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Romans 11:33 (NLT) **Oh, what a wonderful God we have!**
How **great** are **His riches and wisdom and knowledge!**
How **impossible** it is for us to understand **His decisions**
And His methods!

Romans 11:33 (KJV) **O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom**
And knowledge of God!
How **unsearchable** are **His judgments,**
And His ways past finding out!

Proverbs 3:5 (KJV) **Trust in the Lord with all your heart;**
And lean not unto your **own** understanding.

Proverbs 20:24 (KJV) **Man's goings are of the Lord;**
How can a man then understand his **own** way?

Proverbs 20:24 (NLT) **How can we understand the road we travel?**
It is the Lord who directs our steps.

Psalms 8:3-9 (NLT) **When I look at the night sky and see the work of Your fingers—**

The moon and the stars **You have set** in place—

[4] **What are** mortals that **You should think of** us, mere humans
That **You should care for** us?

[5] **For You made** us only a little lower than **God,**
And You crowned us with **glory** and **honor.**

[6] **You put** us in **charge** of everything **you made,**
Giving us authority over all things—

[7] The sheep and the cattle and all the wild animals,

[8] The birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,

And everything that swims the ocean currents.

[9] **O Lord,** our **Lord, the majesty of your name fills** the earth!

Job 42:1-6 (NLT) **Then Job replied to the Lord:**

[2] "I know that **You can do anything,** and **no one can stop you.**

[3] **You ask,** 'Who is **this** that **questions my wisdom** with **such ignorance?**' It is I.

And I was **talking** about things I **did not** understand,
Things **far too wonderful** for me.

[4] "**You said, 'Listen and I will speak!**

I have some questions for you, and you **must** answer **them.'**

[5] "I had **heard** about **You** before, but now I have **seen you** with my own eyes.

[6] **I take back** everything I said,

And **I sit in dust and ashes** to show my **repentance.**"

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Matthew 6:21-23 (NLT) **Wherever your treasure is, there your heart**
And thoughts will also be.

[22] "Your eye is a **lamp** for your body. A **pure** eye **lets** sunshine **into** your soul.

[23] But an **evil** eye **shuts out** the **light** and **plunges** you **into darkness**.

If the **light** you **think** you have **is** really **darkness**,

How **deep** **that darkness** will **be**!

Job 36:26-33 (NLT) "**Look, God is exalted beyond what we can understand.**

His years are without number.

[27] **He draws up** the water vapor **and then distills** it into **rain**.

[28] The **rain** pours down from the **clouds**, and everyone **benefits** from it.

[29] **Can anyone really understand** the spreading of the **clouds**

And the **thunder** that rolls forth from **Heaven**?

[30] See how **He spreads the lightning around him**

And how it **lights up** the **depths** of the sea.

[31] **By His mighty acts he governs** the people, **giving** them food in abundance.

[32] **He fills his hands with lightning** bolts. **he hurls each at its target**.

[33] **The thunder announces His presence;**

The storm **announces His indignant** (a look of outraged disbelief) **anger**.

Job 40:1-14 (NLT) **Then the Lord said to Job,**

[2] "Do you **still want to argue** with **the Almighty**?

You are God's critic, but **do you have** the answers?"

[3] Then Job replied to **the Lord**,

[4] "I am **nothing**—how **could** I ever **find** the answers?

I will **put** my hand **over** my **mouth** in **silence**.

[5] **I have said too much** already. I have **nothing more** to say."

[6] **Then the Lord answered** Job **from** the whirlwind:

[7] "**Brace** yourself, because **I have some questions for** you,

And you **must** answer **them**.

[8] **Are you going to discredit My justice**

And **condemn Me** so **you can say you are right**?

[9] Are you as **strong** as **God**, and **can** you **thunder** with a **voice like his**?

[10] All right then, **put on** your robes of state, your majesty and splendor.

[11] **Give vent** to your anger. **Let it** overflow against the proud.

[12] **Humiliate** the proud with a glance; **Walk on** the wicked where they stand.

[13] **Bury** them in the dust. **Imprison** them in the world of the dead.

[14] **Then even I would** praise you, **for your own strength would save you**.

Isaiah 55:9 (NLT) **For just as the Heavens are higher than the earth,**

So are My ways higher than your ways

And **My thoughts higher** than your thoughts.

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Proverbs 3:5 (NLT) **Trust** in the Lord with all your heart;
Do not depend on your own understanding.

Ephes. 3:19 (KJV) **And to know** the love of Christ, which passes knowledge,
That you **might** be filled with all the fullness of God.

Proverbs 14:12 (KJV) **There is a way which seems right** unto a man,
But the **end** of this **are** the ways of death.

Job 37:14-18 (KJV) **Listen unto this, O Job: stand still,**
And consider the wondrous works of God.

[15] **Do you know** when God disposed them,
And caused the light of His cloud to shine?

[16] **Do you know** the balancing of the clouds,
The wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge?

[17] How your garments are warm, when He quieted the earth by the south wind?

[18] Have you with Him spread out the sky,
Which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

Proverbs 16:25 (KJV) **There is a way that seems right** unto a man,
But the **end** of this **are** the ways of death.

Proverbs 16:25 (NLT) **There is a path** before each person that seems right,
But it ends in death.

Exodus 20:3-5 (NLT) **"Do not worship** any other gods besides Me.

[4] **"Do not make idols of any kind,** whether in the shape of birds or animals or fish.

[5] You must **never** worship or bow down to them,

For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God

Who will not share your affection with any other god!

I do not leave unpunished the sins of those who hate me,

But I punish the children for the sins of their parents

To the third and fourth generations.

Jeremiah 17:9 (KJV) **The heart is** deceitful above all things,
And desperately wicked: who can **know** it?

Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV) **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."

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- 1 Kings 13:11-24 (NLT) As it happened, there was an old prophet living in Bethel, And his sons came home
And told him what the man of God had done in Bethel that day.
They also told him what he had said to the king.
- [12] The old prophet asked them, "Which way did he go?"
So they told their father which road the man of God had taken.
- [13] "Quick, saddle the donkey," the old man said.
And when they had saddled the donkey for him,
- [14] He rode after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak tree.
The old prophet asked him,
"Are you the man of God who came from Judah?"
"Yes," he replied, "I am."
- [15] Then he said to the man of God, "Come home with me and eat some food."
[16] "No, I cannot," he replied.
"I am not allowed to eat any food or drink any water here in this place.
- [17] For the Lord gave me this command:
"You must not eat any food or drink any water while you are there,
And do not return to Judah by the same way you came.' "
- [18] But the old prophet answered,
"I am a prophet, too, just as you are.
And an angel gave me (lying to the prophet) this message from the Lord:
'Bring him home with you,
And give him food to eat and water to drink.'
"But the old man was lying to him.
- [19] So they went back together, And the man of God ate some food
And drank some water at the prophet's home.
- [20] Then while they were sitting at the table,
A message from the Lord came to the old prophet.
- [21] He cried out to the man of God from Judah,
"This is what the Lord says: You have defied the Lord's message
And have disobeyed the command
The Lord your God gave you.
- [22] You came back to this place and ate food and drank water
Where He told you not to eat or drink.
Because of this, your body will not be buried in the grave
Of your ancestors."
- [23] Now after the man of God had finished eating and drinking,
The prophet saddled his own donkey for him,
- [24] And the man of God started off again.
But as he was traveling along, a lion came out and killed him.
His body lay there on the road,
With the donkey and the lion standing beside it.

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Proverbs 27:20 (NLT) **Just as Death and Destruction are never satisfied, So human desire is never satisfied.**

Proverbs 15:11 (KJV) **Hell and destruction are before the Lord:
How much more then the hearts of the children of men?**

1 Kings 18:30-38 (NLT) **Then Elijah called to the people, "Come over here!**

"They all crowded around him

As he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been torn down.

[31] He took twelve stones, one to **represent** each of the tribes of Israel,

[32] **And he used the stones to rebuild the Lord's altar.**

Then he **dug** a **trench** around the altar large enough

To hold about **three gallons**.

[33] He **piled** wood on the altar, **cut** the bull into pieces,

And **laid** the pieces **on** the wood.

Then he said, "**Fill four large jars with water,**

And **pour** the **water over** the offering and the wood."

After they had done this,

[34] He said, "**Do the same thing again!**" And when they were finished,

He said, "Now **do it a third time!**" So they **did** as he **said**,

[35] And the **water ran** around the altar and even **overflowed** the **trench**.

[36] **At the customary time** for offering the evening sacrifice,

Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar

And **prayed**, "**O Lord, God** of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

Prove today that You are God in Israel and that I am your servant.

Prove that I have done all this

At Your command.

[37] **O Lord**, answer me! Answer me so these people **will know**

That **You, O Lord, are God**

And that **You have brought them back to yourself."**

[38] **Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from Heaven**

And burned up the young bull, the wood,

The stones, **and** the dust. **It even** licked up **all the water** in the ditch!

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT) **"The human heart is most deceitful and desperately wicked.**

Who **really** knows **how bad it is?**

1 Kings 19:1-2 (NLT) **When Ahab got home, he told Jezebel what Elijah had done**

And **that** he **had** **slaughtered** the prophets of Baal.

