

(This document contains the contents which will be utilized in a future online outreach ministry I am preparing and working towards launching as soon as possible – perhaps within the next two years. It is called [www.HeHasAnswers.com](http://www.HeHasAnswers.com). Currently the domain is rented by myself but contains only a rough page holder with links to this document as well as a free eBook which compliments this one). This document lists all of the questions as well as the answers. Perusing the questions and clicking on them to read the answers will be profitable, but the entire list of questions and answers is meant to also work like a dialogue – a long conversation – so you may also wish to begin at the start and slowly work your way through, thinking and contemplating the answers as you go.)

## An Invitation

Because you have questions...

... And He Has Answers

For all people there are some major questions that each and every one of us wish we could have answered. I am happy to say that myself and many others have found satisfactory answers for all of life's questions. This is because of the source in whom we have gone for those answers; One who knows all things and is "trustworthy and true"...

... God...

You have been invited to bring to Him some of the most difficult or curious of questions that you have hoped to have answers for by this point in your life. Both the questions and answers will be generalized so that the most people will be benefitted, but I do believe that in the end, you will be satisfied and rewarded for your search.

God speaks plainly yet powerfully through His Word – but we must be ready to *hear* it. We are ready when our hearts and our minds are humble. I have learnt in life that humility can be grown out of gratitude. To prepare yourself, before you begin going through the questions and answers, take the next week or so to "count your blessings," and for all things as you go about your day, quietly give thanks to God.

The answers to the questions are in the format of 'scripture references'. You can look them up individually in 'Google' or in a bible or any free Smart-Phone 'Bible' App, or go to [www.BibleGateway.com](http://www.BibleGateway.com) and type those scripture references out in the Search Box exactly as they are listed for each question and select "English Standard Version" from the following box's Drop Down Menu (a max of 25 scripture references can be listed at one time, so only type until the "//", and then proceed with the remaining references when ready).

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Is God real? Ps19:1-2, Heb3:4

*Ps19:1-2*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.

## The 19<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Heb3:4*

<sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

## The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 3

So God DID create everything? Gn1:1, Jr10:12, Re4:11, Jn1:1-3

*Gn1:1*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

## The Book of Genesis, chapter 1

*Jr10:12*

<sup>12</sup>It is he who made the earth by his power,  
who established the world by his wisdom,  
and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

## The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 10

*Re4:11*

<sup>11</sup>“Worthy are you, our LORD and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”

## The Revelation, chapter 4

*Jn1:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

## The Gospel of John, chapter 1

But where did God come from...? Jb38:2-4, Is43:10, Ps90:2

*Jb38:2-4*

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.”

## The Book of Job, chapter 38

*Is43:10*

<sup>10</sup>“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD,

“and my servant whom I have chosen,  
that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be any after me.”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 43

*Ps90:2*

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Psalm

Where did I come from? Ps139:13-16, Jr1:4-5

*Ps139:13-16*

<sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.

The 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Jr1:4-5*

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,  
  
<sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 1

What is God Like? 1Jn4:16, Ps145:8, Jr23:23-24, Ps139:7-12, Jb28:24, Ps90:4, Ps90:2, Jr32:27, Is40:28, Mk10:27, Ps147:5, Is40:13-14, Nu23:19, Mal3:6, Ex15:11, 1Sa2:2, Ps103:19, Ps135:6, Ps97:2, Ezr9:15, Ps7:11-12, Is13:9, Ro11:33, Ps86:15, Is30:18, Ps86:5, Is6:1-7, Jb37:24

*1Jn4:16*

<sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God  
has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in  
God, and God abides in him.

The First Epistle of John, chapter 4

*Ps145:8*

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The 145<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Jr23:23-24*

<sup>23</sup> “Am I a God at hand,” declares the LORD, “and not a God far  
away? <sup>24</sup> Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see

him?” declares the LORD. “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD.

The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 23

*Ps139:7-12*

<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
 Or where shall I flee from your presence?  
<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
 If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
 and your right hand shall hold me.  
<sup>11</sup> If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
 and the light about me be night,”  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
 the night is bright as the day,  
 for darkness is as light with you.

The 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Jb28:24*

<sup>24</sup> For he looks to the ends of the earth  
 and sees everything under the heavens.

The Book of Job, chapter 28

*Ps90:4*

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight  
 are but as yesterday when it is past,  
 or as a watch in the night.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Ps90:2*

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
 or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
 from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Jr32:27*

<sup>27</sup> “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?”

The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 32

*Is40:28*

<sup>28</sup> 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.

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 40

*Mk10:27*

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

The Gospel of Mark, chapter 10

*Ps147:5*

<sup>5</sup> Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

The 147<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Is40:13-14*

<sup>13</sup> Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD,  
or what man shows him his counsel?  
<sup>14</sup> 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?

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 40

*Nu23:19*

<sup>19</sup> God is not man, that he should lie,  
or a son of man, that he should change his mind.  
Has he said, and will he not do it?  
Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

The Book of Numbers, chapter 23

*Mal3:6*

<sup>6</sup> "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed."

The Book of Malachi, chapter 3

*Ex15:11*

<sup>11</sup> "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

The Book of Exodus, chapter 15

*1Sa2:2*

<sup>2</sup> "There is none holy like the LORD:  
for there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God."

The First Book of Samuel, chapter 2

*Ps103:19*

<sup>19</sup>The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

*Ps135:6*

<sup>6</sup>Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,  
in heaven and on earth,  
in the seas and all deeps.

The 135<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Ps97:2*

<sup>2</sup>Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

The 97<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Ezr9:15*

<sup>15</sup>“O LORD, the God of Israel, you are just, for we are left a remnant  
that has escaped, as it is today. Behold, we are before you in our  
guilt, for none can stand before you because of this.”

The Book of Ezra, chapter 9

*Ps7:11-12*

<sup>11</sup>God is a righteous judge,  
and a God who feels indignation every day.

<sup>12</sup>If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword;  
he has bent and readied his bow...

The 7<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Is13:9*

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the day of the LORD comes,  
cruel, with wrath and fierce anger,  
to make the land a desolation  
and to destroy its sinners from it.

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 13

*Ro11:33*

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 11

**Ps86:15**

<sup>15</sup> But you, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

The 86<sup>th</sup> Psalm

**Is30:18**

<sup>18</sup> Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you,  
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.  
For the LORD is a God of justice;  
blessed are all those who wait for him.

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 30

**Ps86:5**

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

The 86<sup>th</sup> Psalm

**Is6:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 6

**Jb37:24**

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore men fear him;  
he does not regard any who are wise in their own conceit.”

The Book of Job, chapter 37

Is there really only one God? Is46:5, Is43:11-12, Is44:6, 2Sa22:32, Dt4:39, 1Ki8:60

**Is46:5**

<sup>5</sup> “To whom will you liken me and make me equal,  
and compare me, that we may be alike?”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 46

**Is43:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> "I, I am the LORD,  
and besides me there is no savior.  
<sup>12</sup> I declared and saved and proclaimed,  
when there was no strange god among you;  
and you are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and I am God."

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 43

**Is44:6**

<sup>6</sup> "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god."

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 44

**2Sa22:32**

<sup>32</sup> "For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?"

The Second Book of Samuel, chapter 22

**Dt4:39**

<sup>39</sup> ...know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is  
God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 4

**1Ki8:60**

<sup>60</sup> "...that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other."

The First Book of Kings, chapter 8

Will I have a consciousness after death? Ec12:7, Dn12:2

**Ec12:7**

<sup>7</sup> ...and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 12

**Dn12:2**

<sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,  
some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting  
contempt.

The Book of Daniel, chapter 2

Why Do Bad Things Happen? Ep6:12, Lk22:31-32, Ro5:12, Ro1:29-32, Pr10:16, Ep2:1-3, Ro8:18-22, 1Pe5:8-9, Lk22:1-4, Jam1:13, Mt4:1-11, Mt18:7, Ro8:7, Jn10:10, 1Jn3:7-13, Ga6:7-8, Jr4:17-18, Jr12:4, Jr18:11-13, Ez7:27, 1Ch21:1-3, Ac5:1-4, 2Co12:7-10, Jn16:33, Jb1-2:10, Lk13:10-13, Ro5:3-4, 1Pe4:12-19, Heb12:5-7, 2Co7:9-10, Jr29:12, Heb4:16, Ro8:28-29, Jn9:1-41, Jn11:1-44, 2Co1:1-11, Is64:8, Jr18:1-10, Is48:10, Is45:9, Ps66:8-12, Zc13:9, 1Pe1:3-9, Jam1:2-4, Is30:20-21, Gn50:20

***Ep6:12***

<sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 6

***Lk22:31-32***

<sup>31</sup>“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you all, that he might sift you all like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 22

***Ro5:12***

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all people because all sinned...

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 5

***Ro1:29-32***

<sup>29</sup>They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup>slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup>foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup>Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 1

***Pr10:16***

<sup>16</sup>The wages of the righteous is life,  
but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 10

***Ep2:1-3***

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 2

***Ro8:18-22***

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of

the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8

*1Pe5:8-9*

<sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 5

*Lk22:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. <sup>2</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

<sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. <sup>4</sup> He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them.

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 22

*Jam1:13*

<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

The Epistle of James, chapter 1

*Mt4:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and  
"On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the LORD your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the LORD your God  
and him only shall you serve."

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 4

*Mt18:7*

<sup>7</sup> “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!”

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 18

*Ro8:7*

<sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8

*Jn10:10*

<sup>10</sup> “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 10

*1Jn3:7-13*

<sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup> No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. <sup>10</sup> By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you.

The First Epistle of John, chapter 3

*Ga6:7-8*

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

The Epistle to the Galatians, chapter 6

*Jr4:17-18*

<sup>17</sup> “Like keepers of a field are they against her all around,  
because she has rebelled against me,”  
declares the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> “Your ways and your deeds  
have brought this upon you.

This is your doom, and it is bitter;  
it has reached your very heart.”

The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 4

*Jr12:4*

<sup>4</sup>How long will the land mourn  
and the grass of every field wither?  
For the evil of those who dwell in it  
the beasts and the birds are swept away,  
because they said, “He will not see our latter end.”

The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 12

*Jr18:11-13*

<sup>11</sup>“Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: ‘Thus says the LORD, Behold, I am shaping disaster against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your deeds.’

<sup>12</sup>“But they say, ‘That is in vain! We will follow our own plans, and will every one act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.’

<sup>13</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
“Ask among the nations,  
Who has heard the like of this?  
The virgin Israel  
has done a very horrible thing.”

The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 18

*Ez7:27*

<sup>27</sup>“The king mourns, the prince is wrapped in despair, and the hands of the people of the land are paralyzed by terror. According to their way I will do to them, and according to their judgments I will judge them, and they shall know that I am the LORD.”

The Book of Ezekiel, chapter 7

*1Ch21:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel. <sup>2</sup>So David said to Joab and the commanders of the army, “Go, number Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, and bring me a report, that I may know their number.” <sup>3</sup>But Joab said, “May the LORD add to his people a hundred times as many as they are! Are they not, my lord the king, all of them my lord's servants? Why then should my lord require this? Why should it be a cause of guilt for Israel?”

The First Book of Chronicles, chapter 21

*Ac5:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, <sup>2</sup>and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup>But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? <sup>4</sup>While it remained

unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.”

#### The Book of Acts, chapter 5

#### *2Co12:7-10*

<sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

#### The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 12

#### *Jn16:33*

<sup>33</sup> “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.”

#### The Gospel of John, chapter 16

#### *Jb1-2:10*

<sup>1</sup> There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. <sup>2</sup> There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. <sup>3</sup> He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. <sup>4</sup> His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. <sup>5</sup> And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job did continually.

<sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Satan, “From where have you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?” <sup>9</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for no reason? <sup>10</sup> Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.” <sup>12</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, <sup>14</sup> and there came a messenger to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, <sup>15</sup> and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

<sup>16</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” <sup>17</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The Chaldeans formed three

groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”<sup>18</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house,<sup>19</sup> and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

<sup>20</sup> Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.

<sup>21</sup> And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

<sup>22</sup> In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

## Chapter 2

<sup>1</sup> Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. <sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, “From where have you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” <sup>3</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason.” <sup>4</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. <sup>5</sup> But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.”

<sup>7</sup> So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. <sup>8</sup> And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

<sup>9</sup> Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.” <sup>10</sup> But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive disaster?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Book of Job, chapters 1 and 2

### *Lk13:10-13*

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability.” <sup>13</sup> And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 13

### *Ro5:3-4*

<sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope...

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 5

### *1Pe4:12-19*

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

<sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 4

*Heb12:5-7*

<sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,  
nor be weary when reprov'd by him.  
<sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

<sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons.  
For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 12

*2Co7:9-10*

<sup>9</sup> As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us.

<sup>10</sup> For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 7

*Jr29:12*

<sup>12</sup> “Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.”

The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 29

*Heb4:16*

<sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 4

*Ro8:28-29*

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God, He works all things together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> 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.

