



# *The Power of God's Word*

*"For with God nothing is ever impossible  
and no word from God shall be without  
power or impossible of fulfillment."*

*Luke 1:37 (AMPC)*

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## INTRODUCTION

Do you know how much God really loves you? *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* John 3:16 (NKJV)

Just as it says above, He loves you so much that He sent His only begotten Son to pay for all your sins so that you may live! You were redeemed with a price. *“For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”* 1 Corinthians 6:20 (NKJV) This redemption was so costly that it had to be free for no one would have been able to afford it.

You are not your own. When you allow yourself to listen to the enemy who came to steal, kill, and destroy, you are being rebellious and have the attitude that you are your own and need no help to prove it! This behavior only results in broken heartedness as you have been taken captive by the enemy. Then you continue to listen to the destroyer instead of the only One who has the power to save you!

Remember, knowledge equals truth, and truth equals freedom! *“...you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”* John 8:32 (NKJV) The Word of God is life and power! We are not our own, and because of this, we do not have to stand alone in the fight against satan. Remember, we do not wrestle against flesh and blood. We must fight the principalities and powers of darkness with the Spirit of God! Well, how do we do that?

*“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the*

*preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” Ephesians 6:10-20 (NKJV)*

The Word of God is love, power, and life. We are ambassadors for the Word of God, and we just need to accept it and not reject it and speak it boldly knowing God is faithful to keep His Word. When we stand and speak God’s Word, awesome things will happen. Remember Hebrews 6:18 (NKJV) says “... it is impossible for God to lie ...”

*“Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.” Jeremiah 1:12 (AMPC)*

## **CHAPTER 1 THE POWER OF GOD’S WORD**

Psalm ninety-one has been known through the ages as the “Promises of Protection.” There have been numerous stories of people standing and reading this psalm to head off danger.

Once famous story about the power of Psalm 91 was the story that happened in World War I. It tells that the 91<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade of the U.S. Expeditionary Army was getting ready to combat in Europe. Most of the men were called “green soldiers” because they had never even seen combat. However, their commander was a devout believer in the Word of God, and he obviously knew and accepted the knowledge of God’s love and power for His people which had already been bought and paid for. This man stood on the promises of God.

Therefore, he assembled his men and gave each of them a little card on which was printed the 91st Psalm, the same number Psalm as

their brigade. They all agreed to recite Psalm 91 daily. What they did was a biblical act of faith, for God’s Word says “... I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.” Matthew 18:19 (NKJV)

After they had begun praying the psalms, the 91st Brigade was engaged in three of the bloodiest battles of World War I – Chateau Thierry, Belle Wood, and the Argonne. Other American units that fought in the same battles had up to 90 percent casualties, but the 91st Brigade did not suffer a single combat-related casualty.

There have been stories of people standing and speaking Psalm 91 in defense of terrible storms! Does that seem unbelievable to you? “*You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.*” Psalm 89:9 (NKJV)

Do you believe that Jesus did this? Well, He did, and since He did it, we can do it too, because He gave us the authority to! Jesus promised us, “*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*” John 14:12 (NKJV) Please notice it says, “...*he who believes in Me...*” will not ONLY do the works that Jesus did, **but the one who believes will do greater works!**

Let’s look at Psalms 91, and then break down each verse to investigate in order that we may fully understand how powerful it is!

### PSALMS 91

*“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.” Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge;*

*His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste*

*at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."* Psalm 91 (NKJV)

## **CHAPTER 2 GOD'S PROMISE TO US**

*"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."* Psalm 91:1 (NKJV)

This promise of Psalm 91 is written to the one, "...*who dwells in the secret place of the Most High.*" How do we become one of those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High? Let's read these next scriptures below wisely and we shall see. When we abide in God's tabernacle it means we are abiding in a sacred place.

*"Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the Lord; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change; He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved."* Psalm 15:1-5 (NKJV)

When we abide by these kingdom principles then we can say to God, *“You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.”* Psalm 119:114 (NKJV)

*“For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.”* Psalm 27:5 (NKJV)

A pavilion is a tent, roof or covering. God promises to hide us in times of trouble. *“Oh, how great is Your goodness, Which You have laid up for those who fear You, Which You have prepared for those who trust in You In the presence of the sons of men! You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence From the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion From the strife of tongues.”* Psalm 31:19-20 (NKJV)

His goodness is laid up for those who trust in Him. If we do not trust in Him, we will lack His covering. If we trust in Him, we are not ashamed of Him. *“For whoever is ashamed [here and now] of Me and My words in this adulterous (unfaithful) and [preeminently] sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory (splendor and majesty) of His Father with the holy angels.”* Mark 8:38 (AMPC)

This is truly something to think about when we are with our peers. I was having a conversation with the Holy Spirit one time, and I was saying I was not ashamed of Jesus my Savior, and He said, “Yeah, so why do you act different around some people than you do around others when you are speaking of Jesus?” I am truly thankful for every time God shows me when I am being lukewarm. I want to be on fire for God, and proud of my Savior. I want to receive all He has prepared for us, and done for us!