[2] So Jezebel **sent** this **message** to Elijah: "May the gods also **kill** me

If by this **time** tomorrow I **have failed** to **take** your life

Like those whom you killed." (Story continued on page 7f)

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1 Kings 19:3-15 (NLT) (continuation from page 7e)

Elijah was **afraid**. And **fled** for his life.

He **went to** Beersheba, a town in Judah, and **he left his servant there**.

[4] Then he **went on alone into** the desert, **traveling** all day.

He sat down under a solitary broom tree

And prayed that he might die. "I have **had enough, Lord,**" he said.

"**Take my life, for I am no better** than my ancestors."

[5] Then he lay down **and slept** under the broom tree.

But as he was sleeping, **an angel touched him**

And **told** him, "Get up and **eat!**"

[6] He **looked around** and **saw** some **bread** baked on hot stones **and** a jar of **water!**

So he **ate** and **drank** and lay down again.

[7] **Then the angel of the Lord came again** and **touched** him and said,"

Get up and **eat** some **more**, for **there is a long journey** ahead of you."

[8] So he got up and **ate** and **drank**, And the **food** gave him **enough strength**

To travel forty days and **forty nights**

To Mount Sinai, **the mountain of God.**

[9] **There** he **came to** a **cave**, where he spent the night.

But the Lord said to him, "**What are you doing here**, Elijah?"

[10] Elijah **replied**, "I have zealously **served the Lord God Almighty.**

But the people of Israel have **broken** their **covenant with You,**

Torn down **Your altars**, and **killed** every one of **your prophets.**

I alone am left, and **now** they are **trying** to **kill** me, too."

[11] "Go out and stand **before Me** on the **mountain,**"

The Lord told him. And as Elijah stood **there,**

The Lord passed by, and a mighty **wind storm hit** the **mountain.**

It was such a **terrible blast** that the **rocks** were **torn loose,**

But the Lord was not in the **wind.**

After the wind **there was an earthquake,**

But the Lord was not in the **earthquake.**

[12] **And after** the **earthquake** there was a **fire, but the Lord was not** in the **fire.**

And after the **fire** there was **the sound of a gentle whisper.**

[13] **When Elijah heard it,** he wrapped his face in his cloak

And **went** out and **stood** at the **entrance** of the **cave.**

And a voice said, "**What are you doing** here, Elijah?"

[14] He **replied** again, "I have zealously **served the Lord God Almighty.**

But the people of Israel have **broken** their **covenant with You,**

Torn down **Your altars**, and **killed** every one of **your prophets.**

I alone am left, and now they are **trying** to **kill** me, too."

[15] **Then the Lord told** him,

"**Go back the way you came,** And **travel to** the **wilderness** of Damascus.

When you arrive there, anoint Hazael **to be king** of Aram.

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1 Kings 20:35-43 (NLT) **Meanwhile, the Lord instructed**

**One of the group of prophets to say to another man,
"Strike me!" But the man refused to strike the prophet.**

[36] **Then the prophet told him,**

"Because you have not obeyed the voice of the Lord,

A lion will kill you as soon as you leave me."

And sure enough, when he had gone, A lion attacked and killed him.

[37] **Then the prophet turned to another man and said,**

"Strike me!"

So he struck the prophet and wounded him.

[38] **The prophet waited for the king beside the road,**

Having placed a bandage over his eyes to disguise himself.

[39] **As the king passed by, the prophet called out to him,**

"Sir, I was in the battle, and a man brought me a prisoner.

He said, 'Guard this man; If for any reason he gets away,

You will either die or pay a fine of seventy-five pounds of silver!'

[40] **But while I was busy doing something else, the prisoner disappeared!"**

"Well, it's your own fault," the king replied.

"You have determined your own judgment."

[41] **Then the prophet pulled the bandage from his eyes,**

And the king of Israel recognized him as one of the prophets.

[42] **And the prophet told him, "This is what the Lord says:**

Because you have spared the man

I said must be destroyed, now you must die in his place,

And your people will die instead of his people."

[43] **So the king of Israel went home to Samaria angry and sullen.**

Psalms 139:16-18 (NLT) **You saw me before I was born.**

Every day of my life was recorded in Your book.

Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

[17] **How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God!**

They are innumerable!

[18] **I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!**

And when I wake up in the morning, You are still with me!

Psalms 56:8 (NLT) **You keep track of all my sorrows.**

You have collected all my tears in your bottle.

You have recorded each one in your book.

John 6:53 (NLT) **So Jesus said again, "I assure you,**

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man

And drink His blood you cannot have eternal life within you.

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2 Kings 6:5-6 (NLT) **But as one of them was chopping, his ax head fell into the river.**

"Ah, my lord!" he **cried**. "It was a borrowed ax!"

[6] "Where did it fall?" the man **of God** asked. When he **showed** him the place, Elisha **cut a stick and threw it into the water**. Then the **ax head rose** to the surface and **floated**.

Proverbs 8:22-30 (KJV) **The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of his way, Before His works of old.**

[23] **I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning**, or ever the earth was.

[24] **When there were no depths, I was brought forth;**

When there were **no fountains** abounding with **water**.

[25] **Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:**

[26] **While as yet He had not made** the earth, nor the **fields**,

Nor the highest part of the **dust** of the **world**.

[27] **When He prepared** the **Heavens, I was there:**

When He set a **compass** upon the face of the **depth:**

[28] **When He established** the **clouds** above:

When He strengthened the **fountains** of the deep:

[29] **When He gave to** the sea **his decree**,

That the waters should **not** pass **His commandment:**

When He appointed the **foundations** of the earth:

[30] **Then I was by Him, as One brought up with him:**

And I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before him;

[31] **Rejoicing in** the habitable part **of His earth;**

And My delights were with the sons of men.

Col. 1:15-17 (NLT) **Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.**

He existed before God made anything at all

And is Supreme over all creation.

[16] **Christ is the One through whom God created** everything in Heaven and earth.

He made the things we **can** see

And the things we **can't** see, **Kings, kingdoms, rulers**, and authorities.

Everything **has been created through Him and for him**.

[17] **He existed before** everything else began, **and he holds** all **creation** together.

Deut. 10:14 (KJV) **Behold, the Heaven and the heaven of heavens**

Is the Lord's your **God**, the earth also, **with all that there is** in it.

Ezekiel 11:5 (KJV) **And the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and said unto me,**

Speak; **this is what the Lord says;**

This is **what** you have **said**, O house of Israel:

For I know the things **that come into your mind**, every one of **them**.

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Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV) For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
15 From whom every family in Heaven and on earth is named,
16 That according to the riches of His glory
He may grant you to be strengthened
With power through His Spirit in your inner being,
17 So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith---
That you, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 May have strength to comprehend with all the saints
What is the breadth and length and height and depth (of His love),
19 And to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
That you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
According to the power at work within us,
21 To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
Forever and ever. Amen.

Deut. 10:14 (NLT) The highest Heavens and the earth
And everything in it all belong to the Lord your God.

Proverbs 16:4 (NLT) The Lord has made everything for his own purposes,
Even the wicked for punishment.

Genesis 48:11 (NLT) Then Jacob said to Joseph,
"I never thought I would see you again,
But now God has let me see your children, too."

Isaiah 45:7 (KJV) I form the light, and create darkness:
I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.

Psalms 139:16-18 (KJV) Your eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect;
And in Your book all my members were written,
Which in continuance were fashioned,
When as yet there was none of them.

[17] How precious also are Your thoughts unto me, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

[18] If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:

When I awake, I am still with You.

Proverbs 21:2-3 (NLT) People may think they are doing what is right,
But the Lord examines the heart.

[3] The Lord is more pleased when we do what is just and right
Than when we give Him sacrifices.

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Proverbs 16:4 (KJV) The Lord has made all things for himself:
Yes, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Isaiah 53:1-5 (KJV) Who has believed our report?

And to whom is the Arm of the Lord revealed?

[2] For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,

And as a root out of a dry ground:

He has no form or comeliness (not good looking or attractive);

And when we shall see Him,

There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

[3] He is despised and rejected of men; A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:

And we hid as it were our faces from Him;

He was despised, and we esteemed him not.

[4] Surely He has borne our grief,

And carried our sorrows:

Yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

[5] But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities:

The chastisement (punishment) of our peace

Was upon Him and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:6-10 (NLT) All of us have strayed away like sheep.

We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the Lord laid on Him the guilt and sins of us all.

[7] He was oppressed and treated harshly,

Yet He never said a word. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter.

And as a sheep is silent before the shearers,

He did not open his mouth.

[8] From prison and trial they led Him away to his death.

But who among the people realized that He was dying for their sins—

That He was suffering their punishment?

[9] He had done no wrong,

And He never deceived anyone.

But He was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave.

[10] But it was the Lord's good plan to crush Him

And fill Him with grief.

Yet when His life is made an offering for sin,

He will have a multitude of children, many heirs.

He will enjoy a long life, and the Lord's plan will prosper in his hands.

Isaiah 55:11 (NLT) It is the same with My word. I send it out,

And it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to,

And it will prosper everywhere I send it.