#### The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8

##### *Jn9:1-41*

<sup>1</sup> As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup> So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup> The Jewish leadership and those under their influence did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup> (His parents said these things because they feared the Jewish leadership and those under their influence, for they had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup> And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it

been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

### The Gospel of John, chapter 9

#### *Jn11:1-44*

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

<sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” <sup>11</sup> After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” <sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup> So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had

been here, my brother would not have died.”<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.<sup>34</sup> And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.  
<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”<sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”<sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

#### The Gospel of John, chapter 11

#### *2Co1:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,<sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.<sup>5</sup> For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.<sup>6</sup> If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.<sup>7</sup> Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

<sup>8</sup> For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.

<sup>9</sup> Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.<sup>10</sup> He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.<sup>11</sup> You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

#### The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 1

#### *Is64:8*

<sup>8</sup> But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
 we are all the work of your hand.

#### The Book of Isaiah, chapter 64

*Jr18:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup>“O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done?” declares the LORD. “Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. <sup>9</sup>And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it.”

The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 18

*Is48:10*

<sup>10</sup>“Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;  
I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 48

*Is45:9*

<sup>9</sup>“Woe to him who strives with him who formed him,  
a pot among earthen pots!  
Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’  
or ‘Your work has no handles?’”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 45

*Ps66:8-12*

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
<sup>9</sup>who has kept our soul among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.  
<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
<sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net;  
you laid a crushing burden on our backs;  
<sup>12</sup>you let men ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

The 66<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Zc13:9*

<sup>9</sup>“And I will put this third into the fire,  
and refine them as one refines silver,  
and test them as gold is tested.  
They will call upon my name,  
and I will answer them.  
I will say, ‘They are my people’;  
and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

The Book of Zechariah, chapter 13

*1Pe1:3-9*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 1

*Jam1:2-4*

<sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

The Epistle of James, chapter 1

*Is30:20-21*

<sup>20</sup> And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. <sup>21</sup> And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 30

*Gn50:20*

<sup>20</sup> "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

The Book of Genesis, chapter 50

So is this why it's felt like I've lived my whole life in the School of Hard Knocks and Life's Lessons Learned? Ps56:8, Pr3:11-12, Hab1:13, Is55:8-9, Is26:10, Dn4:34-37

*Ps56:8*

<sup>8</sup> You have kept count of my tossings;  
put my tears in your bottle.  
Are they not in your book?

The 56<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Pr3:11-12*

<sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline  
or be weary of his reproof,  
<sup>12</sup> for the LORD reproves him whom he loves,  
as a father the son in whom he delights.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 3

*Hab1:13*

<sup>13</sup> You who are of purer eyes than to see evil  
and cannot look at wrong,  
why do you idly look at traitors  
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up  
the man more righteous than he?

The Book of Habakkuk, chapter 1

*Is55:8-9*

<sup>8</sup> "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup> "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 55

*Is26:10*

<sup>10</sup> If favor is shown to the wicked,  
he does not learn righteousness;  
in the land of uprightness he deals corruptly  
and does not see the majesty of the LORD.

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 26

*Dn4:34-37*

<sup>34</sup> At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever,

for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;  
<sup>35</sup> all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,  
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven  
and among the inhabitants of the earth;  
and none can stay his hand  
or say to him, "What have you done?"

<sup>36</sup> At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me. <sup>37</sup> Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

## The Book of Daniel, chapter 4

What Would God Say To Me To Comfort Me in My Time of Need? Ps34:18, Is64:4, Ps18:2, Ro8:18, 1Co10:13, 1Pe5:6-10, Heb2:18, Is43:1-4, Ps66:16-20

*Ps34:18*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Psalm*Is64:4*

<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.

## The Book of Isaiah, chapter 64

*Ps18:2*

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Psalm*Ro8:18*

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing  
with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8

*1Co10:13*

<sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful,  
and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation  
he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

## The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 10

*1Pe5:6-10*

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time  
he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-  
minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking  
someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of  
suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after  
you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal  
glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

## The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 5

*Heb2:18*

<sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

### The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 2

#### *Is43:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,  
 he who created you, O Jacob,  
 he who formed you, O Israel:  
 "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
 I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
 when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
 and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
 I give Egypt as your ransom,  
 Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my eyes,  
 and honored, and I love you,  
 I give men in return for you,  
 peoples in exchange for your life."

### The Book of Isaiah, chapter 43

#### *Ps66:16-20*

<sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
 and I will tell what he has done for my soul.  
<sup>17</sup> I cried to him with my mouth,  
 and high praise was on my tongue.  
<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
 the LORD would not have listened.  
<sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened;  
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.  
<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God,  
 because he has not rejected my prayer  
 or removed his steadfast love from me!

### The 66<sup>th</sup> Psalm

What is Love? <sup>1</sup>Co13:4-8, Ro13:9-10

#### *1Co13:4-8*

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful and does not count up wrongdoing; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

## The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 13

### *Ro13:9-10*

<sup>9</sup>For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 13

### Who Can Show THIS Love 24/7? 1Jn4:7-8

#### *1Jn4:7-8*

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

## The First Epistle of John, chapter 4

### How Can I know God Loves Me? Jn15:13, Jn3:16-17, Jr31:3, Ro5:7-8

#### *Jn15:13*

<sup>13</sup>“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

## The Gospel of John, chapter 15

#### *Jn3:16-17*

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## The Gospel of John, chapter 3

#### *Jr31:3*

<sup>3</sup>The LORD appeared to me from far away.  
“I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.”

## The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 31

#### *Ro5:7-8*

<sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 5

What makes me a sinner? Ex20:1-17, Mt6:24, Mt22:36-40, Pr6:16-19, Ex22:20-23, Dt12:31, Jn4:23-24, Pr3:27-35, Mk9:42, Lv19:11-18, Ex23:1-9, Jam4:11, Dt16:19, Mt15:18-20, Col4:1, 1Ti5:18, Col3:22-23, Ep6:5-9, 1Pe2:13-14, Ro13:1-7, Mk12:13-17, Col3:19-21, Mt5:21-22, Ex21:12, Col3:8, Ti3:1-2, 1Ti5:13, Pr16:27-30, Mt5:27-28, Ga5:19-21, 1Co6:18, 1Co6:9-10, Lv18:4-17, Lv18:20, Lv18:22-23, 1Co6:16, 1Jn3:4, 1Ti1:8-10, Dt22:5, Lv19:31, Dt18:9-14, Lv19:26, Lv20:6-8, Lv20:27, Ex22:18, Dt13:1-5, 2Ti3:1-7, Jam1:14-15, Ex21:15-19, Lv19:29, Dt23:17, Mt18:1-6, Jam2:8-12, Jam4:17, Mt18:21-35

**Ex20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods besides me.

<sup>4</sup> "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. <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> "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.

<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder or even cause human death through carelessness or negligence.

<sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> "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."

The Book of Exodus, chapter 20

**Mt6:24**

<sup>24</sup> "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 or possessions."

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 6

**Mt22:36-40**

<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>

This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 22

*Pr6:16-19*

<sup>16</sup> There are six things that the LORD hates,  
seven that are an abomination to him:  
<sup>17</sup> haughty eyes, a lying tongue,  
and hands that shed innocent blood,  
<sup>18</sup> a heart that devises wicked plans,  
feet that make haste to run to evil,  
<sup>19</sup> a false witness who breathes out lies,  
and one who sows discord among brothers.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 6

*Ex22:20-23*

<sup>20</sup> “Whoever sacrifices to any god, other than the LORD alone, shall be devoted to destruction.

<sup>21</sup> “You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. <sup>22</sup> You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. <sup>23</sup> If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry...”

The Book of Exodus, chapter 22

*Dt12:31*

<sup>31</sup> You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 12

*Jn4:23-24*

<sup>23</sup> “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 4

*Pr3:27-35*

<sup>27</sup> Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,  
when it is in your power to do it.

<sup>28</sup> Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again,  
tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.

<sup>29</sup> Do not plan evil against your neighbor,  
who dwells trustingly beside you.

<sup>30</sup> Do not contend with a man for no reason,  
when he has done you no harm.

<sup>31</sup> Do not envy a man of violence

and do not choose any of his ways,  
<sup>32</sup>for the devious person is an abomination to the LORD,  
 but the upright are in his confidence.  
<sup>33</sup>The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked,  
 but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.  
<sup>34</sup>Toward the scorners he is scornful,  
 but to the humble he gives favor.  
<sup>35</sup>The wise will inherit honor,  
 but fools get disgrace.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 3

*Mk9:42*

<sup>42</sup>“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”

The Gospel of Mark, chapter 9

*Lv19:11-18*

<sup>11</sup>“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 19

*Ex23:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>“You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness. <sup>2</sup>You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice, <sup>3</sup>nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.

<sup>4</sup>“If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall bring it back to him. <sup>5</sup>If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying down under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving him with it; you shall rescue it with him.

<sup>6</sup>“You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in his lawsuit. <sup>7</sup>Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and righteous, for I will not

acquit the wicked. <sup>8</sup> And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and subverts the cause of those who are in the right.

<sup>9</sup> “You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.”

The Book of Exodus, chapter 23

*Jam4:11*

<sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

The Epistle of James, chapter 4

*Dt16:19*

<sup>19</sup> You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous.

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 16

*Mt15:18-20*

<sup>18</sup> “But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 15

*Col4:1*

<sup>1</sup> Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

The Epistle to the Colossians, chapter 4

*1Ti5:18*

<sup>18</sup> For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.”

The First Epistle to Timothy, chapter 5

*Col3:22-23*

<sup>22</sup> Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men...

The Epistle to the Colossians, chapter 3

*Eph6:5-9*

<sup>5</sup> Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, <sup>6</sup> not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, <sup>7</sup> rendering service with a good will as to the Lord

and not to man, <sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. <sup>9</sup> Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

#### The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 6

##### *1Pe2:13-14*

<sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

#### The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 2

##### *Ro13:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

#### The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 13

##### *Mk12:13-17*

<sup>13</sup> And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. <sup>14</sup> And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" <sup>15</sup> But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." <sup>16</sup> And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

#### The Gospel of Mark, chapter 12

##### *Col3:19-21*

<sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

#### The Epistle to the Colossians, chapter 3

##### *Mt5:21-22*

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be

liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire."

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5

*Ex21:12*

<sup>12</sup> "Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall be put to death."

The Book of Exodus, chapter 21

*Col3:8*

<sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

The Epistle to the Colossians, chapter 3

*Ti3:1-2*

<sup>1</sup> Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

The Epistle to Titus, chapter 3

*1Ti5:13*

<sup>13</sup> Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not.

The First Epistle to Timothy, chapter 5

*Pr16:27-30*

<sup>27</sup> A worthless man plots evil,  
and his speech is like a scorching fire.  
<sup>28</sup> A dishonest man spreads strife,  
and a whisperer separates close friends.  
<sup>29</sup> A man of violence entices his neighbor  
and leads him in a way that is not good.  
<sup>30</sup> Whoever winks his eyes to plan dishonest things;  
he who purses his lips brings evil to pass.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 16

*Mt5:27-28*

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'<sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5

***Ga5:19-21***

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, murder, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Epistle to the Galatians, chapter 5

***1Co6:18***

<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 6

***1Co6:9-10***

<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 6

***Lv18:4-17***

<sup>4</sup> "You shall follow my just decrees and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup> You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> "None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives to uncover nakedness. I am the LORD. <sup>7</sup> You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness. <sup>8</sup> You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness. <sup>9</sup> You shall not uncover the nakedness of your sister, your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether brought up in the family or in another home. <sup>10</sup> You shall not uncover the nakedness of your son's daughter or of your daughter's daughter, for their nakedness is your own nakedness. <sup>11</sup> You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, brought up in your father's family, since she is your sister. <sup>12</sup> You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; she is your father's relative. <sup>13</sup> You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is your mother's relative. <sup>14</sup> You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother, that is, you shall not approach his wife; she is your aunt. <sup>15</sup> You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife, you shall not uncover her nakedness. <sup>16</sup> You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness. <sup>17</sup> You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and of her daughter, and you shall not take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter to uncover her nakedness; they are relatives; it is depravity."

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 18

**Lv18:20**

<sup>20</sup> “And you shall not lie sexually with your neighbor's wife and so make yourself unclean with her.”

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 18

**Lv18:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. <sup>23</sup> And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion.”

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 18

**1Co6:16**

<sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.”

The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 6

**1Jn3:4**

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

The First Epistle of John, chapter 3

**1Ti1:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup> understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup> the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to healthy doctrine...

The First Epistle to Timothy, chapter 1

**Dt22:5**

<sup>5</sup> “A woman shall not wear a man's garment, nor shall a man put on a woman's cloak, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.”

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 22

**Lv19:31**

<sup>31</sup> “Do not turn to mediums or necromancers; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the LORD your God.”

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 19

**Dt18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> “When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. <sup>10</sup> There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer <sup>11</sup> or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, <sup>12</sup> for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you. <sup>13</sup> You shall be blameless before the LORD your God, <sup>14</sup> for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do this.”