*“The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.”* Psalm 25:14-15 (NKJV)



God's Word talks a lot about fear. We need to keep this in mind. There are multiple definitions of the word fear. In Webster's universal dictionary, it gives the definition of the fear we must have of God. It says, "In Scripture reverence for God and His laws, which spring from a just view and love of the divine character. Reverence; respect; due regard for rightful authority."

On the other hand, fear is also defined as, "a painful emotion or passion excited by an expectation of evil, or the apprehension of impending danger. Fear expresses less apprehension than dread and is accompanied with a desire to avoid or ward off the expected evil. Fear is the passion of our nature, which excites us to provide for our security, on the approach of evil."

This desire to avoid or ward off this expected evil in turn causes a lot of us to just not believe that the devil is real and therefore we do not have to experience this painful emotion. This is just one of satan's greatest tricks because if we believe he does not exist, we will not believe that we must stand against him. "*Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him].*" Ephesians 4:27 (AMPC)

Here we see if we have the respect and "rightful authority" (reverential fear of God) He gives us the courage to know the truth. The truth is the devil is real, but he has no "rightful authority" over us. Then we do not have to have the painful fear of satan because we have the proper respectful fear of God which springs from a just view and love of the divine character of God!

Satan's greatest fear is that we all come to the knowledge of the truth. For when we possess a complete knowledge of the truth concerning situations, we will know that satan cannot defeat us! We will all have a type of fear, but which type do you want? The reverential fear of God, or the fear of satan? Which Lord (or master) will you serve?

*"Be my strong refuge, To which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, For You are my rock and my*

fortress.” Psalm 71:3 (NKJV) Isn’t this beautiful? We may resort to Him continually. He loves us and wants us to resort to Him continually!

*“The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.”* Psalm 34:15 (NKJV) Righteous means right-standing with God.

*“But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The Lord will hear when I call to Him.”* Psalm 4:3 (NKJV) When we are striving to operate in His kingdom principles, He will hear us when we call to Him; He knows our hearts.

*“Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.”* Psalm 37:5 (NKJV) There is that word trust again. If we do not trust Him, how can He help us?

*“I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”* John 12:46 (NKJV) Right here Jesus says, *“...whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”* He genuinely loves us. Real love does not force, so again we have a choice to believe and receive Him.

*“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”* 1 John 4:15 (NKJV) It says here *“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God”* abides in Him. You are the only one who can confess who your Savior is! You must claim Him to have Him abiding in you.

*“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you.”* John 14:16-17 (NASB) In this passage it clearly states the world cannot receive *“the Spirit of truth”* which is the Holy Spirit. The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit because it does not see Him; neither does it know Him. We must believe Him in order that we may receive Him!

*“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.” John 15:4-6 (NKJV)*

If we do not abide in Christ, we will cut ourselves off from Him and die. Just as a branch cut off the vine or tree, that cannot drink and live.

*“Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.” 1 John 3:24 (NKJV)*

*“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.” John 15:10 (NKJV)* To abide in means to live, dwell. To endure, as great love abides.

*“Anyone who runs on ahead [of God] and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ [who is not content with what He taught] does not have God; but he who continues to live in the doctrine (teaching) of Christ [does have God], he has both the Father and the Son.” 2 John 1:9 (AMPC)*

As you see we need Christ to have the Father also. We cannot have God the Father without the Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

*“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.” Psalm 119:11 (NKJV)*

We must read God’s Word and allow it to come into our hearts. It will not do any good to just sit there whining and say, “God please give me all your knowledge.” He has already supplied the instruction book; we must read and receive it! If we do not read it for ourselves and get a hold of it, we become separated from Him. Separation from Him is sin.

*“Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!” Psalm 119:2 (NKJV) We must seek Him with our whole heart!*

*“The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.” 2 Samuel 22:3-4 (NKJV)*

*“I will dwell in Your tabernacle forever; let me find refuge And trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]! For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear, revere, and honor Your name.” Psalm 61: 4-5 (AMPC) His Tabernacle is a holy dwelling place. Note the other key words in this verse: trust, given, heritage, and fear. We must rightly divide the Word to have the fulness of it.*

*“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,” Deuteronomy 10:12 (NKJV)*

To fear the LORD is to give Him rightful authority over us; we are His. He has bought and paid for us! Do not let the enemy steal that truth from you!

*“And now, little children, abide (live, remain permanently) in Him, so that when He is made visible, we may have and enjoy perfect confidence (boldness, assurance) and not be ashamed and shrink from Him at His coming.” 1 John 2:28 (AMPC)*

*“If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;” 1 John 1:6 (NASB)*

Our personal intimate relationship is important! We cannot let other people tell us about Jesus and make us think that they are the only ones who can talk to Him on our behalf! We must take time to fellowship

and have communion with Him for ourselves and intimately know Him or He will say: “...I never knew you...” Matthew 7:23 (NKJV)

### CHAPTER 3 YOUR CONFESSION TO TRUST IN GOD

*“I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust!” Psalm 91:2 (AMPC)*

This is your confession that you will trust God’s Word. Again, if we do not trust Him, He cannot direct our paths and we will be lost. Look at some of the reasons to trust Him.