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- Joshua 6:15-21 (KJV) And it came to pass **on the seventh day**,
That they **rose early** about the **dawning** of the **day**,
And **compassed the city** after the same manner **seven times**:
Only on that day they **compassed** the **city seven** times.
- [16] **And it came to pass** at the **seventh time**, when the priests **blew** with the **trumpets**,
Joshua **said** unto the people, **Shout**;
For the Lord has given you the **city**.
- [17] And the city shall **be accursed**, even it, and **all** that are **in there**, to **the Lord**:
Only Rahab the **harlot** shall **live**,
She and all that **are with** her **in** the house,
Because she hid the **messengers** that we sent.
- [18] And you, in any wise **keep** yourselves **from** the **accursed** thing (anything in the city),
Or you **make** yourselves **accursed**, when you **take** of the **accursed** thing,
And **make** the camp of Israel a **curse**, and **trouble** it.
- [19] But all the **silver**, and **gold**, and **vessels** of **brass** and **iron**,
Are consecrated **unto the Lord**:
They **shall come** into the **treasury of the Lord**.
- [20] So the people **shouted** when the priests **blew** with the **trumpets**:
And it came to pass, when the people **heard** the **sound** of the **trumpet**,
And the people **shouted** with a **great shout**, that the wall **fell** down **flat**,
So that the people **went up** into the **city**,
Every man straight before him, And they **took** the **city**.
- [21] **And they utterly destroyed** all that was **in** the **city**, **both man** and **woman**,
Young and old, and **ox**, and **sheep**, and **ass**, **with the edge** of the **sword**.
- Luke 11:23 (NLT) "Anyone who **isn't helping Me opposes me**,
And anyone who **isn't working with Me is actually working against me**.
- Proverbs 16:33 (KJV) The lot (the dice) **is cast into the lap**;
But the whole disposing (how it falls or lands) **of this is of the Lord**.
- 1 Cor. 1:27-29 (NLT) Instead, **God deliberately chose** things the world
Considers foolish **in order to shame** those **who think they are wise**.
And **He chose** those who **are powerless**
To shame those who **are powerful**.
- [28] **God chose** things **despised by the world**, things **counted** as **nothing** at all,
And used them **to bring to nothing**
What the world **considers** important,
- [29] **So that no one** can ever boast **in the presence of God**.
- Proverbs 16:2 (KJV) All the ways of a man **are clean in his own eyes**;
But the Lord weighs the spirits.

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Proverbs 20:24 (ESV) A man's steps are from the Lord;
How then can man understand his way?

Proverbs 16:9 (ESV) The heart of man plans his way,
But the Lord establishes his steps.

Joshua 6:15-21 (NLT) On the seventh day the Israelites got up at dawn
And marched around the city as they had done before.
But this time they went around the city seven times.

[16] The seventh time around, as the priests sounded the long blast on their horns,
Joshua commanded the people,

"Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!

[17] The city and everything in it must be completely destroyed

As an offering to the Lord.

Only Rahab the prostitute and the others in her house will be spared,

For she protected our spies.

[18] Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction,

Or you yourselves will be completely destroyed,

And you will bring trouble on all Israel.

[19] Everything made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron is sacred to the Lord

And must be brought into His treasury."

[20] When the people heard the sound of the horns, they shouted as loud as they could.

Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed,

And the Israelites charged straight into the city from every side

And captured it.

[21] They completely destroyed everything in it—Men and women, young and old,
Cattle, sheep, donkeys—everything.

Psalms 146:3-8 (KJV) Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man,
In whom there is no help.

[4] His breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

[5] Happy is he that has the God of Jacob for his help,

Whose hope is in the Lord his God:

[6] Which made Heaven, and earth, the sea,

And all that therein is: Which keeps Truth forever:

[7] Which executes judgment for the oppressed: which gives food to the hungry.

The Lord looses the prisoners:

[8] The Lord opens the eyes of the blind: The Lord raises them that are bowed down:

The Lord loves the righteous:

Luke 11:23 (KJV) He that is not with Me is against me:

And he that gathers not with Me scatters.

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- 1 Cor. 2:7-16 (KJV) **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery,**
Even **the hidden wisdom,**
Which God ordained before the world **unto our glory:**
- [8] Which **none** of the princes **of this world knew:** For **had they known it,**
They would **not** have **crucified the Lord of Glory.**
- [9] **But as it is Written,** eye has **not** seen,
Nor ear **heard,**
Neither has it **entered into** the heart of man,
The things which God has prepared for them that **love him.**
- [10] **But God has revealed them unto** us **by his Spirit:**
For the Spirit searches all things, yes, **the deep things of God.**
- [11] **For what man knows** the things of a man,
Save the spirit of man **which is in him?**
Even so **the things of God** knows **no** man, **but the Spirit of God.**
- [12] **Now we have received,** **not** the spirit of the **world,**
But the Spirit which is of God;
That we might **know** the **things** that **are freely given to us of God.**
- [13] Which **things** also we **speak,**
Not in the **words** which man's **wisdom teaches,**
But which the Holy Ghost teaches;
Comparing Spiritual things with **spiritual** (sincere worshippers of God).
- [14] **But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God:**
For they are foolishness **unto** him:
Neither can he know **them,** because they **are** spiritually **discerned.**
- [15] **But he that is spiritual** (sincere worshippers of God) **judges** all things,
Yet he himself is **judged** of **no** man.
- [16] For who **has** known **the mind of the Lord,**
That he may instruct Him? But we **have the mind of Christ.**
- Mark 10:42-45 (KJV) **But Jesus called them to him, and said unto them,**
You know that they which **are accounted to rule over** the Gentiles
Exercise lordship over them;
And their **great ones exercise authority** upon them.
- [43] **But so shall it not be among you:**
But whosoever **will be great** among you, **shall be your minister:**
- [44] And whosoever of you **will be the chiefest,**
Shall be servant of all.
- [45] **For even the Son of man came not** to be ministered unto,
But to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.
- Matthew 12:30 (KJV) **He that is not with Me is against me;**
And he that **gathers not** with **Me scatters** abroad.

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- 1 Cor. 2:7-16 (NLT) No, the wisdom we speak of is the secret wisdom of God,
Which was hidden in former times,
Though He made it for our benefit before the world began.
- [8] But the rulers of this world have not understood it;
If they had, they would never have crucified our Glorious Lord.
- [9] That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,
"No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
And no mind has imagined
What God has prepared for those who love Him."
- [10] But we know these things because God has revealed them to us by his Spirit,
And His Spirit searches out everything
And shows us even God's deep secrets.
- [11] No one can know what anyone else is really thinking
Except that person alone,
And no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit.
- [12] And God has actually given us his Spirit (not the world's spirit)
So we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.
- [13] When we tell you this,
We do not use words of human wisdom.
We speak Words given to us by the Spirit,
Using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual Truths.
- [14] But people who aren't Christians can not understand
These Truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them
Because only those who have the Spirit can understand
What the Spirit means.
- [15] We who have the Spirit understand these things, but others
Can't understand us at all.
- [16] How could they? For, "Who can know what the Lord is thinking?
Who can give Him counsel?"
But we can understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

Proverbs 21:2-3 (KJV) Every way of a man is right in his own eyes:
But the Lord ponders the hearts.
[3] To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

Proverbs 15:3 (KJV) The eyes of the Lord are in every place,
Beholding the evil and the good.

Isaiah 55:11 (KJV) So shall My word be that goes forth out of my mouth:
It shall not return unto Me void,
But it shall accomplish that which I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing, where I sent it.

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

Proverbs 16:9 (KJV) **A man's heart devises his way: But the Lord directs** his steps.

Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) We can **make** our plans, **but the Lord determines** **our steps**.

Proverbs 19:21 (KJV) **There are many devices in a man's heart;**
Nevertheless **the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.**

John 3:5-8 (NLT) **Jesus replied, "The Truth is, no one can enter the Kingdom of God**
Without being born of water and the Spirit.

[6] Humans **can** reproduce **only** human life,
But the Holy Spirit gives new life from Heaven.

[7] So **don't** be surprised **at My statement that** you
Must be **born again.**

[8] Just as you **can hear** the **wind** but **can't tell** where it comes from **or** where it is going,
So you **can't** explain **how people are born of the Spirit."**

John 3:5-8 (KJV) **Jesus answered, truly, truly, I say unto** you, except a man
Be born of water and of the Spirit,
He **cannot** enter into **the Kingdom of God.**

[6] That **which** is born of the **flesh** is **flesh**;
And that **which** is **born of the Spirit** is **spirit.**

[7] Marvel **not** that **I said unto** you, **You must be born again.**

[8] The wind blows where it listeth, and you hear the sound of it, but **can't** tell
Where it **comes from**, and where **it goes**:
So is every one that is born of the Spirit.

John 6:53 (KJV) **Then Jesus said unto** them, **truly, truly, I say unto** you,
Except you **eat the flesh of the Son of man,**
And **drink His blood,** you have **no** life in you.

Proverbs 15:11 (NLT) **Even the depths of death and destruction are known**
By the Lord. How much more does he know the human heart!

Col. 1:15-17 (KJV) **Who is the image of the invisible God,**
The Firstborn of every creature:

[16] **For by Him were all things created,** that are in **Heaven**, and that are in **earth**,
Visible and invisible, whether they be **thrones**, or **dominions**, or
Principalities, or **powers: all things were created by Him, and for him:**

[17] **And He is before** all things, **and by him** all things **consist** (exist).