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 18

**Lv19:26**

<sup>26</sup> “You shall not eat any flesh with the blood in it. You shall not interpret omens or tell fortunes.”

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 19

**Lv20:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> “If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people. <sup>7</sup> Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup> Keep my statutes and do them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.”

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 20

**Lv20:27**

<sup>27</sup> “A man or a woman who is a medium or a necromancer shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones; their blood shall be upon them.”

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 20

**Ex22:18**

<sup>18</sup> “You shall not permit a sorceress to live.”

The Book of Exodus, chapter 22

**Dt13:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> “If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, <sup>2</sup> and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, ‘Let us go after other gods,’ which you have not known, ‘and let us serve them,’ <sup>3</sup> you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>4</sup> You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. <sup>5</sup> But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.”

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 13

**2Ti3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. <sup>6</sup> For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, <sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

## The First Epistle to Timothy, chapter 3

**Jam1:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

## The Epistle of James, chapter 1

**Ex21:15-19**

<sup>15</sup> "Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death.

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.

<sup>17</sup> "Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.

<sup>18</sup> "When men quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist and the man does not die but takes to his bed, <sup>19</sup> then if the man rises again and walks outdoors with his staff, he who struck him shall be clear; only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall have him thoroughly healed."

## The Book of Exodus, chapter 21

**Lv19:29**

<sup>29</sup> "Do not profane your daughter by making her a prostitute, lest the land fall into prostitution and the land become full of depravity."

## The Book of Leviticus, chapter 19

**Dt23:17**

<sup>17</sup> "None of the daughters of Israel shall be a cult prostitute, and none of the sons of Israel shall be a cult prostitute."

## The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 23

**Mt18:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup> and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup> “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 18

#### *Jam2:8-12*

<sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

#### The Epistle of James, chapter 2

#### *Jam4:17*

<sup>17</sup> So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

#### The Epistle of James, chapter 4

#### *Mt18:21-35*

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 18

How can God expect me to forgive even the people who have wronged me the worst!? Dt32:35, Pr20:22, Ps94:21-23, Ec3:17, Ro8:31, 1Pe3:9-13, Ro12:14-21, 2Th1:5-10, Ep4:26-27, Mt5:38-48, Lk18:2-8, Gn50:15-21

#### *Dt32:35*

<sup>35</sup> ‘Vengeance is mine, and I will repay,  
for the time when their foot shall slip;  
for the day of their calamity is at hand,

and their doom comes swiftly.'

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 32

*Pr20:22*

<sup>22</sup>Do not say, "I will repay evil";  
wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 20

*Ps94:21-23*

<sup>21</sup>They band together against the life of the righteous  
and condemn the innocent to death.  
<sup>22</sup>But the LORD has become my stronghold,  
and my God the rock of my refuge.  
<sup>23</sup>He will bring back on them their iniquity  
and wipe them out for their wickedness;  
the LORD our God will wipe them out.

The 94<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Ec3:17*

<sup>17</sup>I said in my heart,  
"God shall judge the righteous and the wicked,  
for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work."

The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3

*Ro8:31*

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8

*1Pe3:9-13*

<sup>9</sup>Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless,  
for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup>For

"Whoever desires to love life  
and see good days,  
let him keep his tongue from evil  
and his lips from speaking deceit;  
<sup>11</sup>let him turn away from evil and do good;  
let him seek peace and pursue it.  
<sup>12</sup>For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer.  
But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 3

**Ro12:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the LORD." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 12

**2Th1:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— <sup>6</sup> since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, <sup>7</sup> and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels <sup>8</sup> in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, <sup>10</sup> when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

The Second Epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 1

**Ep4:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 4

**Mt5:38-48**

<sup>38</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup> But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. <sup>40</sup> And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. <sup>41</sup> And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5

**Lk18:2-8**

<sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God

nor respect man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.” <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 18

### *Gn50:15-21*

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

The Book of Genesis, chapter 50

I still don't believe I'm a sinner. I just make mistakes. I'm a good person... Pr16:2, Pr21:2, Ps11:4, Ec7:20, Jb15:14-16, Lk18:19, Pr20:9, Ps5:9, Ps28:3, Ps143:2, Ps14:2-3, Mt19:17, Ec7:29, Ro3:10-26

### *Pr16:2*

<sup>2</sup> All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,  
but the LORD weighs the spirit.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 16

### *Pr21:2*

<sup>2</sup> Every way of a man is right in his own eyes,  
but the LORD weighs the heart.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 21

### *Ps11:4*

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is in his holy temple;  
the LORD's throne is in heaven;  
his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Psalm

### *Ec7:20*

<sup>20</sup> Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 7

### *Jb15:14-16*

<sup>14</sup> What is man, that he should be pure,  
Or he who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

<sup>15</sup> Behold, God puts no trust in His holy ones,

and the heavens are not pure in His sight;  
<sup>16</sup>How much less one who is detestable and corrupt,  
 man, who drinks iniquity like water!"

The Book of Job, chapter 15

*Lk18:19*

<sup>19</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone."

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 18

*Pr20:9*

<sup>9</sup>Who can say, "I have made my heart pure;  
 I am clean from my sin"?

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 20

*Ps5:9*

<sup>9</sup>For there is no truth in their mouth;  
 their inmost self is destruction;  
 their throat is an open grave;  
 they flatter with their tongue.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Ps28:3*

<sup>3</sup>Do not drag me off with the wicked,  
 with the workers of evil,  
 who speak peace with their neighbors  
 while evil is in their hearts.

The 28<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Ps143:2*

<sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
 for no one living is righteous before you.

The 143<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

*Ps14:2-3*

<sup>2</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
 to see if there are any who understand,  
 who seek after God.

<sup>3</sup>They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;  
 there is none who does good,  
 not even one.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Mt19:17*

<sup>17</sup> And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.”

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 19

*Ec7:29*

<sup>29</sup> See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.

The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 7

*Ro3:10-26*

<sup>10</sup> ...as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;  
<sup>11</sup> no one understands;  
 no one seeks for God.  
<sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;  
 no one does good,  
 not even one.”  
<sup>13</sup> “Their throat is an open grave;  
 they use their tongues to deceive.”  
 “The venom of asps is under their lips.”  
<sup>14</sup> “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”  
<sup>15</sup> “Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
<sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery,  
<sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they have not known.”  
<sup>18</sup> “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

<sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 3

Perhaps I'm a sinner, but I'm not *THAT* bad; I've tried to be kind and done a lot of good things in my life... Isn't that enough? Is59:1-3, Pr14:12, Pr30:12, Is64:6, Is5:20-24, Ti3:4-5, Ep2:8-9, Ro11:6, Jn6:27-29, Ga2:21

*Is59:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,  
 or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;

<sup>2</sup> but your iniquities have made a separation

between you and your God,  
and your sins have hidden his face from you  
so that he does not hear.

<sup>3</sup>For your hands are defiled with blood  
and your fingers with iniquity;  
your lips have spoken lies;  
your tongue mutters wickedness.

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 59

*Pr14:12*

<sup>12</sup>There is a way that seems right to a man,  
but its end is the way to death.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 14

*Pr30:12*

<sup>12</sup>There are those who are clean in their own eyes  
but are not washed of their filth.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 30

*Is64:6*

<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 64

*Is5:20-24*

<sup>20</sup>Woe to those who call evil good  
and good evil,  
who put darkness for light  
and light for darkness,  
who put bitter for sweet  
and sweet for bitter!

<sup>21</sup>Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,  
and shrewd in their own sight!

<sup>22</sup>Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine,  
and valiant men in mixing strong drink,

<sup>23</sup>who acquit the guilty for a bribe,  
and deprive the innocent of his right!

<sup>24</sup>Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble,  
and as dry grass sinks down in the flame,  
so their root will be as rottenness,  
and their blossom go up like dust;  
for they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts,  
and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 5

**Ti3:4-5**

<sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit...

The Epistle to Titus, chapter 3

**Ep2:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 2

**Ro11:6**

<sup>6</sup> But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 11

**Jn6:27-29**

<sup>27</sup> "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

The Gospel of John, chapter 6

**Ga2:21**

<sup>21</sup> I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

The Epistle to the Galatians, chapter 2

So if my good works aren't enough, how do I get to heaven? Jn14:6

**Jn14:6**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of John, chapter 14

Why is Jesus the only way, and was this always God's plan? Ep3:8-12, Gn3:8, Ex29:45-46, Ex25:8-9, Lv26:11-12, 1Ch22:1, 1Ki6:1, 2Ch6:18, Is66:1, Ez36:26, Ez48:35, Mt1:23, Jn1:14, Mk1:14-15, Jn14:15-20, Jn16:7-11, Jn7:39, Jn14:2-3, Jn14:23, Ex26:31-33, Heb9:6-10, Mt27:51, Lk23:44-47, Ep2:18, Heb10:19-22, Ac2:22-24, Ac1:6-9, 1Co3:16-17, 1Co12:27, 1Co12:12-14, 2Co6:16-18, Ep4:15-16, Ac17:24-25, Ro8:8-11, Re19:7-9, Re21:1-4

**Ep3:8-12**

<sup>8</sup> To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the

manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 3

*Gn3:8*

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

The Book of Genesis, chapter 3

*Ex29:45-46*

<sup>45</sup>I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. <sup>46</sup>And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

The Book of Exodus, chapter 29

*Ex25:8-9*

<sup>8</sup>“And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. <sup>9</sup>Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.”

The Book of Exodus, chapter 25

*Lv26:11-12*

<sup>11</sup>“I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. <sup>12</sup>And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.”

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 26

*1Ch22:1*

<sup>1</sup>Then David said, “Here shall be the house of the Lord God and here the altar of burnt offering for Israel.”

The First Book of Chronicles, chapter 22

*1Ki6:1*

<sup>1</sup>In the four hundred and eightieth year after the people of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, he began to build the house of the LORD.

The First Book of Kings, chapter 6

*2Ch6:18*

<sup>18</sup>“But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built!”

The Second Book of Chronicles, chapter 6

*Is66:1*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool;  
what is the house that you would build for me,  
and what is the place of my rest?”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 66

*Ez36:26*

<sup>26</sup>“And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

The Book of Ezekiel, chapter 36

*Ez48:35*

<sup>35</sup>“The circumference of the city shall be 18,000 cubits. And the name of the city from that time on shall be, The Lord Is There.”

The Book of Ezekiel, chapter 48

*Mt1:23*

<sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us).

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 1

*Jn1:14*

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of John, chapter 1

*Mk1:14-15*

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,  
<sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

The Gospel of Mark, chapter 1

*Jn14:15-20*

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of  
truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows  
him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the  
world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

<sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 14

***Jn16:7-11***

<sup>7</sup> “Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 16

***Jn7:39***

<sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Gospel of John, chapter 7

***Jn14:2-3***

<sup>2</sup> “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? <sup>3</sup> 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.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 14

***Jn14:23***

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 14

***Ex26:31-33***

<sup>31</sup> “And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it. <sup>32</sup> And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, on four bases of silver. <sup>33</sup> And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy.”

The Book of Exodus, chapter 26

***Heb9:6-10***

<sup>6</sup> These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, <sup>7</sup> but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. <sup>8</sup> By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing <sup>9</sup> (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, <sup>10</sup> but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 9

**Mt27:51**

<sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

## The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 27

**Lk23:44-47**

<sup>44</sup> It was now about the sixth hour (that is, noon), and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour (that is, 3pm), <sup>45</sup> while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup> Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

## The Gospel of Luke, chapter 23

**Ep2:18**

<sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

## The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 2

**Heb10:19-22**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

## The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 10

**Ac2:22-24**

<sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it."

## The Book of Acts, chapter 2

**Ac1:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

## The Book of Acts, chapter 1

**1Co3:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you all are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?  
<sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you all are that temple.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 3

*1Co12:27*

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 12

*1Co12:12-14*

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 12

*2Co6:16-18*

<sup>16</sup> What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore go out from their midst,  
and be separate from them, says the Lord,  
and touch no unclean thing;  
then I will welcome you,

<sup>18</sup> and I will be a father to you,  
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,  
says the Lord Almighty.”

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 6

*Ep4:15-16*

<sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 4

**Ac17:24-25**

<sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

## The Book of Acts, chapter 17

**Ro8:8-11**

<sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8

**Re19:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>“Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his Bride has made herself ready;

<sup>8</sup>it was granted her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

## The Revelation, chapter 19

**Re21:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

## The Revelation, chapter 21

**But Why Did Jesus Have to Die?** Lk1:35, Heb2:17, Mt9:35, Ro3:23, Ro6:23, Ro5:8, 1Jn4:10, 1Jn2:2, Ex12:3-5, Lv22:21, Is53:6-8, 1Pe1:19, Lv17:11, Jn12:27, Mk10:45, Jn3:13-15, Php2:8-11, Col2:14, Ro5:18, Mt27:3-4, Heb4:15, 2Co5:21, Ac2:24, Lk24:44-48, Re1:17-18, Heb9:11-25, Ro5:9-11

**Lk1:35**

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born of you will be called holy—the Son of God.”