*“**Trust** in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV) Someone will direct our paths; it is up to us to choose our director.*

*“Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.” Proverbs 30:5 (NKJV)*

*“It is better to **trust** and take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in man.” Psalm 118:8 (AMPC)*

*“For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword save me. But You have saved us from our enemies, And have put to shame those who hated us.” Psalm 44:6-7 (NKJV)*

Note how it says that “I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword save me” If we put our trust in our carnal weapons and not in God’s spiritual weaponry, then we are not TRUSTING IN HIM. Remember, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV) We must fight spirit with His Spirit.

*“Whenever I am afraid, I will **trust** in You. In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my **trust**; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?”* Psalm 56:3-4 (NKJV)

*“The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”* Psalm 118:6 (NKJV) We should not fear man or satan. That is a spirit of fear, and that is not from God. The only fear we should have is a reverential fear of God.

*“for the Lord your God is the One who is going with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.”* Deuteronomy 20:4 (NASB)

Praise God! He goes with us to fight for us, to save us!

*“The Lord utters His voice before His army; His camp is indeed very great, For mighty is one who carries out His word. The day of the Lord is indeed great and very awesome, And who can endure it?”* Joel 2:11 (AMPC) The day of the LORD is coming; it is great and very awesome. Who can endure it? Only the ones who execute His Word; fighting, spirit with Spirit, by using the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

*“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”* Isaiah 41:10 (NKJV)

*“For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.”* Isaiah 43:3 (NKJV)

*“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”* Psalm 18:2 (NKJV)

*“For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.”* Psalm 100:5 (NKJV)

*“Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!”* Psalm 105:1 (NKJV) We need to always

remember to give thanks to Him and call upon His name and let others know what He has done for us! Testify to others to build their faith in Him.

*“For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods.”*  
Psalm 95:3 (NKJV)

*“The Lord is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples.”*  
Psalm 99:2 (NKJV)

*“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the [consistently] righteous man [upright and in right standing with God] runs into it and is safe, high [above evil] and strong.”* Proverbs 18:10 (AMPC) Who are the ones that run to the name of the LORD and are safe? The righteous are. The ones who are right standing with Him. Those who trust Him.

*“The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence.”* 2 Samuel 22:3 (NKJV)

*“The Lord is your keeper; The Lord is your shade at your right hand.”* Psalm 121:5 (NKJV)

*“So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”* Hebrews 13:6 (NKJV)

*“For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.”* Ephesians 2:14-16 (NKJV)

Let us look at the meaning of enmity. In the Webster’s Universal Dictionary, it says: The quality of being an enemy; the opposite of friendship; ill will; hatred; unfriendly disposition.

If you read Ephesians 2:14-16 with this in mind, it clearly says He has abolished law of commandments contained in ordinances. Why did

He do this? He did this to provide us with a new and better covenant. Because He has provided this new covenant, we can now walk in a finished work! Jesus reconciled us to God once and for all! He took away our sin (our separation from God), so we are now called His “friends.” He gave us back what was taken away from Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden when satan tricked Eve.

*“But the Lord has become my High Tower and Defense, and my God the Rock of my refuge.”* Psalm 94:22 (AMPC)

*“The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked...”* Nahum 1:3 (NKJV)

*“And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].”* 2 Corinthians 9:8 (AMPC)

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”* Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)

*“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.”* Psalm 34:8-10 (NKJV)

When we get back to the simplicity of God, which is to partake of His Word and apply what He says to apply, we are putting on the whole armor of God, and we will have the faith to confess our TRUST in God and not be ashamed of our Savior Jesus Christ!

He came to heal the broken hearted and set the captives free! For our broken hearts to be healed we must confess our sins and bring them to the light. No more hiding them inside of us to rot and turn to sickness, disease, and finally death! No, we need to simply confess, trust, and DO what God says to DO, then our hearts can be healed, and we are no longer



captives of satan, but free of guilt, shame, condemnation, disease, and death! Give it up to Him and stop holding on to that junk!

Jesus "...personally bore our sins in His [own] body on the tree [as on an altar and offered Himself on it], that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24 (AMPC) Some people say, "I will be healed IF it is God's will." They obviously do not have an intimate relationship with God, or they would KNOW their healing is His will! He sent His only begotten Son who paid the price! We are redeemed from those curses! Praise God for His Love, Mercy and Grace!

#### **CHAPTER 4**

#### **DELIVERANCE FROM THE SNARE OF THE FOWLER**

*"Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
And from the perilous pestilence."* Psalm 91:3 (NKJV)

*"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because  
He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."* 1 John 4:4 (NKJV)

*"Many evils confront the [consistently] righteous, but the Lord  
delivers him out of them all."* Psalm 34:19 (AMPC)

Who are the righteous? They are the ones who are in right standing with God. They are the ones who are reading, rightly dividing, and DOING His Word.

*"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God,  
my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold."* Psalm 18:2 (NKJV)

*"When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers  
them out of all their distress and troubles."* Psalm 34:17 (AMPC)

The ones who are in right standing with God (righteous) continually cry out to God and He hears them and delivers them!

