJV) **The man that wanders out of the way of understanding Shall remain in the congregation of the dead.**

Proverbs 21:16 (NLT) **The person who strays from common sense Will end up in the company of the dead.**

2 Samuel 12:19-23 (NLT) **But when David saw them whispering, He realized what had happened.** "Is the baby **dead**?" he asked.
"Yes," they **replied**.

[20] Then David got up from the ground, **washed** himself,
Put on lotions, and **changed** his clothes.
Then he **went** to the Tabernacle and **worshiped the Lord**.
After that, he returned to the palace and **ate**.

[21] **His advisers were amazed.**
"We **don't understand** you," they **told** him.
"While the baby **was still living**, you **wept** and **refused** to eat.
But now that the baby **is dead**,
You have stopped your mourning **and are eating** again."

[22] David **replied**, "I **fasted** and **wept** while the child **was alive**,
For I said, '**Perhaps the Lord will be gracious to me**
And **let** the child **live**.'

[23] **But why** should I **fast** when he **is dead**?
Can I bring him back again? **I will go to him one day**,
But he **cannot** return to me."

1 Kings 3:14 (NLT) **And if you follow Me and obey my commands**
As your father, David, **did, I will give you a long life.**"

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Job 14:5-6 (NLT) **You have decided the length of our lives.**

You know how many months we will live,
And we **are not** given a minute longer.

[6] **So give us a little rest**, won't **You?** Turn away **your angry stare**.
We are like hired hands,

2 Samuel 12:19-23 (KJV) **But when David saw that his servants whispered,**
David **perceived** that the child was **dead**:

Therefore David **said** unto his servants, **is the child dead?**
And they **said**, He is **dead**.

[20] **Then David arose from the earth**, and **washed**, and **anointed** himself,
And **changed** his apparel,

And **came into** the **house of the Lord**, and **worshipped**:

Then he **came to** his own house;

And **when** he **required**,

They **set bread before** him, and he **did eat**.

[21] Then **said** his servants **unto** him, **what thing is this** that you **have done?**

You **did fast** and **weep** for the child,

While it was **alive**;

But **when** the child was **dead**, **you did rise and eat bread**.

[22] And he **said**, **while** the child was yet **alive**, I **fasted** and **wept**:

For I **said**, who **can tell**

Whether God will be **gracious** to me, **That** the child **may live?**

[23] **But now** he is **dead**, **for what should I fast?** Can I bring him back again?

I **shall go to** him, but he **shall not** return to me.

Proverbs 14:12 (KJV) **There is a way which seems right unto a man,**

But the **end** thereof **is the way to death**.

Proverbs 14:12 (NLT) **There is a path before each person that seems right,**

But **it ends in death**.

1 Kings 2:1-4 (ESV) **When David's time to die drew near,**

He **commanded** Solomon his son, **saying**,

² "I am about to **go the way of all the earth**. Be **strong**, and **show** yourself a man,

³ And **keep** the charge **of the Lord** your **God**,

Walking **in His ways** and **keeping his statutes, his commandments,**
His rules, and his testimonies,

As it is written in the Law of Moses,

That you **may prosper** in all **that you do** and wherever you **turn**,

⁴ That **the Lord** may establish **his word that he spoke concerning** me, **saying**,

'If your sons pay close attention to their way,

To **walk** before **Me in** faithfulness **with all** their heart

And **with all** their soul, You **shall not** lack a man **on** the throne **of Israel**.'

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Psalm 16:8-11 (KJV) **I have set the Lord** always before me:

Because He is at my right hand, **I shall not be moved.**

[9] Therefore my heart is **glad**, and my glory **rejoices**: my flesh also shall **rest** in **hope**.

[10] **For You will not leave** my soul in **hell**;

Neither will You suffer **your Holy One to see** corruption.

[11] **You will show** me the **path of life**: in **your presence** is **fullness of joy**;

At Your right hand there are **pleasures** for **evermore**.

John 5:19-29 (ESV) **So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you,**

The Son can do nothing of his own accord,

But only what He sees the Father doing.