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Numbers 25: 1-13 (ESV) **While Israel lived in Shittim,**

The people began to whore with the daughters of Moab.

² **These invited** the people **to** the **sacrifices** of their **gods**,

And the people **ate** and **bowed down to** their **gods**.

³ So Israel **yoked** himself **to Baal** of Peor.

And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel.

⁴ **And the Lord said to** Moses,

"Take all the chiefs of the people

And **hang** them **in** the sun **before the Lord**,

That the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away from Israel."

⁵ And Moses **said** to the judges of Israel,

"Each of you **kill** those of his **men**

Who **have yoked** themselves to **Baal** of Peor."

⁶ **And behold, one** of the people of Israel **came**

And **brought** a Midianite woman **to** his family, **in the sight** of Moses

And **in the sight** of the whole congregation of the people of Israel,

While they were weeping

In the entrance of the tent of meeting.

⁷ **When** Phinehas the son of Eleazar, **son of** Aaron the priest, **saw it**,

He **rose** and **left** the congregation **and took** a spear in his hand

⁸ And went **after** the man of Israel **into** the chamber

And **pierced both** of them,

The man of Israel **and** the woman **through her belly**.

Thus the **plague** on the people of Israel **was stopped**.

⁹ Nevertheless, those who **died** by the **plague** were **twenty-four thousand**.

¹⁰ **And the Lord said to** Moses,

¹¹ "Phinehas **the son** of Eleazar, **son of** Aaron the priest, **has turned back** **My wrath**

From the people of Israel,

In that he **was jealous** with **My jealousy** among them,

So that I did not consume the people of Israel in **my jealousy**.

¹² Therefore say, 'Behold, **I give to** him **my covenant of peace**,

¹³ **And it shall be to** him **and to** his descendants after him

The covenant of a perpetual **priesthood**, because

He was **jealous for** his **God**

And made atonement for the people of Israel.'"

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 (ESV) **But God chose** what is foolish in the world

To shame the wise;

God chose what is **weak** in the world **to shame** the strong;

²⁸ **God chose** what is **low** and **despised** in the world,

Even things that **are not, to bring to nothing** things **that are**,

²⁹ So that **no human being** might boast in **the presence of God**.

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1 Peter 5:10 (NLT) In his kindness God called you

To His eternal glory by means of Jesus Christ.

After you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, And strengthen you, and He will place you on a firm foundation.

1 Peter 5:10 (KJV) But the God of all grace,

Who has called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus,

After that you have suffered a while,

Will make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.

1 Peter 2:8 (KJV) And a Stone of stumbling, and a Rock of offence,

Even to them which stumble at the Word,

Being disobedient: Whereunto also they were appointed.

Deut. 29:29 (KJV) The secret things belong unto the Lord our God:

But those things which are revealed belong unto us

And to our children forever, that we may do all the Words of this law.

Deut. 29:29 (NLT) "There are secret things that belong to the Lord our God,

But the revealed things belong to us and our descendants forever,

So that we may obey these Words of the law.

Isaiah 55:9 (KJV) For as the Heavens are higher than the earth,

So are My ways higher than your ways,

And My thoughts than your thoughts.

1 Cor. 13:8-13 (KJV) Charity (kindness, love) never fails:

But whether there be prophecies, they shall fail;

Whether there be tongues, they shall cease;

Whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

[9] For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

[10] But when that which is perfect is come,

Then that which is in part shall be done away.

[11] When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child:

But when I became a man, I put away childish things.

[12] For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face:

Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

[13] And now abides faith, hope, charity (kindness, love),

These three; but the greatest of these is charity (kindness, love).

Proverbs 15:3 (NLT) The Lord is watching everywhere,

Keeping His eye on both the evil and the good.

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Psalm 44:20-21 (NLT) **If we had turned away from worshiping our God**

Or spread our hands in **prayer** to **foreign** gods,

[21] **God would surely have known it,**

For He knows the secrets of every heart.

1 Tim. 1:8-10 (KJV) **But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;**

[9] Knowing **this**, that **the law is not made** for a **righteous** man,

But for the lawless and disobedient,

For the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane,

For murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

[10] **For whoremongers, for** them that **defile** themselves with mankind,

For men stealers, for liars, for perjured persons,

And if there be any other thing that is **contrary** to **Sound Doctrine**;

Proverbs 5:21 (KJV) **For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord,**

And He ponders all his goings.

Proverbs 5:21 (NLT) **For the Lord sees clearly what a man does,**

Examining every path he **takes.**

Isaiah 40:12-19 (NLT) **Who else has held the oceans in his hand?**

Who has **measured** off the Heavens **with** his fingers?

Who else **knows** the weight of the earth

Or has **weighed out** the mountains and the hills?

[13] **Who is able to advise the Spirit of the Lord?**

Who **knows enough** to be **His** teacher or counselor?

[14] Has **the Lord** ever **needed** anyone's advice?

Does **He** **need instruction** about **what is good** or what is best?

[15] **No, for all the nations of the world are nothing**

In **comparison** with **Him**.

They **are** but a **drop** in the **bucket**, **dust** on the scales.

He picks up the islands **as though** they had **no weight** at all.

[16] **All Lebanon's forests do not** contain sufficient fuel

To consume a **sacrifice large enough** to **honor Him**.

All Lebanon's sacrificial animals

Would **not make** an offering **worthy** of our **God**.

[17] **The nations of the world are as nothing** to **Him**.

In His eyes they are **less** than **nothing**—**mere emptiness and froth**.

[18] To **whom**, then, **can we compare God**?

What image might we **find** to **resemble Him**?

[19] **Can He be compared** to an **idol** formed in a mold,

Overlaid with gold, and decorated with silver chains?

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Proverbs 5:21 (ESV) **For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord, And He ponders** all his paths.

Proverbs 19:21 (ESV) **Many are the plans in the mind of a man, But it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.**

Proverbs 21:2-3 (ESV) **Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs** the heart.

³ **To do righteousness and justice is more** acceptable **to the Lord** than sacrifice.

Romans 11:34-36 (NLT) **For who can know what the Lord is thinking? Who knows** enough to be **His** counselor?

[35] **And who could ever give Him** so much that **he would** have to pay it back?

[36] For everything **comes from Him**; Everything **exists by his power** **And is intended for His glory.** To **him** be **glory** evermore. Amen.

Romans 11:33-36 (ESV) **Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom And knowledge of God!**

How unsearchable are His judgments And how inscrutable **his ways!**

³⁴ "For **who** has **known the mind of the Lord**, or **who** has been **his** counselor?"

³⁵ "Or **who** has given a gift to **Him** that he might be repaid?"

³⁶ **For from Him and through him and to him are all things.** **To Him be glory** forever. Amen.

Isaiah 40:12-19 (KJV) **Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, And meted (measured) out Heaven with the span, And comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, And weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?**

[13] **Who** has **directed the Spirit of the Lord**, or being **his** counselor has taught **him**?

[14] **With whom** took **He** counsel, and **who** instructed **him**, And taught **Him** in the path of judgment, and taught **him** knowledge, And showed to **Him** the way of understanding?

[15] **Behold**, the nations **are as a drop** of a bucket, **And are counted as the small dust** of the balance: behold, **He takes up** the isles as a **very little** thing.

[16] And Lebanon **is not** sufficient to burn, Nor the beasts thereof **sufficient for** a burnt offering.

[17] **All nations** before **Him** are **as nothing**; And they **are** counted to **Him** less **than** nothing, and **vanity**.

[18] **To whom** then will you liken **God?** or **what likeness** will you **compare** unto **him**?

[19] The workman melts a **graven image**, And the goldsmith spreads **it over** with gold, **and casts** silver chains.

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Romans 11:34-36 (KJV) For **who has known the mind of the Lord?**

Or **who** has been **His** counselor?

[35] Or **who** has first **given** to **Him**, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

[36] **For of Him, and through him, and to him, are all things:**

To Whom be **glory** for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 40:12-23 (ESV) **Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand**

And **marked off** the heavens with a span,

Enclosed the **dust** of the earth **in a measure**

And weighed the **mountains** in **scales** and the **hills** in a balance?

¹³ **Who** has **measured the Spirit of the Lord**, or **what man** shows **him** his counsel?

¹⁴ **Whom** did **He** consult, and **who** made **him** understand?

Who taught **Him** the path of justice, and taught **him** knowledge,

And showed **Him** the way of understanding?

¹⁵ **Behold**, the **nations are like a drop** from a bucket,

And **are accounted** as the **dust** on the scales;

Behold, **He takes up** the coastlands **like** fine dust.

¹⁶ Lebanon would **not suffice** for fuel, **nor are** its beasts **enough for** a burnt offering.

¹⁷ **All the nations are as nothing** before **Him**,

They **are accounted** by **Him** as **less than nothing and emptiness**.

¹⁸ To **whom** then **will** you liken **God**, or **what likeness** compare with **him**?

¹⁹ An **idol!** A craftsman casts **it**, and a goldsmith overlays **it** with gold

And **casts** for **it** silver chains.

²⁰ He who **is** too impoverished **for** an offering **chooses wood** that will not rot;

He **seeks out** a skillful craftsman **to set up an idol that will not move**.

²¹ Do you **not know**? Do you **not hear**?