*“He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man.”* Psalm 18:48 (NKJV)

*“You who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.”* Psalm 97:10 (NKJV)

If we genuinely love the LORD, we hate evil and we will have His discernment as to what (or who) is good or evil and so that we can be delivered out of the hand of the wicked.

*“He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me.”* Psalm 18:17 (NKJV) Notice how it says here *“they were too strong for me”*. We can do nothing without Christ. We NEED Him!

*“Behold, the Lord’s eye is upon those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe], who wait for Him and hope in His mercy and loving-kindness, To deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.”* Psalm 33:18-19 (AMPC)

*“He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.”* Psalm 145:19 (NKJV)

*“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”* 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 (NKJV) Do we see the importance of bringing every thought captive into the obedience of Christ?

*“You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You. So trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope*

*confidently in Him) forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock [the Rock of Ages].” Isaiah 26:3-4 (AMPC)*

When we keep our mind on Him and trust in Him no matter how things look to our physical eye, we will have perfect peace trusting in His everlasting strength, keeping our spiritual eyes on our royal inheritance as Sons of God.

*“You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God is opposed to the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. So resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world.” 1 Peter 5:5-9 (NASB)* It says here above for us to be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud. Pride is a bad devil and when we are operating in pride, we are then setting ourselves up to be devoured by satan. He wants us to deny our Father and to take away our Son Ship! Is pride worth it?

We do not have to puff ourselves up. He will exalt and honor us in His timing. His exaltation will be awesome for all His children. In the meantime.....

*“Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And God’s peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 (AMPC)*

Wow! Isn't this good? When we trust in God and are not fearful of anything, we are replacing fear with prayer, supplication, and thanks unto the Father making our requests known unto Him in the name of Jesus! And it is at this point when His peace which surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus! We can see again here the importance of an intimate relationship with Him. He wants us to walk, talk, and fellowship with Him!

*"He has turned His attention to the prayer of the destitute And has not despised their prayer."* Psalm 102:17 (NASB)

*"The Lord is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous."* Proverbs 15:29 (NKJV) Why is the LORD far from the wicked but HE hears the prayers of the righteous?

*"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.."* Proverbs 15:8 (NKJV) He delights in us (His children) when we talk to Him, just as we delight in our children when they seek us and talk to us!

*"But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."* 1 Peter 4:7-8 (NKJV) Now what did this say? *"...Above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."* When we have real love, we do not hate anyone or have any un-forgiveness.

*"and the prayer of faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much."* James 5:15-16 (NASB) We are supposed to help deliver each other by praying faithfully for each other and confessing our sins one to another so that we all may be healed.

To commit sin is to depart voluntarily from the path of duty prescribed by God to man. When we have hatred, which is a lack of love

and un-forgiveness, we are denying God and His Kingdom Principles, and that is sin. Sin ties Gods hands to protect and bless us. If we step outside of His covering, His protection, we cannot blame Him. It is a choice we make. He LOVES us and true LOVE does not force. He wants us to LOVE Him back and willfully come to Him. He also wants us to LOVE one another. If we really want to be loved, and healed, and we truly want our sins forgiven, we must love and faithfully pray for, and serve one another.

*“And Peter opened his mouth and said: Most certainly and thoroughly I now perceive and understand that God shows no partiality and is no respecter of persons, But in every nation he who venerates and has a reverential fear for God, treating Him with worshipful obedience and living uprightly, is acceptable to Him and sure of being received and welcomed [by Him].”* Acts 10:34-35 (AMPC) God is no respecter of persons therefore we should not be a respecter of persons. Everybody is important to God, and He does not have any favorites. The inheritance that our Father has is the same for all of us. The promise in Revelation is as follows and applies to us all. *“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”* Revelation 22:12 (NKJV)

*“Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.”* Psalm 54:2 (NKJV)

*“Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is the sustainer of my soul.”* Psalm 54:4 (NASB)

*“Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; guard and preserve my life from the terror of the enemy.”* Psalm 64:1 (AMPC)

*“God is our refuge and strength, A very ready help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth shakes And the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; Though its waters roar and foam, Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.”* Psalm 46:1-3 (NASB) Wow! What an awesome confession for us to make! When we trust in God, we have Him as our refuge and strength! Even when the world is falling apart around us, we will not fear! What an awesome Father we have!

*"persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me."* 2 Timothy 3:11 (NKJV)

*"Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant. It does not act disgracefully, it does not seek its own benefit; it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong suffered, it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; it keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."* 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NASB) Love gives us strength. God is Love!

*"In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]."* Ephesians 6:10 (AMPC) Please notice how it says here that we are to be strong in the Lord. We do not have to try to have our own strength, but we trust in His power and might as it flows through us.

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?"* Psalm 27:1 (NKJV)

*"Seek the Lord and His strength; yearn for and seek His face and to be in His presence continually!"* 1 Chronicles 16:11 (AMPC)

*"God is my strength and power, And He makes my way perfect."* 2 Samuel 22:33 (NKJV)

*"Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord."* Psalm 27:14 (AMPC)

"Wait" does not mean to sit and do nothing. Wait means to serve. When we wait on each other we wait upon (serve) God.