For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

²⁰ **For the Father loves the Son**

And shows Him all that He himself is doing. And greater works

Than these will He show Him, So that you may marvel.

²¹ **For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life,**

So also the Son gives life to whom **he will.**

²² **The Father judges** no one,

But has given all judgment to the Son,

²³ That all may **honor the Son,** just as they **honor the Father.**

Whoever **does not** honor **the Son**

Does not honor **the Father who sent Him.**

²⁴ **Truly, truly, I say to** you, whoever **hears my word**

And **believes Him who sent Me** has **eternal** life.

He does not come into judgment, but **has passed from death to life.**

²⁵ **"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.**

Psalm 16:8-11 (NLT) **I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken,**

For He is right beside me.

[9] **No wonder** my heart is **filled** with **joy,**

And my mouth **shouts His praises!** My body **rests** in **safety.**

[10] **For You will not leave** my soul among the **dead**

Or allow Your Godly One to rot in the grave.

[11] **You will show** me the **way of life, granting** me the **joy of your presence**

And the **pleasures** of living **with You forever.**

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John 5:22-24 (KJV) For the Father judges no man,

But has committed all judgment unto the Son:

[23] That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father.

He that honors not the Son

Honors not the Father which has sent Him.

[24] Verily, verily, I say unto you,

He that hears My Word,

And believes on Him that sent Me, has everlasting life,

And shall not come into condemnation;

But is passed from death unto life.

John 5:22-24 (NLT) And the Father leaves all judgment to his Son,

[23] So that everyone will honor the Son,

Just as they honor the Father.

But if you refuse to honor the Son,

Then you are certainly not honoring the Father who sent Him.

[24] "I assure you, those who listen to my message

And believe in God who sent Me have eternal life.

They will never be condemned for their sins,

But they have already passed from death into life.

Jeremiah 17:7-13 (ESV) "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."

¹¹ Like the partridge that gathers a brood that she did not hatch,

So is he who gets riches but not by justice;

In the midst of his days they will leave him,

And at his end he will be a fool.

¹² A glorious throne set on high from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

¹³ O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame;

Those who turn away from You shall be written in the earth,

For they have forsaken the Lord,

The Fountain of living water.

Proverbs 14:12 (ESV) There is a way that seems right to a man,

But its end is the way to death.

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Jeremiah 17:13 (KJV) **O Lord, the hope of Israel,**
All that forsake You shall be ashamed,
And they that **depart from Me** shall be **written in** the earth,
Because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.

Proverbs 21:16 (ESV) **One who wanders from the way of good sense**
Will rest **in** the assembly **of** the **dead.**

1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV) **Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial**

When it comes upon you to test you,
As though something strange were happening to you.

¹³ But **rejoice** insofar as you share **Christ's sufferings,**

That you **may also rejoice and be glad** when **His Glory is revealed.**

¹⁴ **If you are insulted for the Name of Christ, you are blessed,**

Because **the Spirit of Glory and of God rests upon** you.

¹⁵ **But let none of you suffer as** a murderer

Or a thief **or** an evildoer **or** as a meddler.

¹⁶ Yet **if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed,**

But let him **glorify God** in **that Name.**

¹⁷ **For it is time for judgment to begin** at the household **of God;**

And if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those

Who **do not** obey **the Gospel of God?**

¹⁸ And **"If the righteous is scarcely saved,**

What **will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"**

¹⁹ Therefore let those who **suffer according to God's will**

Entrust their souls **to a faithful Creator** while **doing good.**

Deut. 8:19 (NLT) **"But I assure you of this: If you ever forget the Lord your God**

And **follow other** gods, worshipping and bowing **down to them,**

You will certainly be destroyed

1 Kings 3:14 (KJV) **And if you will walk in My ways,**

To **keep My statutes and my commandments,**

As your father David did walk, and **then I will lengthen** your days.

Leviticus 20:9 (ESV) **For anyone who curses his father or his mother**

Shall surely be put to death;

He **has cursed** his father or his mother; **his blood is upon** him.