Has **it not** been **told** you **from the beginning**?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² **It is He who sits above** the **circle** of the earth,

And its inhabitants **are like** grasshoppers;

Who stretches out the Heavens like a curtain,

And spreads them like a tent **to dwell in**;

²³ **Who brings** princes to **nothing, and makes** the **rulers of the earth as emptiness**.

Psalms 37:23-24 (KJV) **The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord:**

And He delights in his way.

[24] Though he **fall**, **he shall not** be utterly cast down:

For the Lord upholds him **with his hand**.

Psalms 44:20-21 (KJV) **If we have forgotten the name of our God,**

Or **stretched out** our hands **to a strange** god;

[21] Shall not **God** search **this** out? **For he knows** the **secrets of the heart**.

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1 Cor. 13:8-13 (NLT) **Love will last forever,**

But prophecy and speaking in unknown languages
And special knowledge **will all disappear.**

[9] Now we know **only a little**, and **even** the gift of prophecy **reveals little!**

[10] **But when the end comes**, these special gifts **will all disappear.**

[11] It's like this: **When I was a child, I spoke and thought**

And **reasoned** as a child **does.**

But **when I grew up, I put away** childish things.

[12] Now we see things **imperfectly** as **in** a **poor** mirror,

But then we will **see** everything **with** perfect **clarity.**

All that I **know now** is partial and **incomplete**, but **then**

I will **know** everything **completely, just as God knows me now.**

[13] There are **three things that will endure—faith, hope, and love—**

And the **greatest** of these **is love.**

Isaiah 40:28-29 (NLT) **Have you never heard or understood?**

Don't you **know** that **the Lord is the everlasting God,**
The Creator of all the earth? **He never** grows faint or weary.

No one can measure **the depths of His understanding.**

[29] **He gives power to** those who are **tired** and worn out;

He offers strength to the **weak.**

Isaiah 40:28-29 (KJV) **Have you not known? have you not heard,**

That the everlasting God, the Lord,

The Creator of the ends of the earth,

Faints not, **neither is** weary? there is no searching of **His understanding.**

[29] **He gives power to** the **faint;**

And to them **that have no might** **He increases strength.**

Isaiah 20:1-5 (KJV) **In the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod,** (when Sargon the king
Of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it;

[2] **At the same time spoke the Lord by** Isaiah the son of Amoz,

Saying, Go and **loose** the **sackcloth** from **off** your loins,

And **put off** your shoe from your foot.

And he **did so, walking naked and barefoot.**

[3] **And the Lord said,** Like as **my servant** Isaiah **has walked naked and barefoot**

Three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;

[4] **So shall** the **king of Assyria lead away** the Egyptians prisoners,

And the Ethiopians **captives,** young and old, **naked and barefoot,**

Even **with their buttocks uncovered,** to the **shame of Egypt.**

[5] And they shall **be afraid** and **ashamed** of Ethiopia their **expectation,**

And **of** Egypt their **glory.**

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Isaiah 20:1-5 (NLT) In the year when King Sargon of Assyria captured

The Philistine city of Ashdod,

[2] **The Lord told** Isaiah son of Amoz, "**Take off all your clothes, including your sandals.**"

Isaiah **did** as he was told and **walked around naked and barefoot.**

[3] **Then the Lord said, "My servant** Isaiah has been

walking around naked and barefoot for the last **three years.**

This is a sign— A symbol of the terrible troubles

I will bring upon Egypt and Ethiopia.

[4] For the king of **Assyria will take away** the Egyptians and Ethiopians as **prisoners.**

He **will make** them walk **naked and barefoot,**

Both young and old, their **buttocks uncovered,** to the **shame** of Egypt.

[5] **How dismayed** will be the Philistines, who **counted on** the power **of** Ethiopia

And **boasted of their allies in** Egypt!

Isaiah 20:1-5 (ESV) In the year that the commander in chief,

Who was sent by Sargon the king of Assyria,

Came to Ashdod and fought against it **and captured it---**

² **At that time the Lord spoke by** Isaiah the son of Amoz,

Saying, "Go, and loose the **sackcloth** from your waist **and take off**

Your **sandals** from your feet,"

And he **did so, walking naked and barefoot.**

³ Then **the Lord said,** "As **my servant** Isaiah has walked **naked and barefoot**

For **three years** as a **sign** and a **portent** (a sign of something going to happen)

Against Egypt and Cush,

⁴ **So shall** the king of Assyria **lead away** the Egyptian **captives** and the Cushite exiles,

Both the young and the old, **naked and barefoot,**

With buttocks uncovered, the nakedness of Egypt.

⁵ Then they **shall be** dismayed and **ashamed**

Because of Cush their **hope** and **of** Egypt their **boast.**

Psalms 139:13-18 (ESV) **For You formed my inward parts;**

You knitted me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I **praise You,** for I am **fearfully** and wonderfully **made. Wonderful are your works;**

My soul **knows** it very well.

¹⁵ My frame was **not** hidden from **You,** when I was **being made** in secret,

Intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ **Your eyes saw** my **unformed** substance;

In Your book were written, every one of them,

The days that were **formed** for me, **when as yet** there was **none of them.**

¹⁷ **How precious to me** are **Your thoughts, O God!** How **vast** is **the sum of them!**

¹⁸ **If I would count** **them, they are more than** the sand. I awake, and I am still **with You.**

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Proverbs 19:21 (NLT) **You can make many plans,
But the Lord's purpose will prevail.**

Matthew 12:30 (NLT) **Anyone who isn't helping Me opposes me,
And anyone who isn't working with Me is actually working against me.**

Matthew 12:48-50 (KJV) **But He answered and said unto him that told him,**
Who is My mother? and who are my brethren?
[49] **And He stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said,**
Behold My mother and my brethren!
[50] **For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in Heaven,**
The same is My brother, **and** sister, **and** mother.

Psalms 37:23-24 (NLT) **The steps of the godly** (faithful believers in Jesus) **are directed
By the Lord. He delights in every detail** of their lives.
[24] Though they **stumble**, they will **not** fall, **for the Lord holds** them **by the hand**.

Isaiah 40:28-29 (ESV) **Have you not known? Have you not heard?**
The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; **his understanding is unsearchable.**
²⁹ **He gives power to the faint,**
And to him who has **no** might **He increases strength.**

Ephesians 3:19 (NLT) **May you experience the love of Christ,**
Though it is so great you will **never** fully understand **it**.
Then you **will** be **filled**
With **the fullness of life and power that comes from God.**

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (ESV) **If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels,
But have not love,**
I am a **noisy gong** or a **clanging** cymbal.
² **And if I have** prophetic powers, and **understand** all mysteries **and all** knowledge,
And if I **have all** faith, **so as** to remove mountains,
But have not love, I am **nothing**.
³ **If I give away** all I have, and if I **deliver up** my body to be **burned,**
But have not love, I gain **nothing**.
⁴ **Love is patient and kind;** love **does not** envy or boast; **it is not** arrogant
⁵ Or rude. **It does not** insist on its own way; **it is not** irritable or resentful;
⁶ **It does not** rejoice at wrongdoing, but **rejoices** with **the Truth**.
⁷ **Love bears all things, believes** all things, **hopes** all things, **endures** all things.
⁸ **Love never ends.** As for prophecies, they will **pass away**;
As for tongues, they **will cease**; as for **knowledge**, it will **pass away**.

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Psalms 146:3-8 (ESV) **Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man,**

In whom there is **no** salvation.

⁴ When his breath **departs**, he **returns to** the earth; **On that very day his plans perish.**

⁵ **Blessed is he whose help is the God of** Jacob, whose **hope is in the Lord** his **God,**

⁶ **Who made** Heaven and earth, the sea, **and all** that is in them,

Who keeps faith forever;

⁷ **Who executes justice for** the oppressed, **who gives food** to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸ **The Lord opens** the eyes of the blind. **The Lord lifts up** those who are bowed **down;**

The Lord loves the **righteous.**

Mark 10:42-45 (ESV) **And Jesus called them to him and said to them,**

"You know that those who **are considered** rulers of the Gentiles

Lord it over them, and their great ones **exercise authority** over them.

⁴³ **But it shall not be so** among you.

But whoever **would** be **great** among you **must** be your **servant,**

⁴⁴ And whoever **would** be **first** among you **must be slave of all.**

⁴⁵ **For even the Son of Man came not** to be served

But to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 12:30-32 (ESV) **Whoever is not with Me is against me,**

And whoever does **not** gather **with Me** scatters.

³¹ Therefore (because of that) **I tell** you, every **sin** and **blasphemy** will be **forgiven** people,

But the blasphemy **against the Spirit** will **not** be forgiven.

³² And whoever speaks a word **against the Son of Man** will be **forgiven,**

But whoever speaks **against the Holy Spirit** will **not be** forgiven,

Either in this age or in the age to come.

John 3:5-8 (ESV) **Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you,**

Unless one is born of **water** and **the Spirit,**

He **cannot** enter **the Kingdom of God.**

⁶ That which is **born** of the **flesh** is **flesh**, and **that** which is **born of the Spirit** is **spirit.**

⁷ Do **not** marvel that **I said to** you, '**You must be born again.**'

⁸ The wind blows where **it wishes**, and you hear **its sound**,

But you **do not** know where it **comes from** or where it **goes.**

So it is **with everyone who is born of the Spirit."**

Proverbs 3:5-8 (ESV) **Trust in the Lord with all your heart,**

And do not lean on your **own** understanding.