### The Gospel of Luke, chapter 1

#### *Heb2:17*

<sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

### The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 2

#### *Mt9:35*

<sup>35</sup>And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 9

#### *Ro3:23*

<sup>23</sup>...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

### The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 3

#### *Ro6:23*

<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 6

#### *Ro5:8*

<sup>8</sup>...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 5

#### *1Jn4:10*

<sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

### The First Epistle of John, chapter4

#### *1Jn2:2*

<sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### The First Epistle of John, chapter2

#### *Ex12:3-5*

<sup>3</sup>"Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats..."

### The Book of Exodus, chapter 12

**Lv22:21**

<sup>21</sup> “And when anyone offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock, to be accepted it must be perfect; there shall be no blemish in it.”

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 22

**Is53:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 53

**1Pe1:19**

<sup>19</sup> ...but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 1

**Lv17:11**

<sup>11</sup> “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.”

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 17

**Jn12:27**

<sup>27</sup> “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 12

**Mk10:45**

<sup>45</sup> “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of Mark, chapter 10

**Jn3:13-15**

<sup>13</sup> “No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

## The Gospel of John, chapter 3

*Php2:8-11*

<sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## The Epistle to the Philippians, chapter 2

*Col2:14*

<sup>14</sup>...by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

## The Epistle to the Colossians, chapter 2

*Ro5:18*

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as the trespass of one led to condemnation for all men, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all men.

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 5

*Mt27:3-4*

<sup>3</sup>Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, <sup>4</sup>saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

## The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 27

*Heb4:15*

<sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

## The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 4

*2Co5:21*

<sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 5

*Ac2:24*

<sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

## The Book of Acts, chapter 2

*Lk24:44-48*

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be

fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.”

#### The Gospel of Luke, chapter 24

##### *Re1:17-18*

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last,<sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

#### The Revelation, chapter 18

##### *Heb9:11-25*

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)<sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.<sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,<sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.<sup>16</sup> For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established.<sup>17</sup> For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.<sup>18</sup> Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.<sup>19</sup> For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,<sup>20</sup> saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.”<sup>21</sup> And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship.<sup>22</sup> Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

<sup>23</sup> Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.<sup>24</sup> For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.<sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own,<sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

#### The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 9

##### *Ro5:9-11*

<sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.<sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 5

How do I claim this free gift of salvation and eternal life given out of love? Jn17:3, Jn5:21-24, Ro10:8-11, Jn6:40, Ep2:8-9, Jam4:6, Jn17:1-19, 1Jn5:11-13, Ps31:5, Ps139:23-24, Gn15:6, Ro1:16-17, Heb10:37-38, Jn8:31-32

*Jn17:3*

<sup>3</sup> “And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

## The Gospel of John, chapter 17

*Jn5:21-24*

<sup>21</sup> “For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. <sup>22</sup> The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.”

## The Gospel of John, chapter 5

*Ro10:8-11*

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 10

*Jn6:40*

<sup>40</sup> “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

## The Gospel of John, chapter 6

*Ep2:8-9*

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

## The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 2

*Jam4:6*

<sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

## The Epistle of James, chapter 4

*Jn17:1-19*

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you

on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 17

### *1Jn5:11-13*

<sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

The First Epistle of John, chapter 5

### *Ps31:5*

<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

The 31<sup>st</sup> Psalm

### *Ps139:23-24*

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!  
<sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

The 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm

### *Gn15:6*

<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

The Book of Genesis, chapter 15

### *Ro1:16-17*

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

#### The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 1

#### *Heb10:37-38*

<sup>37</sup> For,

“Yet a little while,  
and the coming one will come and will not delay;  
<sup>38</sup> but my righteous one shall live by faith,  
and if he shrinks back,  
my soul has no pleasure in him.”

#### The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 10

#### *Jn8:31-32*

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

#### The Gospel of John, chapter 8

Don't I have to Ask Forgiveness from a Priest? Heb8:1-2, Heb4:14, 1Ti2:5

#### *Heb8:1-2*

<sup>1</sup> Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, <sup>2</sup> a minister in the holy places, in the true tabernacle that the Lord set up, not man.

#### The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 8

#### *Heb4:14*

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

#### The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 4

#### *1Ti2:5*

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus...

#### The First Epistle to Timothy, chapter 2

Will God Really Forgive All of My Sins? Ro8:14-17, 1Jn4:18, Ps103:12, Ps79:8-9, Mi7:18-19, Is44:22, Ep1:3-14, 1Co1:30

#### *Ro8:14-17*

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8

*1Jn4:18*

<sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

## The First Epistle of John, chapter 4

*Ps103:12*

<sup>12</sup> ...as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Psalm*Ps79:8-9*

<sup>8</sup> Do not remember against us our former iniquities;  
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,  
for we are brought very low.  
<sup>9</sup> Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;  
deliver us, and atone for our sins,  
for your name's sake!

The 79<sup>th</sup> Psalm*Mi7:18-19*

<sup>18</sup> Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.  
<sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

## The Book of Micah, chapter 7

*Is44:22*

<sup>22</sup> "I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud  
and your sins like mist;  
return to me, for I have redeemed you."

## The Book of Isaiah, chapter 44

*Ep1:3-14*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption

through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

#### The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 1

#### *1Co1:30*

<sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption...

#### The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 1

What about all the shame and guilt I carry from my past sins? Ps25:7, Is43:25, Is61:7, Ps25:11, Ps31:1, Jn8:2-11, Php3:12-14, Ga1:10, 2Co5:17

#### *Ps25:7*

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

#### The 25<sup>th</sup> Psalm

#### *Is43:25*

<sup>25</sup> "I, I am he  
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,  
and I will not remember your sins."

#### The Book of Isaiah, chapter 43

#### *Is61:7*

<sup>7</sup> "Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;  
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;  
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;  
they shall have everlasting joy."

#### The Book of Isaiah, chapter 61

**Ps25:11**

<sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Psalm**Ps31:1**

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!

The 31<sup>st</sup> Psalm**Jn8:2-11**

<sup>2</sup> Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst <sup>4</sup> they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. <sup>7</sup> And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. <sup>10</sup> Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

## The Gospel of John, chapter 8

**Php3:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## The Epistle to the Philippians, chapter 3

**Ga1:10**

<sup>10</sup> For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

## The Epistle to the Galatians, chapter 1

**2Co5:17**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

## The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 5

I've been rejected many times in life, will God ever reject me if I give my life to Him? Ro5:10, Ro8:38-39, Dt31:8, Jsh1:5, Dt7:9, Ps34:8

**Ro5:10**

<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 5

*Ro8:38-39*

<sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8

*Dt31:8*

<sup>8</sup> "It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 31

*Jsh1:5*

<sup>5</sup> "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you."

The Book of Joshua, chapter 1

*Dt7:9*

<sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations...

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 7

*Ps34:8*

<sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

The 34<sup>th</sup> Psalm

How can God not reject me when my own parents did? Is49:15, Ps27:7-10, 2Co6:17-18, 2Co7:1, 1Jn3:1-3

*Is49:15*

<sup>15</sup> "Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?  
Even these may forget,  
yet I will not forget you."

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 49

*Ps27:7-10*

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
<sup>8</sup> You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,

“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
<sup>10</sup> For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the LORD will take me in.

The 27th Psalm

**2Co6:17-18**

<sup>17</sup> “Therefore go out from their midst,  
and be separate from them, says the Lord,  
and touch no unclean thing;  
then I will welcome you,  
<sup>18</sup> and I will be a father to you,  
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,  
says the Lord Almighty.”

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 6

**2Co7:1**

<sup>1</sup> Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 7

**1Jn3:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The First Epistle of John, chapter 3

I'm pretty sure I'm too old now for God to care about me... Is46:4

**Is46:4**

<sup>4</sup> “...even to your old age I am he,  
and to gray hairs I will carry you.  
I have made, and I will bear;  
I will carry and will save.”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 46

If God cares about me this much, does that mean He is seeking me? Ps53:2, Re3:20, Ho2:14-23, Jn6:44, Ro2:4, Ep3:14-19

**Ps53:2**

<sup>2</sup> God looks down from heaven  
on the children of man

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

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

*Re3:20*

<sup>20</sup> “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

The Revelation, chapter 3

*Ho2:14-23*

<sup>14</sup> “Therefore, behold, I will allure her,  
 and bring her into the wilderness,  
 and speak tenderly to her.

<sup>15</sup> And there I will give her her vineyards  
 and make the Valley of Achor (‘trouble’) a door of hope.  
 And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth,  
 as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>16</sup> “And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ <sup>17</sup> For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. <sup>18</sup> And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. <sup>19</sup> And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. <sup>20</sup> I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> “And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD,  
 I will answer the heavens,  
 and they shall answer the earth,

<sup>22</sup> and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
 and they shall answer Jezreel,

<sup>23</sup> and I will sow her for myself in the land.

And I will have mercy on No Mercy,  
 and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’;  
 and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

The Book of Hosea, chapter 2

*Jn6:44*

<sup>44</sup> “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.  
 And I will raise him up on the last day.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 6

*Ro2:4*

<sup>4</sup> Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience,  
 not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 2

***Ep3:14-19***

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

## The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 3

I sometimes get anxious and fearful, worried and burdened... Can God help me with this? Mt11:27-30, Is41:10, Mt6:25-34, Lk12:22-34, Mt10:29-33, Ps56:10-11

***Mt11:27-30***

<sup>27</sup> “All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

## The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 11

***Is41:10***

<sup>10</sup> “...fear not, for I am with you;  
be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

## The Book of Isaiah, chapter 41

***Mt6:25-34***

<sup>5</sup> “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? <sup>26</sup> 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? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> 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? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup> “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

## The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 6

***Lk12:22-34***

<sup>22</sup> And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the

body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup> For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> Instead, seek God's kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup> "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

#### The Gospel of Luke, chapter 12

#### *Mt10:29-33*

<sup>29</sup> "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 10

#### *Ps56:10-11*

<sup>10</sup> In God, whose word I praise,  
in the LORD, whose word I praise,  
<sup>11</sup> in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?

#### The 56<sup>th</sup> Psalm

If Salvation is a free gift by grace through faith, what of good and bad works? Ro2:6, Mt12:36-37, Ac10:1-8, Ac10:21-48, 2Co5:9-10, Mt6:1-6, Mt5:11-12, Jam2:14-26, Mt25:31-46, Ep6:6-8, 1Co3:10-15

#### *Ro2:6*

<sup>6</sup> He will render to each one according to his works...

#### The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 2

#### *Mt12:36-37*

<sup>36</sup> "I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, <sup>37</sup> for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 12

#### *Ac10:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, <sup>2</sup> a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. <sup>3</sup> About the ninth hour of the day (that is, 3pm) he saw

clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." <sup>4</sup> And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. <sup>5</sup> And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. <sup>6</sup> He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea." <sup>7</sup> When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, <sup>8</sup> and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

#### The Book of Acts, chapter 10

##### *Ac10:21-48*

<sup>21</sup> And Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?" <sup>22</sup> And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." <sup>23</sup> So he invited them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. <sup>24</sup> And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. <sup>25</sup> When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. <sup>26</sup> But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." <sup>27</sup> And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. <sup>28</sup> And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. <sup>29</sup> So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me."

<sup>30</sup> And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour (that is, 3pm), and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing <sup>31</sup> and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. <sup>32</sup> Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' <sup>33</sup> So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup> "Can anyone withhold water for

baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

#### The Book of Acts, chapter 10

##### *2Co5:9-10*

<sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> 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.

#### The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 5

##### *Mt6:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 6

##### *Mt5:11-12*

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5

##### *Jam2:14-26*

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> And in the same way was not also

Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? <sup>26</sup> For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

### The Epistle of James, chapter 2

#### *Mt25:31-46*

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25

#### *Ep6:6-8*

<sup>6</sup> ...not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, <sup>7</sup> rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, <sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

### The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 6

#### *1Co3:10-15*

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. <sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

### The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 3

Aren't All Religions the Same? Pr16:25, 1Co8:5-6, Ps135:5, Ga1:6-9, 2Co11:14, Ps146:3-4, Jud1:3-5, Dt4:35, Mt7:13-14

*Pr16:25*

<sup>25</sup> There is a way that seems right to a man,  
but its end is the way to death.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 16

*1Co8:5-6*

<sup>5</sup> For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—<sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 8

*Ps135:5*

<sup>5</sup> For I know that the LORD is great,  
and that our Lord is above all gods.

The 135<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Ga1:6-9*

<sup>6</sup> I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—<sup>7</sup> not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

The Epistle to the Galatians, chapter 1

*2Co11:14*

<sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 11

*Ps146:3-4*

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.

The 146<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Jud1:3-5*

<sup>3</sup> Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup> For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

<sup>5</sup> Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

The Epistle of Jude

*Dt4:35*

<sup>35</sup> To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord is God; there is no other besides him.