Proverbs 16:25 (KJV) **There is a way that seems right unto a man,**

But the end thereof **are** the ways of **death.**

Proverbs 16:25 (NLT) **There is a path before each person that seems right,**

But it **ends in death.**

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Psalms 33:13-22 (ESV) The Lord looks down from Heaven;

He sees all the children of man;

¹⁴ From where He sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵ He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶ The king is **not** saved by his great army;

A warrior is **not** delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷ The war horse is a **false** hope for salvation, and by its great might it **cannot** rescue.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,

On those who hope in His steadfast love,

¹⁹ That He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits for the Lord;

He is our help and our shield.

²¹ For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in his holy name.

²² Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Psalms 16:7-11 (ESV) I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

In the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand,

I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol (grave),

Or let Your Holy One see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;

At your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Job 14:1-12 (ESV) Job continues: Death comes soon to all

¹ "Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble.

² He comes out like a flower and withers;

He flees like a shadow and continues not.

³ And do You open your eyes on such a one and bring me into judgment with you?

⁴ Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one.

⁵ Since his days are determined,

And the number of his months is with You,

And You have appointed his limits that he cannot pass,

⁶ Look away from him and leave him alone, that he may enjoy,

Like a hired hand, his day.

⁷ "For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again,

And that its shoots will not cease.

⁸ Though its root grow old in the earth, and its stump die in the soil,

⁹ Yet at the scent of water it will bud and put out branches like a young plant.

¹⁰ But a man dies and is laid low; Man breathes his last, and where is he?

¹¹ As waters fail from a lake and a river wastes away and dries up,

¹² So a man lies down and rises not again; until the Heavens are no more

He will not awake or be roused out of his sleep.

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Proverbs 19:16 (NLT) **Keep the commandments and keep your life;**
Despising them leads to death.

2 Samuel 12:13-23 (ESV) **David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."**

And Nathan said to David,

"The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

¹⁴ Nevertheless, because **by** this **deed** you **have** utterly **scorned the Lord**,
The child who is **born to you shall die.**"

¹⁵ Then Nathan went to his house.

**And the Lord afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David,
And he **became sick**.**

¹⁶ David therefore **sought God** on **behalf of** the child. And David **fasted**
And **went in** and **lay all night on the ground**.

¹⁷ And the elders of his house **stood beside him, to raise him from** the ground,
But he **would not, nor** did he eat food with them.

¹⁸ **On the seventh day the child died.**

And the servants of David **were afraid to tell** him

That the child **was dead, for they said,**

**"Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him,
And he did not listen to us.**

How then can we say to him the child is dead?

He **may do himself some harm.**"

¹⁹ But **when** David **saw** that his servants **were whispering** together,
David **understood that** the child **was dead**.

And David **said to** his servants, **"Is the child dead?"**

They said, **"He is dead."**

²⁰ Then David **arose from** the earth and **washed** and **anointed** himself

And **changed** his clothes. And he **went into** the **house** of **the Lord**

And **worshiped**. He **then went** to his own house.

And **when** he **asked**, they **set food** before him, and he **ate**.

²¹ Then his servants **said to** him, **"What is this thing that you have done? You fasted**
And **wept** for the child **while he was alive;**

But when the child **died**, you **arose** and **ate** food."

²² He said, **"While the child was still alive, I **fasted** and **wept**,**

For I said, 'Who **knows** whether **the Lord** will be gracious to me,
That the child **may live**?'

²³ But **now** he is **dead**. **Why should** I fast? Can I bring him back again?

I **shall go** to him, **but he will not return to me.**"

Proverbs 16:25(ESV) **There is a way that seems right to a man,**
But **its end** is the way to **death**.

Proverbs 19:16 (KJV) **He that keeps the commandment keeps his own soul;**
But he that despises His ways shall die.

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Luke 20:27-40 (ESV) There came to Him some Sadducees,

Those who deny that there is a resurrection,

²⁸ And they asked Him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us

That if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children,

The man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.