⁶ **In** all your ways **acknowledge Him, and he will make straight** your paths.

⁷ **Be not wise in your own eyes;** fear **the Lord**, and **turn away** from evil.

⁸ It will be **healing** to your flesh and **refreshment** to your bones.

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Psalms 37:22-39 (ESV) 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** (righteousness imputed to faithful believers in [Jesus](#))

Is from the Lord; He is their **stronghold** in the time of **trouble**.

Proverbs 16:1-7 (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**.

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1 Peter 2:6-12 (ESV) For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a Stone, A Cornerstone Chosen and Precious,

And whoever believes in Him will **not** be put to shame."

⁷ So the **honor** is **for** you who **believe**, but for those who **do not** believe,

"The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone,"

⁸ And "A stone of stumbling, and a Rock of offense.

"They **stumble** because they **disobey the Word,**

As they were destined to do.

⁹ But you **are** a **chosen** race, a **royal** priesthood, a **holy** nation,

A people **for His own possession,**

That you may proclaim the excellencies **of Him who called** you out

Of darkness **into His marvelous Light.**

¹⁰ **Once** you were **not** a people, but **now** you **are God's people;**

Once you had not received mercy, **but now you have received mercy.**

¹¹ Beloved, I **urge** you as sojourners and exiles to **abstain** from

The **passions of the flesh, which wage war** against your soul.

¹² **Keep** your **conduct** among the Gentiles **honorable**, so that **when they speak**

Against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds

And **glorify God on the day of visitation.**

Colossians 1:15-23 (ESV) He is the Image of the invisible God,

The Firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶ For by Him all things **were created, in** Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

Whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities---

All things **were created through Him and for him.**

¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ And He is the head of the **body, the church. He is the Beginning, the Firstborn**

From the dead, that in everything **He might be preeminent.**

¹⁹ For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰ And **through Him to reconcile to Himself** all things,

Whether on earth or in Heaven, **making peace by the blood of His cross.**

²¹ **And you, who once were alienated** and **hostile** in mind, doing **evil** deeds,

²² He has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death,

In order to **present** you **holy**

And **blameless and above reproach before Him,**

²³ **If** indeed you **continue** in the **faith,** stable and **steadfast,**

Not shifting from the **hope of the Gospel** that you **heard,** which

Has been **proclaimed in** all creation **under Heaven** (below God's throne),

And of which I, Paul, **became** a **minister.**

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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Exodus 20:1-21 (ESV) And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
Out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself a carved image,
Or any likeness of anything that is in Heaven above,
Or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God
Am a jealous God,
Visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children
To the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me,

⁶ But showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me
And keep My commandments.

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,
For the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,

¹⁰ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter,
Your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock,
Or the sojourner who is within your gates.

¹¹ For in six days the Lord made Heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
And rested on the seventh day.

Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long
In the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
Or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox,
Or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning
And the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking,
The people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off

¹⁹ And said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen;
But do not let God speak to us, lest we die."

²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you,
That the fear of Him may be before you, that you may not sin."

²¹ The people stood far off,
While Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

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Psalms 139:1-12 (ESV) **O Lord, you have searched me and known me!**

² **You know when** I sit down **and when** I rise up;

You discern my thoughts **from afar.**

³ **You search out** my path and my lying down **and are acquainted with** all my ways.

⁴ **Even before** a word is on my tongue,

Behold, **O Lord, you know it** altogether.

⁵ **You hem** me in, behind and before,

And lay Your hand upon me.

⁶ Such **knowledge** is too **wonderful** for me; it is **high**; I cannot attain it.

⁷ Where shall I go **from Your Spirit?**

Or where shall I flee **from Your presence?**

⁸ If I ascend to Heaven, **You are there!** **If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning

And **dwell** in the **uttermost** parts of the sea,

¹⁰ **Even there Your hand shall lead** me,

And Your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the **darkness** shall **cover** me, and the **light** about me **be night,**"

¹² **Even the darkness** **is not** dark **to You;**

The **night** is **bright** as the **day**, for **darkness** **is as light with You.**

Job 40:1-14 (ESV) **And the Lord said to Job:**

² **"Shall a fault** finder **contend** with **the Almighty?**

He who **argues** with **God**, **let him answer it."**

³ Then Job **answered** **the Lord** and **said:**

⁴ "Behold, I am of **small account**; what shall I answer **You?**

I lay my hand on my mouth.

⁵ I have **spoken once**, and I will **not answer**; twice,

But I **will** proceed **no further."**

⁶ **Then the Lord answered** Job **out of the whirlwind and said:**

⁷ " **Dress for action like a man; I will question** you, and you **make** it **known** to **me.**

⁸ **Will** you even **put Me** in the **wrong?**

Will you **condemn Me** that you **may be in the right?**

⁹ Have you an **arm like God**, and can you **thunder** with **a voice like his?**

¹⁰ " **Adorn** yourself **with** majesty and dignity;

Clothe yourself **with** glory and splendor.

¹¹ Pour **out** the over flowing of your anger,

And **look on** everyone who **is proud** and **abase** him.

¹² **Look on** everyone who **is proud** and **bring** him **low**

And **tread down** the wicked where they stand.

¹³ **Hide** them **all in** the dust together;

Bind their faces **in** the **world below.**

¹⁴ **Then will I also acknowledge to** you **that your own right hand** can save you.

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- Matthew 6:19- 34 (ESV) "**Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth,**
Where moth and rust **destroy** and where thieves **break in** and **steal,**
²⁰ But **lay up** for yourselves **treasures** in **Heaven** (gather things pleasing to **God**),
Where **neither** moth nor rust destroys
And where thieves **do not** break in and steal.
²¹ For **where your treasure is,** there your heart will be also.
²² "The eye is the **lamp of** the body.
So, **if your eye is healthy,** your whole body will be **full of light,**
²³ But **if your eye is bad,** your whole body will be **full of darkness.**
If then the **light in you is darkness,** how **great is the darkness!**
²⁴ "**No one can serve two masters,**
For either he will **hate** the one and **love** the other,
Or he will be **devoted** to the one and **despise** the other.
You **cannot** serve **God** and **money.**
²⁵ "**Therefore I tell** you, **do not be anxious** about your life,
What you will eat or **what you will drink, nor about your body,**
What you will put on. **Is not life more than food,**
And the body more than clothing?
²⁶ **Look** at the birds of the air: they **neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,**
And yet your **heavenly Father feeds** them.
Are you **not of more value than they?**
²⁷ And which of you **by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?**
²⁸ And **why** are you **anxious** about clothing?
Consider the lilies of the field, **how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,**
²⁹ **Yet I tell** you, even Solomon **in all his glory was not arrayed like one** of these.
³⁰ **But if God so clothes** the grass of the field, **which today is alive**
And **tomorrow is thrown into the oven,**
Will He not much more clothe you, **O you of little faith?**
³¹ Therefore **do not be anxious,** saying, 'What shall we eat?'
Or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'
³² For the Gentiles **seek after** all these things,
And your **heavenly Father knows** that you **need them all.**
³³ **But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,**
And all these things **will be added** to you.
³⁴ "Therefore **do not be anxious about tomorrow,** for **tomorrow**
will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Proverbs 16:33 (NLT) We may throw the dice,
But the Lord determines how they fall.

Proverbs 16:33 (ESV) The lot is cast into the lap,
But its every decision is from the Lord.

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Psalms 56:8-11 (ESV) **You have kept count of my tossing;**

Put my **tears** in **Your bottle**. Are they not in **your book**?

⁹ Then my enemies will **turn back** in the day when I **call**.

This I know, that **God is for** me.

¹⁰ In **God, whose word** I praise, in **the Lord, whose word** I praise,

¹¹ In **God I trust**; I shall **not be afraid**. What can man **do** to me?

Matthew 12:48-50 (ESV) **But He replied to the man who told him,**

"Who is **My** mother, and who are **my** brothers?"

⁴⁹ **And stretching out His hand toward his** disciples,

He said, "Here **are my** mother **and my** brothers!"

⁵⁰ For whoever **does the will of My Father in Heaven**

Is My brother and sister and mother."

Romans 8:26-30 (ESV) Likewise **the Spirit helps** us in our weakness.

For we **do not** know **what to pray for** as we **ought**,

But the Spirit himself intercedes for us

With groaning too deep for words.

²⁷ **And He who searches** hearts **knows what is the mind of the Spirit,**

Because **the Spirit intercedes**

For the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ And we **know** that for those who **love God** all things **work** together for **good**,

For those who **are called** according to **His purpose**.

²⁹ For those whom **He foreknew he also**

Predestined to be conformed to the Image of His Son,

In order that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers.

³⁰ And those whom **He predestined he also called,**

And those whom **He called he also justified,**

And those whom **He justified he also glorified.**

Ecclesiastes 8:14-15 (ESV) **There is a vanity** (something that is empty or valueless)

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.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 (ESV) 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.