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 4

*Mt7:13-14*

<sup>13</sup> "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 7

Jesus Christ being the only way to be saved sounds intolerant and exclusive, isn't it? Mt28:18-20, Gn12:1-3, Ga3:23-29, Is56:1-8, Lk2:25-32, 1Ti2:1-6, 1Co12:13, Ac17:26-27, Ro10:11-13, Ac10:34-45, Ro3:29-30, Ro15:8-12, Jn10:9

*Mt28:18-20*

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28

*Gn12:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The Book of Genesis, chapter 12

*Ga3:23-29*

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

The Epistle to the Galatians, chapter 3

*Is56:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD:  
"Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my righteousness be revealed.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man who does this,

and the son of man who holds it fast,  
 who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,  
 and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

<sup>3</sup> Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say,  
 “The LORD will surely separate me from his people”;  
 and let not the eunuch say,  
 “Behold, I am a dry tree.”

<sup>4</sup> For thus says the LORD:  
 “To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
 who choose the things that please me  
 and hold fast my covenant,

<sup>5</sup> I will give in my house and within my walls  
 a monument and a name  
 better than sons and daughters;  
 I will give them an everlasting name  
 that shall not be cut off.

<sup>6</sup> “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
 to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
 and to be his servants,  
 everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
 and holds fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
 and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
 their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
 will be accepted on my altar;  
 for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
 for all peoples.”

<sup>8</sup> The LORD God,  
 who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
 “I will gather yet others to him  
 besides those already gathered.”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 56

*Lk2:25-32*

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
 according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
 and for glory to your people Israel.”

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 2

**1Ti2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

The First Epistle to Timothy, chapter 2

**1Co12:13**

<sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 12

**Ac17:26-27**

<sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us...

The Book of Acts, chapter 17

**Ro10:11-13**

<sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 10

**Ac10:34-45**

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

The Book of Acts, chapter 10

**Ro3:29-30**

<sup>29</sup>Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup>since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 3

**Ro15:8-12**

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name."

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

<sup>11</sup>And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him."

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope."

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 15

**Jn10:9**

<sup>9</sup>"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

## The Gospel of John, chapter 10

Does God Control 'Fate'? Col1:15-17, Heb1:3, Ps139:1-6, Ac17:26, Ps139:16, Dn2:20-22, Est4:13-17, Is46:8-11

**Col1:15-17**

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

## The Epistle to the Colossians, chapter 1

**Heb1:3**

<sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

## The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 1

*Ps139:1-6*

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me!  
<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
 you discern my thoughts from afar.  
<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down  
 and are acquainted with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
 behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.  
<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
 and lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
 it is high; I cannot attain it.

The 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm*Ac17:26*

- <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth,  
 having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place...

The Book of Acts, chapter 17

*Ps139:16*

- <sup>16</sup> 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.

The 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm*Dn2:20-22*

- <sup>20</sup> Daniel answered and said:

- “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,  
 to whom belong wisdom and might.  
<sup>21</sup> He changes times and seasons;  
 he removes kings and sets up kings;  
 he gives wisdom to the wise  
 and knowledge to those who have understanding;  
<sup>22</sup> he reveals deep and hidden things;  
 he knows what is in the darkness,  
 and the light dwells with him.

The Book of Daniel, chapter 2

*Est4:13-17*

- <sup>13</sup> Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time

as this?" <sup>15</sup> Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup> "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." <sup>17</sup> Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

#### The Book of Esther, chapter 4

#### *Is46:8-11*

<sup>8</sup> "Remember this and stand firm,  
 recall it to mind, you transgressors,  
<sup>9</sup> remember the former things of old;  
 for I am God, and there is no other;  
 I am God, and there is none like me,  
<sup>10</sup> declaring the end from the beginning  
 and from ancient times things not yet done,  
 saying, 'My counsel shall stand,  
 and I will accomplish all my purpose,'  
<sup>11</sup> calling a bird of prey from the east,  
 the man of my counsel from a far country.  
 I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;  
 I have purposed, and I will do it."

#### The Book of Isaiah, chapter 46

#### What Does the Future Hold for Me? Jr29:11, Ac17:29-31

#### *Jr29:11*

<sup>11</sup> "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

#### The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 29

#### *Ac17:29-31*

<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

#### The Book of Acts, chapter 17

#### What is the Purpose of my life? Is43:5-7, Jn10:10, Jn15:1-11, Ga5:22-23, Ro8:28-29, Mt9:36-38, Mk4:20, Mt3:8, Jn6:29, Ep2:10, Jn6:38, Jn14:12-13, Ro12:1-5, Mt28:18-20, 2Co3:5, Ec12:13-14

#### *Is43:5-7*

<sup>5</sup> "Fear not, for I am with you;  
 I will bring your offspring from the east,  
 and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up,  
 and to the south, Do not withhold;  
 bring my sons from afar  
 and my daughters from the end of the earth,

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 43

*Jn10:10*

<sup>10</sup> “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 10

*Jn15:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 15

*Ga5:22-23*

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

The Epistle to the Galatians, chapter 5

*Ro8:28-29*

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God, He works all things together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> 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.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8

*Mt9:36-38*

<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 9

*Mk4:20*

<sup>20</sup> “But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

The Gospel of Mark, chapter 4

*Mt3:8*

<sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 3

*Jn6:29*

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 6

*Ep2:10*

<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 2

*Jn6:38*

<sup>38</sup> “For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 6

*Jn14:12-13*

<sup>12</sup> “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. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 14

*Ro12:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 12

*Mt28:18-20*

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and

of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28

#### *2Co3:5*

<sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God...

#### The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 3

#### *Ec12:13-14*

<sup>13</sup> The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup> For God will bring every deed into the judgment on every secret thing, whether good or evil.

#### The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 12

**What Does God Want From Me?** Ro14:11, Ps95:6-8, 1Jn1:9, Heb4:7, Jam4:8-10, Dt6:5-6, Is6:8, Jb5:8-9, 1Pe2:1-6, Mk16:16, Pr3:5-6, Ps119:105, Jn13:34-35, 1Pe1:13-16, Php2:12-16, Ep5:15-17, 1Th5:12-22, Jr9:23-24, Mk16:15

#### *Ro14:11*

<sup>11</sup> ...for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

#### The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 14

#### *Ps95:6-8*

<sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

<sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness...

#### The 95<sup>th</sup> Psalm

#### *1Jn1:9*

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### The First Epistle of John, chapter 1

#### *Heb4:7*

<sup>7</sup> ...again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts.”

The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 4

*Jam4:8-10*

<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

The Epistle of James, chapter 4

*Dt6:5-6*

<sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 6

*Is6:8*

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 6

*Jb5:8-9*

<sup>8</sup> “As for me, I would seek God,  
and to God would I commit my cause,  
<sup>9</sup> who does great things and unsearchable,  
marvelous things without number...”

The Book of Job, chapter 5

*1Pe2:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.  
<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> 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.”

The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 2

**Mk16:16**

<sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,  
but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

The Gospel of Mark, chapter 16

**Pr3:5-6**

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 3

**Ps119:105**

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

The 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm

**Jn13:34-35**

<sup>34</sup>“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have  
loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you  
are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 13

**1Pe1:13-16**

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on  
the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do  
not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is holy,  
you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 1

**Php2:12-16**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence  
but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for  
it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and  
innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted  
generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life,  
so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

The Epistle to the Philippians, chapter 2

***Ep5:15-17***

<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

## The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 5

***1Th5:12-22***

<sup>12</sup> We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, <sup>13</sup> and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. <sup>15</sup> See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup> Abstain from every form of evil.

## The First Epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 5

***Jr9:23-24***

<sup>23</sup> Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, <sup>24</sup> but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight,” declares the LORD.

## The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 9

***Mk16:15***

<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

## The Gospel of Mark, chapter 16

Is it going to be difficult to follow God? Dt30:11-20, 1Jn5:3-4, Php4:13, Zc4:6, Ep3:20-21

***Dt30:11-20***

<sup>11</sup> “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ <sup>14</sup> But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

<sup>15</sup> “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life

and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 30

*1Jn5:3-4*

<sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

The First Epistle of John, chapter 5

*Php4:13*

<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

The Epistle to the Philippians, chapter 4

*Zc4:6*

<sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.”

The Book of Zechariah, chapter 4

*Ep3:20-21*

<sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 3

Does God have any guidance for raising my children? Ep6:1-4, Col3:20-21, Ti2:1-4, Dt6:7, Pr1:8-10, Pr13:24, Pr22:15, Pr13:1, Pr29:15-17, Pr10:13-14, Heb12:11, Pr23:12-33

*Ep6:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup> “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” <sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 6

*Col3:20-21*

<sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

The Epistle to the Colossians, chapter 3

*Ti2:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> But as for you, teach what accords with healthy doctrine. <sup>2</sup> Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. <sup>3</sup> Older women likewise

are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good,<sup>4</sup> and so train the young women to love their husbands and children...

The Epistle to Titus, chapter 2

*Dt6:7*

<sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 6

*Pr1:8-10*

<sup>8</sup>Hear, my son, your father's instruction,  
and forsake not your mother's teaching,  
<sup>9</sup>for they are a graceful garland for your head  
and pendants for your neck.  
<sup>10</sup>My son, if sinners entice you,  
do not consent.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 1

*Pr13:24*

<sup>24</sup>Whoever spares the rod hates his son,  
but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 13

*Pr22:15*

<sup>15</sup>Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,  
but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 22

*Pr13:1*

<sup>1</sup>A wise son hears his father's instruction,  
but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 13

*Pr29:15-17*

<sup>15</sup>The rod and reproof give wisdom,  
but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.  
<sup>16</sup>When the wicked increase, transgression increases,  
but the righteous will look upon their downfall.  
<sup>17</sup>Discipline your son, and he will give you rest;  
he will give delight to your heart.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 29

*Pr10:13-14*

<sup>13</sup>On the lips of him who has understanding, wisdom is found,  
but a rod is for the back of him who lacks sense.

<sup>14</sup> The wise lay up knowledge,  
but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 10

*Heb12:11*

<sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 12

*Pr23:12-33*

- <sup>12</sup> Apply your heart to instruction  
and your ear to words of knowledge.
- <sup>13</sup> Do not withhold discipline from a child;  
if you strike him with a rod, he will not die.
- <sup>14</sup> If you strike him with the rod,  
you will save his soul from Sheol.
- <sup>15</sup> My son, if your heart is wise,  
my heart too will be glad.
- <sup>16</sup> My inmost being will exult  
when your lips speak what is right.
- <sup>17</sup> Let not your heart envy sinners,  
but continue in the fear of the Lord all the day.
- <sup>18</sup> Surely there is a future,  
and your hope will not be cut off.
- <sup>19</sup> Hear, my son, and be wise,  
and direct your heart in the way.
- <sup>20</sup> Be not those who drink too much wine  
or among gluttonous eaters of meat,
- <sup>21</sup> for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,  
and slumber will clothe them with rags.
- <sup>22</sup> Listen to your father who gave you life,  
and do not despise your mother when she is old.
- <sup>23</sup> Buy truth, and do not sell it;  
buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.
- <sup>24</sup> The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice;  
he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.
- <sup>25</sup> Let your father and mother be glad;  
let her who bore you rejoice.
- <sup>26</sup> My son, give me your heart,  
and let your eyes delight in my ways.
- <sup>27</sup> For a prostitute is a deep pit;  
an adulteress is a narrow well.
- <sup>28</sup> She lies in wait like a robber  
and increases the traitors among mankind.
- <sup>29</sup> Who has woe? Who has sorrow?  
Who has strife? Who has complaining?

Who has wounds without cause?  
 Who has redness of eyes?  
<sup>30</sup> Those who tarry long over wine;  
 those who go to try mixed wine.  
<sup>31</sup> Do not look at wine when it is red,  
 when it sparkles in the cup  
 and goes down smoothly.  
<sup>32</sup> In the end it bites like a serpent  
 and stings like an adder.  
<sup>33</sup> Your eyes will see strange things,  
 and your heart utter perverse things.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 23

Is there really an “end times”? The earth and universe seem so old; I think it’ll be around for a long time yet... Is56:12, 1Th5:1-3

**Is56:12**

<sup>12</sup> “Come,” they say, “let me get wine;  
 let us fill ourselves with strong drink;  
 and tomorrow will be like this day,  
 great beyond measure.”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 56

**1Th5:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

The First Epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 5

How will we know when these end times are coming? 2Pe3:1-13, 2Ti3:1-9, Ho9:10, Ez43:1-9, Ez44:1-3, Zc9:9, Zc14:4, Lk19:28-38, Mt24:1-51, Ez37:21, Ho3:4-5, Is11:11-12, Dn12:4, Is17:1, Am9:14-15, Ps83:1-5, Ez38:16, Re13:1-8, Re13:11-18, Re17:1-18, Am3:7

**2Pe3:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, <sup>3</sup> knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup> 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.” <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. <sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

#### The Second Epistle of Peter, chapter 3

##### *2Ti3:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. <sup>6</sup> For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, <sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup> Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. <sup>9</sup> But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

#### The Second Epistle to Timothy, chapter 3

##### *Ho9:10*

<sup>10</sup> Like grapes in the wilderness,  
I found Israel.  
Like the first fruit on the fig tree  
in its first season,  
I saw your fathers.  
But they came to Baal-peor  
and consecrated themselves to the thing of shame,  
and became detestable like the thing they loved.