²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children.

³⁰ And the second

³¹ And the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died.

³² Afterward the woman also died.

³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be?

For the seven had her as wife."

³⁴ And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage,

³⁵ But those who are considered worthy to attain to that age

And to the resurrection from the dead

Neither marry nor are given in marriage,

³⁶ For they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God,

Being sons of the resurrection.

³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage (Bible)

About the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham

And the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

³⁸ Now He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him."

³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well."

⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask Him any question.

Psalms 33:13-19 (KJV) The Lord looks from Heaven;

He beholds all the sons of men.

[14] From the place of His habitation he looks upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

[15] He fashions their hearts alike;

He considers all their works.

[16] There is no king saved by the multitude of an host:

A mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

[17] An horse is a vain thing for safety:

Neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

[18] Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him,

Upon them that hope in His mercy;

[19] To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NLT) Dear friends,

Don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through,

As if something strange were happening to you.

[13] Instead, be very glad—Because these trials

Will make you partners with Christ in his suffering,

And afterward you will have the wonderful joy of sharing His Glory

When it is displayed to all the world.

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- Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV) **Then I saw a new Heaven and a new earth,**
For the first Heaven and the first earth **had passed away,**
And the sea **was no more.**
- ² And I saw the **holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God,**
Prepared as a bride **adorned** for her husband.
- ³ And I heard **a loud voice from the throne saying,**
"Behold, **the dwelling place of God is with** man.
He will dwell with them,
And they will **be His** people,
And God himself will be with them as their **God.**
- ⁴ **He will wipe away** every tear **from** their eyes, **and** death shall be **no more,**
Neither shall there be mourning,
Nor crying, **nor** pain anymore,
For the **former things have passed away."**
- ⁵ **And He who was seated on the throne said,** "Behold, **I am making** all things **new."**
Also He said, "Write this down,
For these words are trustworthy and true."
- ⁶ **And He said to** me, "It is **done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,**
The Beginning and the end. To the thirsty
I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.
- ⁷ The one who **conquers will have this heritage,**
And I will be his **God** and he will **be my** son.
- ⁸ **But as for** the **cowardly,** the **faithless,** the **detestable,**
As **for** murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, And **all** liars,
Their portion will be in the **lake** that **burns** with **fire** and **sulfur,**
Which **is** the **second death."**

- 1 Kings 2:1-3 (KJV) **Now the days of David drew close that he should die;**
And he **charged** Solomon his son, **saying,**
- [2] **I go the way of all** the earth: **Be** yourself **strong** therefore, **and show** yourself a man;
- [3] And **keep the charge of the Lord** your **God,**
To walk in His ways, to **keep his statutes, and his commandments,**
And His judgments, and his testimonies,
As it is written in the law of Moses, that you **may prosper**
In all that you do,
And whithersoever you **turn** yourself:

- Leviticus 20:9 (KJV) For every one that **curses** his father or his mother
Shall be surely put to death:
He has **cursed** his father or his mother; his **blood shall be upon him.**

- Isaiah 9:2 (NLT) **The people who walk in darkness will see a Great Light—**
A Light that will shine on all who live in the land
Where **death** casts its **shadow.**

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Job 34:1-29 (ESV) Then Elihu answered and said:

² "Hear my words, you wise men, and give ear to me, you who know;

³ For the ear tests words as the palate tastes food.

⁴ Let us choose what is right; let us know among ourselves what is good.

⁵ For Job has said, 'I am in the right,

And God has taken away my right;

⁶ In spite of my right I am counted a liar; my wound is incurable,

Though I am without transgression.'

⁷ What man is like Job, who drinks up scoffing like water,

⁸ Who travels in company with evildoers and walks with wicked men?

⁹ For he has said, 'It profits a man nothing that he should take delight in God.'

¹⁰ "Therefore, hear me, you men of understanding:

Far be it from God

That He should do wickedness,

And from the Almighty that he should do wrong.

¹¹ For according to the work of a man He will repay him,

And according to his ways He will make it befall him.