*"Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you."*

*Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin.” Exodus 32:34 (NKJV)*

*“The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.” Psalm 34:7 (NKJV)*

*“I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars.” Isaiah 45:2 (NASB)*

*“It is the Lord Who goes before you; He will [march] with you; He will not fail you or let you go or forsake you; [let there be no cowardice or flinching, but] fear not, neither become broken [in spirit—depressed, dismayed, and unnerved with alarm].” Deuteronomy 31:8 (AMPC)*

*“And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.” 2 Chronicles 20:15 (NKJV)*

These scriptures are all awesome promises of deliverance to whomever will open their eyes, ears, and hearts to receive them! When we try to take on the battles of life without God we will always lose, but with God we always win! As it says in the scripture above, we do not need to be afraid nor dismayed of the great multitude for the battle is not ours, but Gods!

## **CHAPTER 5 GODS PROTECTION AND COVERAGE**

*“He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.” Psalm 91:4 (NKJV)*

This is His promise that He will protect you. His truth is your shield. Look at these scriptures that backup this promise of protection. We must have His truth to have His shield. We can only get His truth from

seeking Him, praying, fasting, and reading His Word. This is how we have true fellowship with Him.

*“Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. Psalm 63:7 (NKJV)*

*“Be merciful and gracious to me, O God, be merciful and gracious to me, for my soul takes refuge and finds shelter and confidence in You; yes, in the shadow of Your wings will I take refuge and be confident until calamities and destructive storms are passed.” Psalm 57:1 (AMPC)*

*“I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah” Psalm 61:4 (NKJV)*

*“You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.” Psalm 18:35 (NKJV) Notice it says, “You have also given me the shield of Your salvation...” Salvation is a gift. We cannot buy or earn it. “So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.” James 1:21 (AMPC)*

*“The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart triumphs, And with my song I shall thank Him.” Psalm 28:7 (NASB) We always need to praise Him and let Him know how much we are thankful for all He has done for us!*

*“You, Lord, will not withhold Your compassion from me; Your mercy and Your truth will continually watch over me.” Psalm 40:11 (NASB)*

*“For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.” Psalm 5:12 (NKJV)*

*“But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.” Psalm 3:3 (NKJV)*



*“As for me, I will call upon God, And the Lord shall save me. Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.”* Psalm 55:16-17 (NKJV)

*“My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.”* Psalm 63:5-6 (NKJV)

*“For You are my rock and my fortress; For the sake of Your name You will lead me and guide me. You will pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, For You are my strength.”* Psalm 31:3-4 (NASB)

I get so excited when I read Gods Word! It fills me with strength and happiness! God is so Good!!! Can you taste His goodness?

*“But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].”* John 16:13 (AMPC)

*“You are near, O Lord, And all Your commandments are truth.”* Psalm 119:151 (NKJV)

*“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”* John 17:17 (NKJV)

*“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* John 14:6 (NKJV) Jesus says no one comes to the Father except through Him. We cannot have the Father without accepting the Son.

*“Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and a good reputation In the sight of God and man.”* Proverbs 3:3-4 (NASB) If we do not read the Word and rightly divide it, then we will not know what

true mercy and truth are. We must read the Word to have these things written on the tablet of our heart.

*“He also taught me, and said to me: “Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live. Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.”* Proverbs 4:4-5 (NKJV) To live we must keep God’s commands and not turn away from truth and forget them!

*“The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning (the chief and choice part) of Wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight and understanding.”* Proverbs 9:10 (AMPC) There is that word fear again. Remember to fear the Lord is to have reverence, respect, and a due regard for rightful authority.

*“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night, On an instrument of ten strings, On the lute, And on the harp, With harmonious sound. For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands.”* Psalm 92:1-4 (NKJV) Here again we see the Lord loves for us, His children, to sing, dance, and give praises to Him. No matter what our age is, we are still His children, and He delights in us when we do these things for Him.

*“Your faithfulness continues throughout generations; You established the earth, and it stands.”* Psalm 119:90 (NASB) This is awesome! God’s faithfulness endures to all generations. To abide is to endure.

*“The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let’s rid ourselves of the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”* Romans 13:12 (NASB)

### **We have been given dominion over the earth!**

We are supposed to be the light of the world. When bad things happen, some people get very angry and say, “Where was God when this happened?” Well... bad things only happen when spiritual laws (kingdom

principles) are broken. Yet He still has given us the LOVE and POWER to take dominion over situations in our lives by standing on His truth (His Word) and turning any situation, no matter how bad it seems, into His glory!

He never leaves us. We leave him! When we break spiritual laws, bad things happen. But then the bad things make us remember that we **do** need God and we cry out to Him for help. He always comes to our aid when we earnestly cry out to Him and repent of our sin (our separation from Him).

*“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.”*  
Ephesians 6:11-16 (NKJV)

*“Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.”* Psalm 25:5 (NKJV)

*“Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You.”*  
Psalm 25:21 (NKJV)

Here in Psalm 25:5 and Psalm 25:21 the word *wait* in the Hebrew is *qavah* (Strong’s#6960) and is defined as “*wait, or look eagerly, for.*”

Now, think about this, a good waiter anticipates serving whoever comes in their restaurant to eat. They watch you intently to see if you have need of anything, and when they see a need they come to your service. They wait upon you. That is how God wants us to wait upon Him

and give Him what He asks for. We are to serve Him. As we are serving each other, we are serving Him.