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Romans 9:7-26 (ESV) **And not all are children of Abraham**

Because they are his offspring,

But "Through Isaac **shall your offspring be named.**"

⁸ **This means** that it is **not** the children of the flesh

Who are the children of **God**,

But the children of the **promise** are **counted** as **offspring.**

⁹ **For this is what the promise said:** "About this time next year **I will return**,

And Sarah **shall have** a son."

¹⁰ And not only so, but **also when** Rebekah **had conceived** children **by** one man,

Our forefather Isaac,

¹¹ **Though they were not yet born** and had **done nothing** either good or bad---

In order that **God's purpose of election might continue**,

Not because of works **but because of Him who calls---**

¹² She **was told**, "The older **will serve** the younger."

¹³ **As it is Written**, "Jacob **I loved**, but Esau **I hated.**"

¹⁴ What shall we say then? **Is there** injustice on **God's** part? **By no means!**

¹⁵ **For He says to** Moses, "**I will have mercy on** whom **I have mercy**,

And I will have compassion on whom **I have compassion.**"

¹⁶ **So then it depends not** on human **will or exertion**, but on **God, who has mercy.**

¹⁷ **For the Scripture says to** Pharaoh,

"For this very purpose **I have raised** you **up**, **that I might show**

My power in you,

And that My name might be **proclaimed** in all the earth."

¹⁸ **So then He has mercy on** whomever **he wills**, **and he hardens** whomever **he wills.**

¹⁹ **You will say** to me then, "Why does **He** still find fault?"

For who can resist **His will?**"

²⁰ **But who are you**, O man, to **answer back** to **God? Will what is molded**

Say to its **Molder**, "**Why** have **You** made me **like this?**"

²¹ **Has** the potter **no right** over the clay, **to make** out of the same lump

One vessel for honorable use **and** another for **dishonorable** use?

²² What if **God, desiring to show his wrath**

And to make known His Power, has endured with much patience

Vessels of **wrath** prepared for **destruction**,

²³ **In order to make known the riches of His glory for** vessels of **mercy**,

Which **He has prepared beforehand** for **glory---**

²⁴ Even us whom **He has called**, **not** from the Jews only

But **also from** the Gentiles (other nations distinguished by the Jews)?

²⁵ As indeed **He says** in Hosea, "Those who **were not My** people **I will call 'my** people,'

And her **who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'**"

²⁶ "And **in** the very place **where** it **was said** to them,

'You **are not** my people,' **there** they will **be called**

'Sons **of the living God.**'" (verses continued on page 7bf)

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Romans 9:27-33 (ESV) (continuation from page 7be) **And Isaiah cries out**

Concerning **Israel**: "Though the number of the sons of Israel

Be as the sand of the sea, **only a remnant of them will be saved,**

²⁸ **For the Lord will carry out his sentence upon** the earth **fully and without delay.**"

²⁹ And as Isaiah predicted, "**If the Lord of hosts had not left** us offspring,

We would **have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah.**"

³⁰ **What shall we say**, then? That Gentiles who **did not** pursue righteousness

Have attained it, that is, a **righteousness that is by faith;**

³¹ But that Israel who **pursued a law** that would lead to righteousness

Did not succeed in reaching that **law.**

³² Why? **Because they did not pursue it by faith**, but as if it were **based on works.**

They have **stumbled** over **the Stumbling Stone,**

³³ **As it is Written, "Behold, I am laying** in Zion **a Stone of stumbling,**

And a Rock of offense;

And whoever **believes in Him will not** be put to shame."

John 6:53-66 (ESV) **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.

⁶⁰ 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.**

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Psalm 51:5-6 (NLT) For **I was born a sinner**—

Yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

[6] **But You desire honesty from the heart,**

So You can teach me to be wise in my inmost being.

2 Peter 3:1-14 (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 (expression of mockery), 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 a new order) 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**. (verses continued on page 7bh)

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2 Peter 3:15-18 (ESV) (continuation from 7bg) **And count the patience of our Lord**

As salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul

Also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

¹⁶ As he **does** in **all** his letters **when** he **speaks** in them of **these matters**.

There are some things in them **that are hard to understand**,

Which the ignorant

And **unstable** twist to their own **destruction**,

As they **do** the other Scriptures.

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, **knowing** this **beforehand**, take **care**

That you are not carried away with the error of lawless people

And **lose** your own stability.

¹⁸ **But grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him be the glory both now **and to the day** of eternity. Amen.

Psalms 51:5-6 (ESV) **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,**

And **in sin** did my mother **conceive** me.

⁶ Behold, You delight in Truth in the **inward being**,

And You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

2 Peter 3:8 (NLT) **But you must not forget, dear friends,**

That a **day is like a thousand years** to the Lord,

And a **thousand years** is like a day.

John 15:1-10 (ESV) **"I am the True Vine, and my Father is the Vinedresser.**

² Every branch in Me that **does not** bear fruit He takes away,

And every branch **that does** bear fruit He prunes,

That **it may bear** more **fruit**.

³ **Already you are clean** because of the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch **cannot** bear fruit **by itself**,

Unless it **abides** in the Vine, **neither** can you,

Unless you **abide** in Me.

⁵ I am the Vine; you **are** the **branches**. Whoever **abides** in me and I in him,

He it is that bears much **fruit**, for **apart** from Me you can **do nothing**.

⁶ **If** anyone **does not** abide in Me he is **thrown away** like a branch and **withers**;

And the branches **are gathered**, thrown **into** the **fire**, and **burned**.

⁷ **If** you **abide** in Me, and my words abide in you,

Ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸ **By this My Father is Glorified**, that you bear much **fruit**

And **so prove** to be My disciples.

⁹ **As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved** you. Abide in my love.

¹⁰ **If** you **keep My commandments**, you will abide in my love,

Just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

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2 Corinthians 4:1-18 (ESV) Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God,
We do not lose heart.

² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways.
We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word,
But by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves
To everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

³ And even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing.

⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded
The minds of the unbelievers,
To keep them from seeing the Light of the Gospel of the Glory of Christ,
Who is the Image of God.

⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord,
With ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts
To give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God
In the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power
Belongs to God and not to us.

⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;

⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

¹⁰ Always carrying in the body the death of Jesus,
So that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake,
So that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³ Since we have the same Spirit of faith according to what has been Written,
"I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak,

¹⁴ Knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus
And bring us with you into His presence.

¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people
It may increase thanksgiving, to the Glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away,
Our inner self is being renewed day by day.

¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory
Beyond all comparison,

¹⁸ As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.
For the things that are seen are transient (temporary, passing away)
But the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 Cor. 5:8 (NLT) Yes, we are fully confident,
And we would rather be away from these bodies,
For then we will be at home with the Lord.

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2 Corinthians 5:1-21 (ESV) For we **know** that if the tent

That is our **earthly home is destroyed**, we have a building **from God**,
A **house not made** with hands, **eternal** in the **Heavens**.

² For in this tent we **groan**, **longing to put on our Heavenly dwelling**,

³ If indeed **by putting it on** we **may not** be found naked.

⁴ For **while** we **are still** in this tent, we **groan**, being **burdened---**

Not that we **would be** unclothed, **but that** we would be **further clothed**,

So that **what is mortal** may **be swallowed up by life**.

⁵ **He who has prepared** us for **this** very thing **is God**,

Who has given us **the Spirit as a guarantee**.

⁶⁻⁷ So we **are** **always** of **good courage**. We **know** that while we **are** at **home** in the body

We **are away** from **the Lord**, for we walk **by faith**, **not** by sight.

⁸ Yes, we **are** of **good courage**, and we would **rather** be **away** from the body

And at home with the Lord.

⁹ So whether we **are** at **home** or **away**, we **make it our aim** to **please Him**.

¹⁰ For we **must all** appear **before the judgment seat of Christ**,

So that each one **may receive** what is **due**

For **what he has done** in the body, **whether good or evil**.

¹¹ Therefore, **knowing** the **fear of the Lord**, we **persuade** others. But what we **are**

Is known to God, and I **hope** it is **known** also to your conscience.

¹² We **are not** commending ourselves to you again **but giving you cause**

To **boast about** us, so that you **may be able to answer those** who

Boast about **outward appearance** and **not about what is in** the heart.

¹³ **For if** we **are beside** ourselves, **it is for God**; If we **are** in our **right** mind, **it is for you**.

¹⁴ **For the love of Christ controls** us, because we have **concluded this**:

That One has died for all, therefore **all have died**;

¹⁵ **And He died for** all, that those who live **might no longer** live for **themselves**

But **for Him who for** their sake **died and was raised**.

¹⁶ From **now on**, therefore, we **regard** no one **according** to the flesh.

Even though we **once regarded Christ** according **to** the flesh,

We regard **Him** thus **no longer**.

¹⁷ Therefore, **if** anyone is **in Christ**, **he is a new creation**.

The **old** has **passed away**; behold, the **new** has **come**.

¹⁸ **All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled** us **to himself and gave** us

The **ministry** of **reconciliation**;

¹⁹ **That is, in Christ God was reconciling** the world **to himself**,

Not counting their trespasses against them,

And entrusting to us **the message of reconciliation**.

²⁰ Therefore, we **are ambassadors** for **Christ, God making his appeal through** us.

We **implore** (beseech) you **on behalf** of **Christ**, be **reconciled to God**.

²¹ For our sake **He made Him to be** sin **who knew no** sin,

So that **in Him** we **might become the righteousness of God**.