¹² Of a truth, God will not do wickedly, And the Almighty will not pervert justice.

¹³ Who gave Him charge over the earth, and who laid on him the whole world?

¹⁴ If He should set his heart to it

And gather to Himself his Spirit and his breath,

¹⁵ All flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.

¹⁶ "If you have understanding, hear this; listen to what I say.

¹⁷ Shall one who hates justice govern?

Will you condemn Him who is righteous and mighty,

¹⁸ Who says to a king, 'Worthless one,' and to nobles, 'Wicked man,'

¹⁹ Who shows no partiality to princes, nor regards the rich more than the poor,

For they are all the work of His hands?

²⁰ In a moment they die; at midnight the people are shaken and pass away,

And the mighty are taken away by no human hand.

²¹ "For His eyes are on the ways of a man, and he sees all his steps.

²² There is no gloom or deep darkness where evildoers may hide themselves.

²³ For God has no need to consider a man further,

That he should go before God in judgment.

²⁴ He shatters the mighty without investigation and sets others in their place.

²⁵ Thus, knowing their works,

He overturns them in the night, and they are crushed.

²⁶ He strikes them for their wickedness in a place for all to see,

²⁷ Because they turned aside from following Him

And had no regard for any of His ways,

²⁸ So that they caused the cry of the poor to come to Him,

And He heard the cry of the afflicted---

²⁹ When He is quiet, who can condemn? When he hides his face, who can behold him,

Whether it be a nation or a man?---

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2 Peter 3:1-13 (ESV) This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved.

In both of them

I am **stirring** up your sincere mind **by way of reminder,**

² That you **should remember** the **predictions** of the **holy** prophets

And the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

³ **Knowing** this **first** of all, that **scoffers** will **come in** the last days

With **scoffing** (to show contempt), **following** their **own sinful** desires.

⁴ They will **say**, "Where is the promise of **His** coming?"

For ever since the fathers **fell asleep,**

All things **are continuing as they were** from the beginning of creation."

⁵ For they **deliberately overlook** this fact, that the **Heavens** existed **long ago,**

And the earth was **formed**

Out of water and through water by the Word of God,

⁶ **And that by means** of these

The world that **then existed** was **deluged** with water and **perished.**

⁷ **But by the same Word** the Heavens and earth **that now exist**

Are **stored up** for **fire,**

Being kept until **the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.**

⁸ **But do not overlook** this one fact, beloved,

That with the Lord one day is as a thousand years,

And a thousand years as one day.

⁹ **The Lord is not** slow **to fulfill his promise** as some count slowness,

But is patient toward you, **not wishing that** any should perish,

But that all should **reach repentance.**

¹⁰ **But the day of the Lord will come like** a thief,

And **then** the Heavens **will pass away** with a **roar,**

And the Heavenly bodies will be **burned up** and **dissolved,**

And the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus **to be dissolved,**

What sort of people ought you to be in lives of **holiness** and **godliness,**

¹² **Waiting for** and hastening the **coming** of **the day of God,**

Because of which the Heavens will be set on **fire** and **dissolved,**

And the Heavenly bodies **will melt** as they **burn!**

¹³ **But according to His promise** we are waiting for **new** Heavens and a **new** earth

In which **righteousness** dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for **these,**

Be **diligent** to be found **by Him** without spot or blemish, and **at peace.**

1 Peter 4:12-13 (KJV) Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery **trial**

Which is **to try** you,

As though **some strange** thing happened **unto** you:

[13] But **rejoice,** **inasmuch as you are partakers** of **Christ's sufferings;** that,

When His Glory shall be revealed,

You may be **glad** also **with** exceeding **joy.**

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Hebrews 2:9-18 (ESV) **But we see Him who for a little while was made lower**

Than the angels, namely Jesus,

Crowned with Glory and Honor because of the suffering of death,

So that by the grace of God

He might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist,

In bringing many sons to glory,

Should make the Founder of their salvation Perfect through suffering.