If we wait on Him as it says in Psalm 25:5 and Psalm 25:21, (as in the true meaning of how the word wait reads in the Hebrew) then we walk in salvation everyday as we are being taught of Him. We are preserved daily by His integrity and righteousness!

## **CHAPTER 6 TO HAVE COURAGE WE MUST PUT OUR ARMOR ON**

*“You will not be afraid of the terror by night, Or of the arrow that flies by day; Of the plague that stalks in darkness, Or of the destruction that devastates at noon.”* Psalm 91:5-6 (NASB)

How many times in our lives have we been afraid of something that we did not know anything about? Have you ever met someone who you were intimidated by because of something you heard about them? Then later on you truly got to know that person and found out what you were told was a lie! There are also times where we have met someone who we were told was wonderful, trustworthy etc. only to later find out that too was a lie! That is why we need a personal relationship with God. We need to get to know Him and know He is with us always and He loves us. He has given us spiritual gifts and one of those gifts is the discernment of spirits.

We must have our armor on so we will not have the wrong kind of fear! *“Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; do not be afraid of him,”* says the Lord, *“for I am with you, to save you and deliver you from his hand.”* Jeremiah 42:11 (NKJV)

A lot of people fear satan because they do not know they have dominion over **every** principality and power of darkness! When we have God's truth (His Word) we have courage because we know He is in us therefore, He is with us! We are His temple.

*“Only do not rebel against the Lord, neither fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their defense and the shadow [of protection] is removed from over them, but the Lord is with us. Fear them not.” Numbers 14:9 (AMPC) Please notice how it says their protection has departed from them. They stepped away from God and were in sin. The LORD is with us if we do not rebel against Him.*

*“He shall say to them, ‘Hear, Israel, you are approaching the battle against your enemies today. Do not be fainthearted. Do not be afraid, or panic, or be terrified by them, for the Lord your God is the One who is going with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.’” Deuteronomy 20:3-4 (NASB)*

*“Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.” Psalm 24:8 (NKJV)*

*“Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.” I Samuel 12:24 (NKJV) We are to serve Him in truth with all our heart and consider what great things He has done for us!*

*“But the Lord your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies.” 2 Kings 17:39 (NKJV)*

*“Let the lying lips be put to silence, Which speak insolent things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous. Oh, how great is Your goodness, Which You have laid up for those who fear You, Which You have prepared for those who trust in You In the presence of the sons of men!” Psalm 31:18-19 (NKJV)*

This is awesome! *“Let the lying lips be put to silence!”* Satan is a liar. He wants us to fear him so he can control us and deceive us. We are not ignorant concerning his devices! When we have God's Word, we have truth and light. We can see into darkness and go boldly into it and shine His light, power, and life!

*“In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.” Proverbs 14:26-27 (NKJV)*

*“The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord prolongs one’s days, but the years of the wicked shall be made short.” Proverbs 10:27 (AMPC) When we have this kind of fear of God then we have a greater understanding of His Word when He promises us, “...I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.” Jeremiah 32:40 (NKJV)*

We do not have to have the fear satan would like us to have. If we take on the spirit of fear from satan, then we give him authority over us. **He has no rightful authority over us, unless we give it to him.**

It is satan's greatest fear for us to have a reverential fear of God, and not a spirit of fear from him. He knows when this takes place he loses, for we overcome him! *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)*

*“Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you.” Isaiah 35:4 (NKJV)*

*“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6 (NKJV)*

*“Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for and hope for and expect the Lord!” Psalm 31:24 (AMPC)*

*“Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.” Psalm 27:14 (NASB)*

Keep in mind the true meaning of “Waiting on the LORD.” It is not sitting on your thumb whining, waiting for Him to do something for you.

He has already given you all you need, all you must do is believe it, receive it, keep the faith, stand on His word, and DO what it says! Your believing equals your receiving!

*“The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.”* Proverbs 28:1 (NKJV) See how it says here *“The wicked flee when no one pursues?”* The wicked ones are scared and paranoid. The spirit of fear has put them in a prison where they are no threat to satan. That is what they get from fearing satan. But the one who trusts in and has the reverent fear of God, *“He will not fear bad news; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is firm, he will not fear, But will look with satisfaction on his enemies.”* Psalm 112:7-8 (NASB)

*“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.”* John 14:1 (NKJV) See how Jesus says here *“you believe in God, believe also in Me.”* There are a lot of people who say they believe in God, but not Jesus. They have partial truth. The Word says the only way to the Father is through the Son. *“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* John 14:6 (NKJV)

*“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”* John 14:27 (NKJV)

*“Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; For the Lord will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.”* Proverbs 3:25-26 (NKJV)

*“If an army encamps against me, My heart will not fear; If war arises against me, In spite of this I am confident.”* Psalm 27:3 (NASB)

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?”* Psalm 27:3 (NKJV)

*“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.”* Isaiah 43:2 (NKJV)

*“Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, ‘I am strong.’”* Joel 3:10 (NKJV)

Concerning our father Abraham God’s Word says, *“He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”* Romans 4:20-21 (NKJV)

*“Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay. But My righteous one will live by faith; And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not among those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith for the safekeeping of the soul.”* Hebrews 10:35-39 (NASB) We are expected to endure until the end and not draw back. We are keeping our faith and going all the way to receive the prize!