#### The Book of Hosea, chapter 9

##### *Ez43:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing east. <sup>2</sup> And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east. And the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory. <sup>3</sup> And the vision I saw was just like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and just like the vision that I had seen by the Chebar canal. And I fell on my face. <sup>4</sup> As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, <sup>5</sup> the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

<sup>6</sup> While the man was standing beside me, I heard one speaking to me out of the temple, <sup>7</sup> and he said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the people of Israel forever. And the house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoring and by the monuments of their kings at their high places, <sup>8</sup> by setting their threshold by my threshold and their doorposts beside my doorposts, with only a wall between me and them. They have defiled

my holy name by their abominations that they have committed, so I have consumed them in my anger. <sup>9</sup> Now let them put away their whoring and the dead bodies of their kings far from me, and I will dwell in their midst forever.

The Book of Ezekiel, chapter 43

*Ez44:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east. And it was shut. <sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to me, "This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, for the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered by it. Therefore it shall remain shut. <sup>3</sup> Only the prince may sit in it to eat bread before the LORD. He shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way."

The Book of Ezekiel, chapter 44

*Zc9:9*

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
 Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
 Behold, your king is coming to you;  
 righteous and having salvation is he,  
 humble and mounted on a donkey,  
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The Book of Zechariah, chapter 9

*Zc14:4*

<sup>4</sup> On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.

The Book of Zechariah, chapter 14

*Lk19:28-38*

<sup>28</sup> And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> And they said, "The Lord has need of it." <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 19

*Mt24:1-51*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup> But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup> As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. <sup>6</sup> And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

<sup>9</sup> "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. <sup>10</sup> And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

<sup>15</sup> "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), <sup>16</sup> then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>17</sup> Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, <sup>18</sup> and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. <sup>19</sup> And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! <sup>20</sup> Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. <sup>22</sup> And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. <sup>23</sup> Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. <sup>24</sup> For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup> See, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup> So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

<sup>29</sup> "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

<sup>32</sup> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>34</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>36</sup> "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup> For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the

thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.  
<sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

<sup>45</sup>“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup>Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. <sup>47</sup>Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. <sup>48</sup>But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ <sup>49</sup>and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, <sup>50</sup>the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know <sup>51</sup>and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 24

***Ez37:21***

<sup>21</sup>“...then say to them, Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land.”

The Book of Ezekiel, chapter 37

***Ho3:4-5***

<sup>4</sup>For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup>Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

The Book of Hosea, chapter 3

***Is11:11-12***

<sup>11</sup>In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

<sup>12</sup>He will raise a signal for the nations  
 and will assemble the banished of Israel,  
 and gather the dispersed of Judah  
 from the four corners of the earth.

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 11

***Am9:14-15***

<sup>14</sup>“I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,  
 and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;  
 they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,  
 and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

<sup>15</sup>I will plant them on their land,  
 and they shall never again be uprooted  
 out of the land that I have given them,”  
 says the LORD your God.

The Book of Amos, chapter 9

***Dn12:4***

<sup>4</sup>“But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

## The Book of Daniel, chapter 12

***Is17:1***

<sup>1</sup> An oracle concerning Damascus.

Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city  
and will become a heap of ruins.

## The Book of Isaiah, chapter 17

***Ps83:1-5***

<sup>1</sup> O God, do not keep silence;  
do not hold your peace or be still, O God!  
<sup>2</sup> For behold, your enemies make an uproar;  
those who hate you have raised their heads.  
<sup>3</sup> They lay crafty plans against your people;  
they consult together against your treasured ones.  
<sup>4</sup> They say, “Come, let us wipe them out as a nation;  
let the name of Israel be remembered no more!”  
<sup>5</sup> For they conspire with one accord;  
against you they make a covenant...

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Psalm***Ez38:16***

<sup>16</sup>“You will come up against my people Israel, like a cloud covering the land. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when through you, O Gog, I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.”

## The Book of Ezekiel, chapter 38

***Re13:1-8***

<sup>1</sup> And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?”

<sup>5</sup> And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup> and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

## The Revelation, chapter 13

**Re13:11-18**

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup> It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, <sup>14</sup> and by the signs that it is allowed to work on behalf of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. <sup>15</sup> And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. <sup>16</sup> Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

## The Revelation, chapter 13

**Re17:1-18**

<sup>1</sup> Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, <sup>2</sup> with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk." <sup>3</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup> The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. <sup>5</sup> And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." <sup>6</sup> And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

When I saw her, I marveled greatly. <sup>7</sup> But the angel said to me, "Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. <sup>8</sup> The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the abyss and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come. <sup>9</sup> This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; <sup>10</sup> they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while. <sup>11</sup> As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction. <sup>12</sup> And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. <sup>13</sup> These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup> They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

<sup>15</sup> And the angel said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. <sup>16</sup> And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, <sup>17</sup> for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are

fulfilled. <sup>18</sup> And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.”

### The Revelation, chapter 17

#### *Am3:7*

<sup>7</sup> “For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.”

### The Book of Amos, chapter 3

So Jesus Christ is really coming back a *second* time? Re1:1-8, Re19:11-16, Re22:6-21, 1Th4:16-17

#### *Re1:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his bondservants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his bondservant John, <sup>2</sup> who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

### The Revelation, chapter 1

#### *Re19:11-16*

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

<sup>13</sup> He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

### The Revelation, chapter 19

#### *Re22:6-21*

<sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

<sup>7</sup> “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

<sup>8</sup> I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

<sup>10</sup> And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. <sup>11</sup> Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

<sup>12</sup> “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

<sup>18</sup> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, <sup>19</sup> and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

#### The Revelation, chapter 22

##### **1Th4:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.

#### The First Epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 4

So Jesus is also going to suddenly take all believers to be with Him as He rules over the New Heaven and Earth? Is9:6-7, Jb19:23-27, Dn12:1-3, Jn6:39-40, Jn14:1-3, Jn5:28-29, 2Sa7:12-13

##### **Is9:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;  
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
 and his name shall be called  
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace  
 there will be no end,  
 on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
 to establish it and to uphold it  
 with justice and with righteousness  
 from this time forth and forevermore.  
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 9

*Jb19:23-27*

<sup>23</sup> "Oh that my words were written!  
 Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
 they were engraved in the rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
 and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
 yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself,  
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
 My heart faints within me!

The Book of Job, chapter 19

*Dn12:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The Book of Daniel, chapter 12

*Jn6:39-40*

<sup>39</sup> "And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

The Gospel of John, chapter 6

*Jn14:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> "Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> 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? <sup>3</sup> 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.”

#### The Gospel of John, chapter 14

##### *Jn5:28-29*

<sup>28</sup> “Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice  
<sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”

#### The Gospel of John, chapter 5

##### *2Sa7:12-13*

<sup>12</sup> “When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

#### The Second Book of Samuel, chapter 7

What will Jesus Christ do with those who wanted nothing to do with Him? Ps96:10-13, Is66:15-16, Mt25:31-46, Re20:11-15

##### *Ps96:10-13*

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.”

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

<sup>12</sup> let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

<sup>13</sup> before the Lord, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

#### The 96<sup>th</sup> Psalm

##### *Is66:15-16*

<sup>15</sup> “For behold, the LORD will come in fire,  
and his chariots like the whirlwind,  
to render his anger in fury,  
and his rebuke with flames of fire.

<sup>16</sup> For by fire will the LORD enter into judgment,  
and by his sword, with all flesh;  
and those slain by the LORD shall be many.

#### The Book of Isaiah, chapter 66

##### *Mt25:31-46*

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep

on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.'

<sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25

#### **Re20:11-15**

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

#### The Revelation, chapter 20

Do infants go to Heaven when they die without knowing God? 2Sa12:16-23, Ec4:1-3, Jr20:18, Jb3:1-22

#### **2Sa12:16-23**

<sup>16</sup> David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. <sup>17</sup> And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. <sup>18</sup> On the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us. How then can we say to him the child is dead? He may do himself some harm." <sup>19</sup> But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David understood that the child was dead. And David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "He is dead." <sup>20</sup> Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. He then went to his own house. And when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate. <sup>21</sup> Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food." <sup>22</sup> He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, 'Who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' <sup>23</sup> But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

## The Second Book of Samuel, chapter 12

*Ec4:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them. <sup>2</sup>And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive. <sup>3</sup>But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.

## The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 4

*Jr20:18*

<sup>18</sup>Why did I come out from the womb  
to see toil and sorrow,  
and spend my days in shame?

## The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 20

*Jb3:1-22*

<sup>1</sup>After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. <sup>2</sup>And Job said:

- <sup>3</sup>“Let the day perish on which I was born,  
and the night that said,  
‘A man is conceived.’  
<sup>4</sup>Let that day be darkness!  
May God above not seek it,  
nor light shine upon it.  
<sup>5</sup>Let gloom and deep darkness claim it.  
Let clouds dwell upon it;  
let the blackness of the day terrify it.  
<sup>6</sup>That night—let thick darkness seize it!  
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;  
let it not come into the number of the months.  
<sup>7</sup>Behold, let that night be barren;  
let no joyful cry enter it.  
<sup>8</sup>Let those curse it who curse the day,  
who are ready to rouse up Leviathan.  
<sup>9</sup>Let the stars of its dawn be dark;  
let it hope for light, but have none,  
nor see the eyelids of the morning,  
<sup>10</sup>because it did not shut the doors of my mother's womb,  
nor hide trouble from my eyes.  
  
<sup>11</sup>“Why did I not die at birth,  
come out from the womb and expire?  
<sup>12</sup>Why did the knees receive me?  
Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?  
<sup>13</sup>For then I would have lain down and been quiet;  
I would have slept; then I would have been at rest,  
<sup>14</sup>with kings and counselors of the earth  
who rebuilt ruins for themselves,

- <sup>15</sup> or with princes who had gold,  
 who filled their houses with silver.
- <sup>16</sup> Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child,  
 as infants who never see the light?
- <sup>17</sup> There the wicked cease from troubling,  
 and there the weary are at rest.
- <sup>18</sup> There the prisoners are at ease together;  
 they hear not the voice of the taskmaster.
- <sup>19</sup> The small and the great are there,  
 and the slave is free from his master.
- <sup>20</sup> “Why is light given to him who is in misery,  
 and life to the bitter in soul,  
<sup>21</sup> who long for death, but it comes not,  
 and dig for it more than for hidden treasures,  
<sup>22</sup> who rejoice exceedingly  
 and are glad when they find the grave?”

### The Book of Job, chapter 3

So does that mean abortion is acceptable to God? Jb10:11-13, Ps139:13-16, Ec11:5, Jb31:15, Jb33:4, Lk1:41-44, Lv18:21, Dt12:31, Dt5:17, Jr7:31, Ps106:36-38, 2Ki17:17, Ez16:20-21, Ps82:3-4, Mt19:13-15

#### *Jb10:11-13*

- <sup>11</sup> You clothed me with skin and flesh,  
 and knit me together with bones and sinews.
- <sup>12</sup> You have granted me life and steadfast love,  
 and your care has preserved my spirit.
- <sup>13</sup> Yet these things you hid in your heart;  
 I know that this was your purpose.

### The Book of Job, chapter 10

#### *Ps139:13-16*

- <sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts;  
 you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
 Wonderful are your works;  
 my soul knows it very well.
- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
 when I was being made in secret,  
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup> 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.

### The 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm

#### *Ec11:5*

- <sup>5</sup> 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.

## The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 11

*Jb31:15*

<sup>15</sup> Did not he who made me in the womb make him?  
And did not one fashion us in the womb?

## The Book of Job, chapter 31

*Jb33:4*

<sup>4</sup> The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

## The Book of Job, chapter 33

*Lk1:41-44*

<sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy."

## The Gospel of Luke, chapter 1

*Lv18:21*

<sup>21</sup> "You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD."

## The Book of Leviticus, chapter 18

*Dt12:31*

<sup>31</sup> "You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods."

## The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 12

*Dt5:17*

<sup>17</sup> "You shall not murder."

## The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 5

*Jr7:31*

<sup>31</sup> "And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into my mind."

## The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 7

**Ps106:36-38**

<sup>36</sup>They served their idols,  
 which became a snare to them.  
<sup>37</sup>They sacrificed their sons  
 and their daughters to the demons;  
<sup>38</sup>they poured out innocent blood,  
 the blood of their sons and daughters,  
 whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan,  
 and the land was polluted with blood.

The 106<sup>th</sup> Psalm

**2Ki17:17**

<sup>17</sup>And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger.