¹¹ For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have **One source.**

That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

¹² Saying, "I will tell of Your Name to my brothers;

In the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise."

¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in Him."

And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

¹⁴ **Since** therefore the children share in flesh and blood,

He himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death

He might destroy the one

Who has the power of death, that is, the **devil,**

¹⁵ And deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong **slavery.**

¹⁶ For surely it is **not** angels that He helps,

But He helps the offspring of Abraham.

¹⁷ Therefore He had to be made like his brothers in every respect,

So that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest

In the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ For because He himself has suffered when tempted,

He is able to help those who are being tempted.

1 Kings 3:9-14 (ESV) **Give Your servant therefore an understanding mind**

To govern Your people,

That I may discern between good and evil,

For who is **able** to govern this Your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

¹¹ And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked

For yourself long life or riches

Or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding

To discern what is right,

¹² Behold, I now do according to your **word.** Behold, I give you a **wise**

And discerning mind, so that **none like you has been** before you

And **none like you shall arise** after you.

¹³ I give you also **what you have not asked,** both riches and honor,

So that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.

¹⁴ And if you will walk in My ways,

Keeping My statutes and my commandments,

As your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

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Romans 6:16-23 (ESV) Do you not know that **if** you present yourselves

To anyone as obedient slaves, **you are slaves**

Of the **one** whom you obey, either of **sin**, which **leads** to **death**,

Or of **obedience**, which **leads** to **righteousness**?

¹⁷ But **thanks** be to **God**, that you who were **once slaves of sin**

Have **become obedient** from the heart

To the **standard of teaching** to which you were **committed**,

¹⁸ And, **having been set free** from sin,

Have **become** slaves of **righteousness**.

¹⁹ I am **speaking in** human terms, **because of your natural limitations**.

For just as you **once presented** your members

As **slaves to impurity** and to **lawlessness** leading to **more lawlessness**,

So **now present** your members as **slaves to righteousness**

Leading to sanctification.

²⁰ **For when you were slaves of sin**, you were free in regard to righteousness.

²¹ But **what fruit** were you **getting** at that time **from the things**

Of **which** you are now **ashamed**? For the **end** of those **things** is **death**.

²² But **now** that you have been **set free** from sin

And have **become** slaves of **God**,

The **fruit** you get **leads** to **sanctification** and its end, eternal **life**.

²³ **For the wages of sin is death**,

But the **free gift** of **God** is **eternal life** in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord**.

John 6:51-59 (ESV) ***This is the bread that comes down from Heaven,***

So that one may eat of **it** and **not die**.

⁵¹ ***I am the Living bread that came down from Heaven.*** If anyone **eats** of **this bread**,

He will live forever.

And the bread that I will give for the life of the world ***is my flesh.*** "

⁵² The Jews then **disputed** among themselves, **saying**,

"How can **this Man** give us **his flesh** to eat?"

⁵³ ***So Jesus said to*** them, "***Truly, truly, I say to*** you, **unless** you eat ***the flesh***

Of the Son of Man and drink ***his blood***,

You have no life in you.

⁵⁴ Whoever **feeds** on ***My flesh*** and **drinks *my blood*** **has eternal life**,

And I will raise him ***up on the last day.***

⁵⁵ ***For My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.***

⁵⁶ Whoever **feeds** on ***My flesh*** and **drinks *my blood*** abides ***in me, and I in*** him.

⁵⁷ ***As the living Father sent Me,***

And I live because of the Father,

So whoever **feeds** on ***Me***, he also will **live *because of me.***

⁵⁸ ***This is the bread that came down from Heaven,***

Not like the bread the fathers ate **and died**.

Whoever **feeds** on ***this bread*** will **live forever**."

⁵⁹ ***Jesus said these things in*** the synagogue, ***as he taught at*** Capernaum.

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John 6:60-68 (ESV) When many of His disciples heard it, they said,

"**This is a hard saying**; who can listen to it?"

⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples **were grumbling** about this,

Said to them, "Do you **take offense** at this?"

⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

⁶³ **It is the Spirit who gives life**; the flesh is **no help** at all.