*“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.”* Philippians 1:3-7 (NKJV)

**We must have BOLDNESS in what we have IN CHRIST!**



*“And now, Lord, observe their threats and grant to Your bond servants [full freedom] to declare Your message fearlessly,” Acts 4:29 (AMPC)*

*“Therefore let’s approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of our need.” Hebrews 4:16 (NASB)*

*“In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].” Ephesians 6:10 (AMPC)* We are to be strong in Him and the power of His might! All we must do is believe His Word no matter what our physical eye sees. He has made promises to us and He cannot lie!

*“Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. All that you do must be done in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NASB)*

*“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV)*

Real courage can only come through knowing the full truth and having faith in it. *“...faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17 (NKJV)*

**TRUTH = COURAGE AND COURAGE = TRUTH**

**THE ARMOR OF GOD IS HIS WORD, HIS TRUTH**

## CHAPTER 7 TRUE SAFETY ONLY IN GOD

*“A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.”* Psalm 91:7-8 (NKJV) These verses promise us that we will see horrible things but as we stand on the power of His Word and do not waiver from our faith in His promises these things shall not come near us!

Here Proverbs tells us of the blessings that are associated with keeping His Word. *“My son, let them not escape from your sight, but keep sound and godly Wisdom and discretion, And they will be life to your inner self, and a gracious ornament to your neck (your outer self). Then you will walk in your way securely and in confident trust, and you shall not dash your foot or stumble. When you lie down, you shall not be afraid; yes, you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet.”* Proverbs 3:21-24 (AMPC)

These following verses remind us not to trust in anyone or anything more than God.

*“But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil.”* Proverbs 1:33 (NKJV)

*“The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.”* Proverbs 29:25 (NKJV)

*“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.”* Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV)

*“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”* Psalm 18:2 (NKJV)

*“A horse is a false hope for victory; Nor does it rescue anyone by its great strength.”* Psalm 33:17 (NASB)

*“The horse is prepared for the day of battle, But deliverance is of the Lord.” Proverbs 21:31 (NKJV)*

*“I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust!” Psalm 91:2 (AMPC)*

*“Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the Lord.” Psalm 4:5 (NKJV)* To offer the sacrifices of righteousness means to be in a right standing with God, no matter what the world looks like. It will be tough at times, but when we trust in the LORD He will bring us through any fire of sacrifice! Praise God!

*“In peace I will both lie down and sleep, For You alone, Lord, have me dwell in safety.” Psalm 4:8 (NASB)*

*“You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah” Psalm 32:7 (NKJV)*

*“The sorrows of the wicked are many, But the one who trusts in the Lord, goodness will surround him.” Psalm 32:10 (NASB)*

*“For He will give His angels [especial] charge over you to accompany and defend and preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service].” Psalm 91:11 (AMPC)* He **shall** give His angels charge over you! Just ask and you will receive.

*“For You have been a strength to the poor, A strength to the needy in his distress, A refuge from the storm, A shade from the heat; For the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.” Isaiah 25:4 (NKJV)*

*“But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; For You have been my defense And refuge in the day of my trouble.” Psalm 59:16 (NKJV)*

*“For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter; in the secret place of His tent will He hide me; He will set me high upon a rock.”* Psalm 27:5 (AMPC)

*“He calms the storm, So that its waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.”* Psalm 107:29-30 (NKJV)

*“He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.”* Psalm 91:15 (NASB) When we call upon Him, He will answer us and be with us in trouble. Our Father loves us, (His little children) and wants us to call upon Him for all our needs. He longs to commune with us spirit to spirit.

*“How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!”* Psalm 139:17 (NKJV)

*“Where there is no guidance the people fall, But in an abundance of counselors there is victory.”* Proverbs 11:14 (NASB) The problem with a lot of us today is that we think we are so smart, and we do not need any one to counsel us. There is safety in Godly counselors. We need to have discernment from God to know if the counselors are there for reconciliation to God, or separation from God. Remember not all counsel is godly counsel. *“Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly...”* Psalm 1:1 (NKJV) However, as Proverbs 11:14 says there is victory in an abundance of godly counsel.

*“Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.”* Psalm 119:117 (NKJV)

*“He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;”* Proverbs 2:7 (NKJV)

Look at what God says in His Word:

*“For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise,” says the Lord; “I will set him in the safety for which he yearns.”* Psalm 12:5 (NKJV)

*“He makes my feet like hinds’ feet [able to stand firmly or make progress on the dangerous heights of testing and trouble]; He sets me securely upon my high places.” Psalm 18:33 (AMPC)*

He will set our feet on high places! He holds the key to the safety we yearn for!