The Second Book of Kings, chapter 17

**Ez16:20-21**

<sup>20</sup>“And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your whorings so small a matter <sup>21</sup>that you slaughtered my children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them?”

The Book of Ezekiel, chapter 16

**Ps82:3-4**

<sup>3</sup>“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;  
 maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.  
<sup>4</sup>Rescue the weak and the needy;  
 deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Psalm

**Mt19:13-15**

<sup>13</sup>Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, <sup>14</sup>but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” <sup>15</sup>And he laid his hands on them and went away.

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 19

Why not wait until after death to repent and submit to Jesus Christ so I can live how I want now? Jb14:5, Heb9:27, Is55:6-7, Mal4:1-4, 2Ti4:1-2

**Jb14:5**

<sup>5</sup>Since his days are determined,  
 and the number of his months is with you,  
 and you have appointed his limits that he cannot pass...

The Book of Job, chapter 14

**Heb9:27**

<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment...

The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 9

**Is55:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> “Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
 call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
 let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 55

**Mal4:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.”

The Book of Malachi, chapter 4

**2Ti4:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

The Second Epistle to Timothy, chapter 4

Why not live how I want now and THEN on my deathbed repent and trust and submit to Christ so I get into Heaven? Ps90:10, Jam4:13-14, Ec3:1-2, Ec9:12, Jn3:18-20, Mt5:25-26, Ps90:12

**Ps90:10**

<sup>10</sup> The years of our life are seventy,  
 or even by reason of strength eighty;  
 yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
 they are soon gone, and we fly away.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Psalm

**Jam4:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” — <sup>14</sup> yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

The Epistle of James, chapter 4

**Ec3:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die;  
 a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted...

The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3

**Ec9:12**

<sup>12</sup>For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net,  
 and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared  
 at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.

The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 9

**Jn3:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 3

**Ps90:12**

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days  
 that we may get a heart of wisdom.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Psalm

Will God still judge me if I never knew about Him? Ps19:1-3, Hab2:14, Ro1:18-22, 1Pe4:1-5

**Ps19:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
 and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech,  
 and night to night reveals knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words,  
 whose voice is not heard.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Psalm

**Hab2:14**

<sup>14</sup>For the earth will be filled  
 with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD  
 as the waters cover the sea.

The Book of Habakkuk, chapter 2

**Ro1:18-22**

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools...

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 1

*1Pe4:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, <sup>2</sup> so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. <sup>3</sup> For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. <sup>4</sup> With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; <sup>5</sup> but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 4

Will I still be judged if I didn't understand what sin was? Pr24:12, Ro2:6, Pr15:3, Heb4:13, Jr17:9-10, Ro2:12-16

*Pr24:12*

<sup>12</sup> If you say, "Behold, we did not know this,"  
 does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?  
 Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it,  
 and will he not repay man according to his work?

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 24

*Ro2:6*

<sup>6</sup> He will render to each one according to his works...

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 2

*Pr15:3*

<sup>3</sup> The eyes of the LORD are in every place,  
 keeping watch on the evil and the good.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 15

*Heb4:13*

<sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 4

*Jr17:9-10*

<sup>9</sup> The heart is deceitful above all things,  
 and desperately sick;  
 who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> “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.”

The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 17

**Ro2:12-16**

<sup>12</sup> For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. <sup>13</sup> For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. <sup>14</sup> For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. <sup>15</sup> They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them <sup>16</sup> on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 2

Well, I believe in God, I even believe in Jesus and that He died for my sins, isn't that enough? Jam2:14-26,  
Mt7:21-23, Lk13:22-29, 1Jn2:3-17, Re3:14-22, Jn3:1-8, Re2:1-7, 2Co13:5, Php1:6

**Jam2:14-26**

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? <sup>26</sup> For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

The Epistle of James, chapter 2

**Mt7:21-23**

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup> And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 7

**Lk13:22-29**

<sup>22</sup> He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.

<sup>23</sup> And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup> “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup> But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup> In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup> And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.”

#### The Gospel of Luke, chapter 13

#### *1Jn2:3-17*

<sup>3</sup> And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup> whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. <sup>8</sup> At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup> Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. <sup>10</sup> Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. <sup>11</sup> But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

<sup>12</sup> I am writing to you, little children,  
because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

<sup>13</sup> I am writing to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men,  
because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, children,  
because you know the Father.

<sup>14</sup> I write to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,  
because you are strong,  
and the word of God abides in you,  
and you have overcome the evil one.

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

#### The First Epistle of John, chapter 2

**Re3:14-22**

<sup>14</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

<sup>15</sup> “‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!  
<sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup> The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

## The Revelation, chapter 3

**Jn3:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> 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.”

## The Gospel of John, chapter 3

**Re2:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

<sup>2</sup> “‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup> I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup> Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’”

## The Revelation, chapter 2

**2Co13:5**

<sup>5</sup> Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

## The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 13

*Php1:6*

<sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

## The Epistle to the Philippians, chapter 1

I believe in Jesus, I trust in Jesus, I follow Jesus, but I don't NEED to go to Church! Ac2:38-47, Heb10:24-25, 1Co12:12-27, Ep2:19-22, Ep,1:22, Ep3:14-21, Jn17:20-23, 1Jn15:34-35, 1Pe4:8-11

*Ac2:38-47*

<sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

## The Book of Acts, chapter 2

*Heb10:24-25*

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

## The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 10

*1Co12:12-27*

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the

greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,<sup>24</sup> which our more representable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,<sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.<sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

#### The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 12

##### *Ep2:19-22*

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,<sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,<sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.<sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

#### The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 2

##### *Ep1:22*

<sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

#### The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 1

##### *Ep3:14-21*

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,<sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,<sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,<sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,<sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> 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,<sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 3

##### *Jn17:20-23*

<sup>20</sup> “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.<sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”

#### The Gospel of John, chapter 17

##### *Jn15:34-35*

<sup>34</sup> “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## The Gospel of John, chapter 15

*1Pe4:8-11*

<sup>8</sup> Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 4

But I feel judged when I go to church... Jn3:17, Ro8:33-34, Ro14:1, Ga6:1-3, Mt18:15-17, Col3:12-17, Re2:2-3, Is2:3

*Jn3:17*

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## The Gospel of John, chapter 3

*Ro8:33-34*

<sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8

*Ro14:1*

<sup>1</sup> As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.

## The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 14

*Ga6:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

## The Epistle to the Galatians, chapter 6

*Mt18:15-17*

<sup>15</sup> "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

## The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 18

*Col3:12-17*

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Epistle to the Colossians, chapter 3

*Re2:2-3*

<sup>2</sup> "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup> I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary."

The Revelation, chapter 2

*Is2:3*

<sup>3</sup> ...and many peoples shall come, and say:  
 "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
 to the house of the God of Jacob,  
 that he may teach us his ways  
 and that we may walk in his paths."  
 For out of Zion shall go the law,  
 and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

I seem to make a lot of bad judgment calls in life... Can God make me wiser? Pr9:10, Pr1:7, Pr8:13, Pr16:6, Jam1:5-8

*Pr9:10*

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
 and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 9

*Pr1:7*

<sup>7</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;  
 fools despise wisdom and instruction.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 1

*Pr8:13*

<sup>13</sup> The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.  
 Pride and arrogance and the way of evil  
 and perverted speech I hate.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 8

*Pr16:6*

<sup>6</sup> By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for,

and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 16

*Jam1:5-8*

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The Epistle of James, chapter 1

What Will Heaven Be Like For Those Who Go There? Is25:6-9, Is65:17-19, Is66:22-23, Re21:1-7, Re21:9-27, Re22:1-5

*Is25:6-9*

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.  
<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.  
<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 25

*Is65:17-19*

<sup>17</sup> “For behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.  
<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever  
in that which I create;  
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  
and her people to be a gladness.  
<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and be glad in my people;  
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping  
and the cry of distress.”

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 65

*Is66:22-23*

<sup>22</sup> “For as the new heavens and the new earth  
that I make  
shall remain before me,” says the LORD,

“so shall your offspring and your name remain.  
<sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon,  
 and from Sabbath to Sabbath,  
 all flesh shall come to worship before me,”  
 declares the LORD.

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 66

*Re21:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

The Revelation, chapter 21

*Re21:9-27*

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—  
<sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup>The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. <sup>17</sup>He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. <sup>18</sup>The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. <sup>19</sup>The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup>the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

<sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it,

nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

#### The Revelation, chapter 21

##### *Re22:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his bondservants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

#### The Revelation, chapter 22

What about Hell? What will that be like? Re21:8, Mt3:12, Mt13:41-42, Is33:14, Mt22:13, Re14:11, Is66:24, Lk16:19-31, Lk24:1-9

##### *Re21:8*

<sup>8</sup>“But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

#### The Revelation, chapter 21

##### *Mt3:12*

<sup>12</sup>“His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 3

##### *Mt13:41-42*

<sup>41</sup>“The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 13

##### *Is33:14*

<sup>14</sup>The sinners in Zion are afraid;  
trembling has seized the godless:  
“Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire?  
Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?”

#### The Book of Isaiah, chapter 33

##### *Mt22:13*

<sup>13</sup>“Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 22

**Re14:11**

<sup>11</sup> "And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

## The Revelation, chapter 14

**Is66:24**

<sup>24</sup> "And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

## The Book of Isaiah, chapter 66

**Lk16:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup> and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup> And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup> And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers and sisters—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' <sup>30</sup> And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup> He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

## The Gospel of Luke, chapter 16

**Lk24:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

## The Gospel of Luke, chapter 24

**What about the devil? Is he real? What will happen to him?** Gn3:1-4, Jn8:44, 2Co4:3-4, Jr10:11, 1Pe5:8-9, Ac5:1-4, Jn12:31, Re12:9-11, Ep6:12, Dn10:2-14, Ez28:12-19, Re20:10

**Gn3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."

The Book of Genesis, chapter 3

*Jn8:44*

<sup>44</sup> "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

The Gospel of John, chapter 8

*2Co4:3-4*

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> 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.

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 4

*Jr10:11*

<sup>11</sup> Thus shall you say to them: "The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens."

The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 10

*1Pe5:8-9*

<sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 5

*Ac5:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, <sup>2</sup> and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup> But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? <sup>4</sup> While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."

The Book of Acts, chapter 5

*Jn12:31*

<sup>31</sup> "Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out."

The Gospel of John, chapter 12

*Re12:9-11*

<sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup> And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup> And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.”

The Revelation, chapter 12

*Ep6:12*

<sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 6

*Dn10:2-14*

<sup>2</sup> In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. <sup>3</sup> I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. <sup>4</sup> On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) <sup>5</sup> I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. <sup>6</sup> His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. <sup>7</sup> And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. <sup>8</sup> So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength. <sup>9</sup> Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.

<sup>10</sup> And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup> And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup> The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, <sup>14</sup> and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”

The Book of Daniel, chapter 10

*Ez28:12-19*

<sup>12</sup> “Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the LORD God:

“You were the signet of perfection,  
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

<sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God;  
every precious stone was your covering,

sardius, topaz, and diamond,  
 beryl, onyx, and jasper,  
 sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle;  
 and crafted in gold were your settings  
 and your engravings.  
 On the day that you were created  
 they were prepared.  
<sup>14</sup>You were an anointed guardian cherub.  
 I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God;  
 in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.  
<sup>15</sup>You were blameless in your ways  
 from the day you were created,  
 till unrighteousness was found in you.  
<sup>16</sup>In the abundance of your trade  
 you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned;  
 so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God,  
 and I banished you, O guardian cherub,  
 from the midst of the stones of fire.  
<sup>17</sup>Your heart was proud because of your beauty;  
 you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.  
 I cast you to the ground;  
 I exposed you before kings,  
 to feast their eyes on you.  
<sup>18</sup>By the multitude of your iniquities,  
 in the unrighteousness of your trade  
 you profaned your sanctuaries;  
 so I brought fire out from your midst;  
 it consumed you,  
 and I turned you to ashes on the earth  
 in the sight of all who saw you.  
<sup>19</sup>All who know you among the peoples  
 are appalled at you;  
 you have come to a dreadful end  
 and shall be no more forever.”

The Book of Ezekiel, chapter 28

**Re20:10**

<sup>10</sup>...and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Revelation, chapter 20

I don't need God - I've got wealth, and everything I could possibly want and I feel satisfied, and I've got only myself to thank... Jam1:16-17, Mt5:45, 1Co4:7, Dt10:14, Hg2:8, Ps24:1-2, Ps50:10-11, 1Ch29:8-18, 1Ti6:17-19, Lk12:15-21, Mt6:19-24, Pr3:9-10, Gn2:18, Pr18:22, Pr19:14, Ps127:3-4, Mal3:8-12, Ec5:13, Mk8:36-38, Ps10:2-7

**Jam1:16-17**

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

The Epistle of James, chapter 1

**Mt5:45**

<sup>45</sup> “...so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5

**1Co4:7**

<sup>7</sup> For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 4

**Dt10:14**

<sup>14</sup> Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

The Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 10

**Hg2:8**

<sup>8</sup> “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine...” declares the LORD of hosts.