The Words that I have spoken to you **are Spirit and life**.

⁶⁴ But there **are some** of you who **do not** believe."

(For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were

Who **did not** believe,

And who it **was** who would **betray Him**.)

⁶⁵ And He said, "This is why I told you **that no one can** come to me

Unless it is **granted** him by the Father."

⁶⁶ **After this many** of His disciples turned **back** and **no longer** walked with him.

⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you **want** to go **away** as well?"

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go?"

You have the Words of eternal life,

Luke 22:14-20 (ESV) **And when the hour came, He reclined** at table,

And the apostles with Him.

¹⁵ And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired

To eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

¹⁶ For I tell you I will not eat it

Until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."

¹⁷ And He took a cup, and when he had given thanks

He said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves.

¹⁸ For I tell you that from now on

I will not drink of the fruit of the vine

Until the Kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ And He took bread, and when he had given thanks,

He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body,

Which is given for you. **Do this** in remembrance of Me."

²⁰ And **likewise** the **cup** after they had eaten, saying,

"This cup that is poured out for you is the New Covenant in My blood."

Isaiah 9:2 (ESV) **The people who walked in darkness have seen a Great Light;**

Those who dwell in a land **of deep darkness, on them has Light shined.**

Isaiah 9:2 (KJV) **The people that walked in darkness have seen a Great Light:**

They that dwell in the land of the **shadow** of **death,**

Upon them has the Light shined.

Proverbs 16:25 (ESV) **There is a way that seems right to a man,**

But **its end** is the **way to death.**

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- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (ESV) **But we do not want you to be uninformed, Brothers,**
About those who are asleep, **that you may not grieve**
As others **do** who **have no hope.**
- ¹⁴ For since we **believe** that **Jesus died and rose again**, even so, **through Jesus,**
God will bring with Him those **who have fallen asleep.**
- ¹⁵ For **this** we **declare** to you **by a Word from the Lord,**
That we who are alive,
Who are left until the coming of **the Lord,**
Will not precede those who have fallen asleep.
- ¹⁶ **For the Lord himself will descend from Heaven with a cry of command,**
With the voice of an **archangel,**
And **with** the sound of **the trumpet of God.**
And the **dead in Christ will rise first.**
- ¹⁷ **Then** we who are alive, who are left, will be **caught up**
Together with them in the clouds to **meet the Lord** in the air,
And **so we will always be with the Lord.**
- ¹⁸ Therefore **encourage** one another **with** these **words.**

- 1 Peter 4:10-18 (ESV) **As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,**
As **good** stewards of **God's varied grace:**
- ¹¹ Whoever **speaks**, as one who **speaks oracles of God**; whoever serves,
As one who **serves** by **the strength that God supplies---**
In order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.
To **Him belong Glory**
And Dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- ¹² Beloved, **do not be surprised** **at the fiery trial** when it **comes upon you** to **test** you,
As **though** something strange were happening to you.
- ¹³ But **rejoice** insofar as you **share Christ's sufferings**, that you may also **rejoice**
And **be glad** when **His Glory is revealed.**
- ¹⁴ If you are **insulted** for **the Name of Christ**, you are **blessed**, because **the Spirit**
Of Glory and of God rests upon you.
- ¹⁵ But **let none** of you **suffer** as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.
- ¹⁶ **Yet if** anyone **suffers** as a **Christian**, **let him not be ashamed**,
But let him **glorify God** in **that Name.**
- ¹⁷ **For it is time for judgment to begin at** the household of **God**;
And **if it begins with** us, what will be the **outcome**
For those who **do not** obey **the Gospel of God?**
- ¹⁸ And **"If** the **righteous is scarcely saved**,
What will become of the **ungodly** and the **sinner?"**
- ¹⁹ Therefore let those who **suffer according to God's will**
Entrust their souls to **a faithful Creator** while **doing good.**

Proverbs 19:16 (ESV) **Whoever keeps the commandment keeps his life;**
He who **despises His ways** will **die.**