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Mark 9:14-29 (ESV) **And when they came to the disciples,**

They saw a great crowd around them, **and scribes arguing with them.**

¹⁵ **And immediately** all the crowd, **when they saw Him,**

Were greatly amazed and ran up to Him and greeted him.

¹⁶ **And He asked** them, "**What are you arguing about with them?**"

¹⁷ **And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you,**

For he **has** a spirit that **makes** him **mute.**

¹⁸ **And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down,**

And he **foams** and **grinds** his teeth and becomes **rigid.**

So I **asked** your disciples **to cast it out, and they were not able."**

¹⁹ **And He answered** them, "O **faithless** generation, **how long am I to be with you?**

How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."

²⁰ **And they brought** the boy to **Him.** And **when** the **spirit** saw **him,**

Immediately it **convulsed** the boy,

And he fell on the ground and **rolled** about, **foaming** at the mouth.

²¹ **And Jesus asked** his father, "**How long** has this been **happening** to him?"

And he said, "**From childhood.**

²² **And it has often cast him into fire** and into water, to **destroy** him.

But **if You** can do anything, **have compassion** on us **and help** us."

²³ **And Jesus said to** him, "**If you can!**"

All things are possible for one who believes."

²⁴ **Immediately** the father of the child **cried out** and said, "I **believe; help** my unbelief!"

²⁵ **And when Jesus saw** that a crowd **came running** together,

He rebuked the unclean spirit, **saying to** it, "You **mute** and **deaf spirit,**

I command you, **come out of him and never enter** him again."

²⁶ **And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out,**

And the boy **was like** a **corpse**, so that **most** of them **said**, "He is dead."

²⁷ **But Jesus took** him **by** the hand **and lifted** him up, and he **arose.**

²⁸ **And when** he had **entered** the house, **His** disciples **asked him** privately,

"Why could we **not** cast it out?"

²⁹ **And He said to** them, "**This kind cannot** be driven out **by anything but prayer."**

John 5:19-22 (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,** (continued on pg.7b1)

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- John 5:23-44 (ESV) (continuation from page 7bk) **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**.
- ³⁰ **I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just,**
Because I seek not my own will but the will of Him who sent me.
- ³¹ **If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony** is not deemed true.
- ³² There is **another** who **bears witness** about **Me**,
And I know that the **testimony** that he **bears** about **me** is **true**.
- ³³ You **sent** to John, **and he has borne witness to the Truth**.
- ³⁴ **Not that** the testimony that **I receive** is from man,
But I say these things so that you **may be saved**.
- ³⁵ He was a **burning** and **shining lamp**,
And you **were willing** to **rejoice** for a while **in his light**.
- ³⁶ **But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John.**
For the works that the Father has given Me to accomplish,
The very works that I am doing,
Bear witness about Me that the Father has sent me.
- ³⁷ **And the Father who sent Me has himself borne witness about me.**
His voice you have **never heard**, **his form** you have **never seen**,
- ³⁸ **And you do not have His word** abiding in you,
For you **do not** believe **the One whom He has sent**.
- ³⁹ You **search the Scriptures** because you **think** that **in them** you **have** eternal life;
And it is they that bear witness about Me,
- ⁴⁰ Yet you **refuse** to come to **Me** that **you may have life**.
- ⁴¹ **I do not** receive glory from **people**.
- ⁴² **But I know that** you **do not** have **the love of God** within you.
- ⁴³ **I have come in my Father's name**, and you **do not** receive **me**.
If another comes in his own name, you **will receive** him.

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John 16:16-33 (ESV) "A little while, and you will see Me no longer;

And again a little while, and you will see Me."

¹⁷ So some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, And you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?"

¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'?"

We do not know what He is talking about."

¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them,

"Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying,

'A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while

And you will see Me'?"

²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice.

You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come,

But when she has delivered the baby,

She no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being

Has been born into the world.

²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice,

And no one will take your joy from you.

²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you,

Whatever you ask of the Father in My name, he will give it to you.

²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive,

That your joy may be full.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming

When I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech

But will tell you plainly about the Father.

²⁶ In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you

That I will ask the Father on your behalf;

²⁷ For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved Me

And have believed that I came from God.

²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world,

And now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹ His disciples said, "Ah, now You are speaking plainly

And not using figurative speech!

³⁰ Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question you;

This is why we believe that You came from God."

³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"

³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered,

Each to his own home, and will leave Me alone.

Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world

You will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

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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.**

John 14:1-14 (ESV) "**Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God;**
Believe also **in Me.**

- ² **In My Father's house are many rooms.** If it were not so,
Would I have told you
That I go to prepare a place for you?
- ³ **And if I go and prepare a place for** you, **I will come again**
And will take you **to Myself, that where I am** you may **be** also.
- ⁴ And you **know** the way **to where I am going.**"
- ⁵⁻⁶ Thomas said to **Him**, "**Lord**, we **do not** know **where you** are going.
How can we know the way? "**Jesus said to** him, "**I am the way, and The Truth, and the Life.**
No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- ⁷ If you **had known** **Me**, you would **have known** **my Father** also.
From **now on** you **do know** **Him** and have **seen** **him.**"
- ⁸ Philip said to **Him**, "**Lord**, show us **the Father**,
And it is enough for us."
- ⁹ **Jesus said to** him, "**Have I been with** you **so long**,
And you still **do not** know **Me**, Philip? **Whoever has seen me**
Has seen the Father. **How** can you **say**, 'Show us **the Father**'?
- ¹⁰ **Do you not believe** that **I am in the Father**
And the Father is in Me?
The words that I say to you **I do not speak on my own authority,**
But the Father who dwells in Me **does his works.**
- ¹¹ **Believe Me that I am in the Father**
And the Father is in Me,
Or else believe on account of the works themselves.

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2 Cor. 5:8 (NLT) **Yes, we are fully confident,**

And **we would rather be away** from these bodies,
For **then** we will be at **home** with **the Lord**.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV) **And we also thank God constantly for this,**

That when you **received the word of God**, which you **heard** from us,
You **accepted it not as the word of men**
But **as what it really is, the word of God,**
Which is at work in you believers.

Ezekiel 11:1-13 (ESV) **The Spirit lifted me up and brought me**

To the east gate of the **house of the Lord**, which faces east.
And behold, at the entrance of the gateway **there were** twenty-five men.
And I **saw** among them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur,
And Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, **princes of the people.**

² **And He said to** me, "Son of man, **these are the men who devise iniquity**

And who **give wicked** counsel in this city;

³ Who **say**, "The **time is not near** to build houses.

This **city is** the cauldron, and we **are** the meat.'

⁴ Therefore **prophesy against** them, **prophesy**, O son of man."

⁵ **And the Spirit of the Lord fell upon** me,

And he said to me, "**Say, thus says the Lord:** So you **think**,

O house of Israel. **For I know** the things **that come into your mind.**

⁶ You have **multiplied** your **slain** in this city and **have filled** its streets with the **slain.**

⁷ Therefore **thus says the Lord God:** Your **slain** whom you **have laid** in the midst of it,

They **are** the meat, and **this city** is the cauldron,

But you **shall be brought out** of the midst of it.

⁸ **You have feared the sword, and I will bring the sword upon** you,

Declares the Lord God.

⁹ **And I will bring** you **out of** the midst of it, **and give** you

Into the hands of foreigners, **and execute judgments upon** you.

¹⁰ You **shall fall** by the sword. **I will judge** you at the border of Israel,

And you **shall know** that **I am the Lord.**

¹¹ This city **shall not** be your cauldron, **nor shall you be** the meat in the midst of it.

I will judge you at the border of Israel,

¹² And you **shall know** that **I am the Lord.** For **you have not walked** in **my statutes,**

Nor obeyed **My rules**, but **have acted according**

To the **rules** of the nations **that are around** you."

¹³ **And it came to pass**, while I was **prophesying**, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah **died.**

Then I **fell down** on my face **and cried out** with a loud voice

And said, "Ah, **Lord God!**

Will **You** **make a full end** of the remnant of Israel?"

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1 Thes. 2:13 (NLT) **And we will never stop thanking God**

That when we **preached His message to** you,

You **didn't think of the Words** we spoke **as being just our own.**

You accepted what we said as the very word of God—

Which, of course, **it was.**

And this Word continues to work in you who **believe.**

1 Thes. 2:13 (KJV) **For this cause also thank we God without ceasing,**

Because, when you **received the word of God** which you **heard** of us,

You **received it not** as the word of men,

But as **it is in Truth, the word of God,**

Which effectually works also in you that **believe.**

Eccles. 11:5 (KJV) **As you know not what is the way of the spirit,**

Nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child:

Even so you know not the works of God who makes all.

John 16: 33 (ESV) **How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another**

And **do not** seek the glory **that comes from the only God?**

John 14:13-14 (ESV) **"Truly, truly, I say to** you, whoever **believes in me**

Will also do the works that I do;

And **greater works than these** will he **do,**

Because I am going to the Father.

¹³ **Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father**

May be Glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ **If you ask me anything in My name, I will do it.**

Eccles. 11:5 (NLT) **God's ways are as hard to discern** as the pathways of the wind,

And as mysterious as a tiny baby being formed in a mother's womb.