The Book of Haggai, chapter 2

**Ps24:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,  
<sup>2</sup> for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Psalm

**Ps50:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> “For every beast of the forest is mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.  
<sup>11</sup> I know all the birds of the hills,  
and all that moves in the field is mine.”

The 50<sup>th</sup> Psalm

**1Ch29:8-18**

<sup>8</sup> And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup> Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup> “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. <sup>15</sup> For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. <sup>16</sup> O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. <sup>17</sup> I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. <sup>18</sup> O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.”

The First Book of Chronicles, chapter 29

**1Ti6:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

The First Epistle to Timothy, chapter 6

**Lk12:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 12

**Mt6:19-24**

<sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup> 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!

<sup>24</sup> “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.”

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 6

**Pr3:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth  
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 3

*Gn2:18*

<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone;  
I will make him a helper fit for him."

The Book of Genesis, chapter 2

*Pr18:22*

<sup>22</sup> He who finds a wife finds a good thing  
and obtains favor from the LORD.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 18

*Pr19:14*

<sup>14</sup> House and wealth are inherited from fathers,  
but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

The Book of Proverbs, chapter 19

*Ps127:3-4*

<sup>3</sup> Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.  
<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.

The 127<sup>th</sup> Psalm

*Mal3:8-12*

<sup>8</sup> "Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. <sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. <sup>10</sup> Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. <sup>11</sup> I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear," says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup> "Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight," says the LORD of hosts.

The Book of Malachi, chapter 3

*Ec5:13*

<sup>13</sup> There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun:  
riches were kept by their owner to his hurt...

The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 5

**Mk8:36-38**

<sup>36</sup> “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

## The Gospel of Mark, chapter 8

**Ps10:2-7**

<sup>2</sup> In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;  
let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.  
<sup>3</sup> For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,  
and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.  
<sup>4</sup> In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him;  
all his thoughts are, “There is no God.”  
<sup>5</sup> His ways prosper at all times;  
your judgments are on high, out of his sight;  
as for all his foes, he puffs at them.  
<sup>6</sup> He says in his heart, “I shall not be moved;  
throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity.”  
<sup>7</sup> His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;  
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Psalm

Why do I still feel an emptiness, discontentment, and uneasiness in my soul even though I have what many would call success? Ec4:7-8, Ec2:18-23, Ec2:1-3, Ec2:10-11, 1Ti6:6-10, Ro8:5-6

**Ec4:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> Again, I saw vanity under the sun: <sup>8</sup> one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, “For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?” This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

## The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 4

**Ec2:18-23**

<sup>18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

## The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 2

**Ec2:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.” But behold, this also was vanity. <sup>2</sup> I said of laughter, “It is mad,” and of pleasure, “What use is it?” <sup>3</sup> I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and

how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life.

The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 2

*Ec2:10-11*

<sup>10</sup> And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. <sup>11</sup> Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 2

*1Ti6:6-10*

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

The First Epistle to Timothy, chapter 6

*Ro8:5-6*

<sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8

Why am I having such difficulty understanding what God is trying to say to me through His Word? <sup>1Co2:14</sup>, <sup>Jb32:8</sup>, <sup>1Co2:9-11</sup>, <sup>Is66:2</sup>

*1Co2:14*

<sup>14</sup> The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 2

*Jb32:8*

<sup>8</sup> But it is the spirit in man,  
the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand.

The Book of Job, chapter 32

*1Co2:9-11*

<sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

#### The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 2

##### *Is66:2*

<sup>2</sup>“All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be,” declares the LORD. “But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.”

#### The Book of Isaiah, chapter 66

I Truly do want to believe but I'm having a hard time... Jr29:13, 1Pe5:6, Ps51:17, Lk18:15-17, Ro10:17, Jn20:24-29

##### *Jr29:13*

<sup>13</sup>“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”

#### The Book of Jeremiah, chapter 29

##### *1Pe5:6*

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you...

#### The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 5

##### *Ps51:17*

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

#### The 51<sup>st</sup> Psalm

##### *Lk18:15-17*

<sup>15</sup>Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

#### The Gospel of Luke, chapter 18

##### *Ro10:17*

<sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

#### The Epistle to the Romans, chapter 10

##### *Jn20:24-29*

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

#### The Gospel of John, chapter 20

I'm not going to believe in God until He personally gives me an undeniable sign! Until then I will doubt who He is! Why wouldn't He give a sign? Lk4:12, Is35:4-5, Is42:6-7, Is29:18-19, Lk4:16-21, Lk7:18-23, Mk1:34, Jn6:1-2, Mt8:14-17, Lk4:40-41, Mk8:11-12, Mt12:38-42, Mt16:1-4, 1Co15:3-11, Ac5:12-16, Mk6:1-6, Jn21:25, Jn3:2, Jn20:24-31, 2Th2:1-10, Re13:3-4

#### *Lk4:12*

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

#### The Gospel of Luke, chapter 4

#### *Is35:4-5*

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
 "Be strong; fear not!  
 Behold, your God  
 will come with vengeance,  
 with the recompense of God.  
 He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped...

#### The Book of Isaiah, chapter 35

#### *Is42:6-7*

<sup>6</sup> "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
 I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
 a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

#### The Book of Isaiah, chapter 42

#### *Is29:18-19*

<sup>18</sup> In that day the deaf shall hear  
 the words of a book,  
 and out of their gloom and darkness  
 the eyes of the blind shall see.  
<sup>19</sup> The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,  
 and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

#### The Book of Isaiah, chapter 29

#### *Lk4:16-21*

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

#### The Gospel of Luke, chapter 4

#### *Lk7:18-23*

<sup>18</sup> The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup> calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>20</sup> And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" <sup>21</sup> In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup> And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

#### The Gospel of Luke, chapter 7

#### *Mk1:34*

<sup>34</sup> And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

#### The Gospel of Mark, chapter 1

#### *Jn6:1-2*

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick.

#### The Gospel of John, chapter 6

#### *Mt8:14-17*

<sup>14</sup> And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. <sup>15</sup> He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. <sup>16</sup> That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. <sup>17</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 8

**Lk4:40-41**

<sup>40</sup> Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. <sup>41</sup> And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 4

**Mk8:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. <sup>12</sup> And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."

The Gospel of Mark, chapter 8

**Mt12:38-42**

<sup>38</sup> Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." <sup>39</sup> But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup> For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. <sup>41</sup> The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. <sup>42</sup> The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here."

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 12

**Mt16:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. <sup>2</sup> He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' <sup>3</sup> And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. <sup>4</sup> An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed.

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 16

**1Co15:3-11**

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 15

**Ac5:12-16**

<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

The Book of Acts, chapter 5

**Mk6:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?" <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." <sup>5</sup> And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

The Gospel of Mark, chapter 6

**Jn21:25**

<sup>25</sup> Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

The Gospel of John, chapter 21

**Jn3:2**

<sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

The Gospel of John, chapter 3

**Jn20:24-31**

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

#### The Gospel of John, chapter 20

#### *2Th2:1-10*

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup> And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. <sup>9</sup> The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

#### The Second Epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 2

#### *Re13:3-4*

<sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

#### The Revelation, chapter 13

I've read all this and I still don't get it, I don't even care to, and I still don't believe God exists... 1Co1:18, Ps14:1, Heb11:6, 1Pe2:7-8, 1Co1:27-29, Jn3:36, 2Co11:3

#### *1Co1:18*

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

#### The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 1

#### *Ps14:1*

<sup>1</sup> The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,  
there is none who does good.

#### The 14<sup>th</sup> Psalm

#### *Heb11:6*

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

## The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 11

*1Pe2:7-8*

<sup>7</sup> 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,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

## The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 2

*1Co1:27-29*

<sup>27</sup> 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; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

## The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 1

*Jn3:36*

<sup>36</sup> “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

## The Gospel of John, chapter 3

*2Co11:3*

<sup>3</sup> But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

## The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 11

Believing any of this would be the equivalent of committing intellectual suicide... Ec2:14-16, Ez28:1-2, Jn8:43, Lv24:15

*Ec2:14-16*

<sup>14</sup> The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived that the same event happens to all of them. <sup>15</sup> Then I said in my heart, “What happens to the fool will happen to me also. Why then have I been so very wise?” And I said in my heart that this also is vanity. <sup>16</sup> For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How the wise dies just like the fool!

## The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 2

***Jn8:43***

<sup>43</sup> “Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.”

The Gospel of John, chapter 8

***Lv24:15***

<sup>15</sup> “And speak to the people of Israel, saying, ‘Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin.’”

The Book of Leviticus, chapter 24

I used to believe in God and follow Jesus... What should I do? Zc1:3

***Zc1:3***

<sup>3</sup> “Therefore say to them, ‘Thus declares the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

The Book of Zechariah, chapter 1

I tried Christianity once - it didn't do anything for me so it's obviously fake... Mal3:13-18

***Mal3:13-18***

<sup>13</sup> “Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup> You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?’ <sup>15</sup> And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

<sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup> “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup> Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

The Book of Malachi, chapter 3

Is all this about Jesus Christ true? Lk1:1-4, Ac1:1-3, Jn21:20-24, Re1:1-3, Lk24:13-27, 1Co15:14-26

***Lk1:1-4***

<sup>1</sup> Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup> just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup> it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 1

***Ac1:1-3***

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

## The Book of Acts, chapter 1

*Jn21:20-24*

<sup>20</sup> Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who had been reclining at table close to him and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" <sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" <sup>23</sup> So the saying spread abroad among the brothers and sisters that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

## The Gospel of John, chapter 21

*Re1:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his bondservants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his bondservant John, <sup>2</sup> who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

## The Revelation, chapter 1

*Lk24:13-27*

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

## The Gospel of Luke, chapter 24

*1Co15:14-26*

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile

and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

#### The First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 15

"Trinity" isn't in the bible; is God really three persons in one Godhead? Mt3:16-17, Jn15:26, Ep2:18, 1Th1:2-5, Mt28:19, 1Pe1:2, 2Co13:14

#### *Mt3:16-17*

<sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 3

#### *Jn15:26*

<sup>26</sup>"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me."

#### The Gospel of John, chapter 15

#### *Ep2:18*

<sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

#### The Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 2

#### *1Th1:2-5*

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

#### The First Epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 1

#### *Mt28:19*

<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

#### The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28

#### *1Pe1:2*

<sup>2</sup> ...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 1

**2Co13:14**

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 13

This is all from the Bible... How can I know this is what God would say? 2Ti3:16, Ac3:18, Hab2:2, Ex34:27, Jsh1:8, 2Pe1:19-21, 1Pe1:10-12

**2Ti3:16**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...

The Epistle to Timothy, chapter 3

**Ac3:18**

<sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

The Book of Acts, chapter 3

**Hab2:2**

<sup>2</sup> And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.”

The Book of Habakkuk, chapter 2

**Ex34:27**

<sup>27</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Write these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.”

The Book of Exodus, chapter 34

**Jsh1:8**

<sup>8</sup> “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

The Book of Joshua, chapter 1

**2Pe1:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in

your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

#### The Second Epistle of Peter, chapter 1

##### *1Pe1:10-12*

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

#### The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 1

But that's the Bible claiming it is the Word of God... Is there anywhere I can go to see it is indeed God's Word to me? (If you are looking for evidence before you are willing to consider The Word of God laid out above, please take the time to read the second document titled *He Is* from [www.HeHasAnswers.com](http://www.HeHasAnswers.com))

I pray that your questions have been answered in some way. I am sure some of these answers were very comforting to you. But I also understand that some will have been very difficult to hear. Know however that in both cases, they are the *Truth* of God. Many of these verses are promises reserved only for those who are 'believers *born again*', but to all the grace of God is extended and the gift of eternal life is freely offered.

Although I grew up in the church, at the age of twenty, seeing what the world had to offer, I walked away in pursuit of fun, pleasure, and adventure. I experienced much, traveled the world, had many laughs and exciting times, and lived in ways many envy and did things that many wish to do. The truth is, it left me empty – there was no **true** fulfillment in it. I thank God that after nine painful, selfish, heart-breaking years, He drew me back to Himself. Submitting to Him was the best decision I ever made. I now have true **joy** rather than fleeting happiness because I know my purpose in life; I have **peace** regardless of circumstance and adversity due to the promise of *eternal security*; and I have contentment from an understanding of my true **worth** and **value** thanks to the unconditional love of God. And I *still* get to have fun, pleasure, and adventure... only now it is no longer accompanied by a guilty conscience, shame, discontent, and the regret of hurt caused to others or myself. May you soon have this forever as well.

“Taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed are those who trust in Him.”

*Psalm 34:8*

Due to the grave and obvious importance of this invitation to know God, which all people must choose if they want or not in this life, please share this with as many people as you can via social media and any other means so that all will have the freedom of ability to exercise that choice.

If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [HansNfeet81@gmail.com](mailto:HansNfeet81@gmail.com). I'm also available to meet up if you would like.

God bless you;  
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