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)* The fools are the ones without humility who are too smart to receive instruction, wisdom, knowledge etc. They think they already know it all therefore, they are being controlled by pride. Pride is a bad devil and leads to false exaltation of ourselves. False exaltation always results in a fall. *“Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18 (NKJV)*

Pride stems from rebellion. Rebellion comes from bad spirits of insecurity, and inferiority. Rebellion is our fleshly way of fighting satan’s lies telling us we are full of faults and are inferior to others, therefore pride begins to manifest. Pride begins lying to us by telling us we are better than others.

## **CHAPTER 8 SECURITY DWELLING IN HIM**

*“Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, you dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;” Psalms 91:9-10 (NKJV)* As you see here it says when we make the Lord our dwelling place, we have His promise of security.

*“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (NKJV)*

*“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of*

*God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!” 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NKJV)*

*“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)*

*“teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20 (NKJV)*

*“Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.” Psalms 20:6 (NKJV)*

*“But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble.” Psalms 37:39 (NKJV)*

*“My defense is of God, Who saves the upright in heart.” Psalms 7:10 (NKJV)*

*“Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by.” Psalms 57:1 (NKJV)*

*“O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.” Psalms 140:7 (NKJV)*

*“God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.” Psalms 46:1 (NKJV)*

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: Of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalms 27:1 (NKJV)*

*“The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him” Psalms 28:7 (NKJV)*

*“For the Lord will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.” Proverbs 3:26 (NKJV)*

*“He is my rock and my salvation, He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.” Psalms 62:2 (NKJV)*

*“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” 1 Corinthians 1:9 (NKJV)*

*“What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— and the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was revealed to us— what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.” 1 John 1:1-3 (NASB)*

*“Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; Defend me from those who rise up against me.” Psalms 59:1 (NKJV)*

*“No grave trouble will overtake the righteous, But the wicked shall be filled with evil.” Psalms 12:21 (NKJV)*

Concerning wisdom God’s Word says this, *“He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful; And a wise man’s heart discerns both time and judgement, Because for every matter there is a time and judgement. Though the misery of man increases greatly.” Ecclesiastes 8:5-6 (NKJV)*

To be wise and have discernment, it is obvious we must have God’s Word engraved in our hearts.

*“The way of the Lord is strength for the upright, But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.” Proverbs 10:29 (NKJV)*

*“I will go in the strength of the Lord God; I will make mention of Your righteousness of Yours only.” Psalm 71:16 (NKJV)*

*“In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul.”* Psalms 138:3 (NKJV) To have His strength we must cry out for it. After asking for His strength and receiving, we are then made BOLD.

*“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”* Romans 15:13 (NKJV) It speaks here of, *“the God of hope.”* Hope is desire accompanied by expectation, anticipation, and confidence. Since our God is the God of hope, we should always expect, anticipate, and have confidence in knowing He will do what His word says He will do! In this way we have joy and peace by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit be with you all. Amen.”* 2 Corinthians 13:14 (NKJV) We have the grace (God’s mercy or His divine favor) through our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. We have the love (to have a feeling of deep affection for; to delight in) from God our Father. And we have the communion (fellowship; and intimate exchange of spiritual thoughts and feelings) with the Holy Spirit! When we commune with the Holy Spirit, He leads and guides us into all truth! Now that’s security!

## **CHAPTER 9 HE SENDS MORE HELP**

*“For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.”* Psalm 91:11-12 (NKJV) In addition to the Holy Spirit, God sends angels to help us, just like they ministered to Jesus!

*“My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.”* Psalm 121:2 (NKJV)

*“Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is with those who uphold my life.”* Psalm 54:4 (NKJV)



*“There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you, and in His excellency on the clouds.” Deuteronomy 33:26 (NKJV)*

*“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.” Psalm 138:7 (NKJV)*

*“This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.” Psalm 34:6 (NKJV)*

*“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!” Psalm 34:8 (NKJV) Taste and see! The taste of the Lord just gets better and better!*

*“And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.” Psalm 37:40 (NKJV)*

*“For the Lord your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.” Deuteronomy 20:4 (NKJV)*

*“Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.” Psalm 33:18-19 (NKJV)*

*“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way.” Psalm 37:23 (NKJV)*

*“Rejoice always, pray without Ceasing, in everything you do give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-20 (NKJV) A lot of people get offended by true prophecies because the truth is sometimes unpleasant. Most false prophecies are from soothsayers (false prophets) and not from God. “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” 1 John 4:1 (NKJV)*

We should not despise the truth but thank God for the revelation of true prophecy. When we receive true prophecy, we can see the ways we are in error, repent, and turn back to God! This is not about condemnation, but all about correction. His Word brings rightful correction in love. *“For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes. You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline?”* Hebrews 12:6-7 (AMPC)

*“Cast your burden on the Lord, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.”* Psalm 55:22 (NKJV)

*“The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”* Zephaniah 3:17 (NKJV)

*“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.”* Luke 18:1-2 (NKJV)

*“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”* 2 Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV) He will show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him! Our country has not been loyal to Him. We have allowed Him to be taken out of nearly everything in our lives. Our schools, our homes, our court houses, and especially our churches! Therefore, we shall have wars. We must turn back to Him and remember; *“God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.”* Psalm 46:1 (NKJV)

*“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

*“Many are they who say of me, “There is no help for him in God.” But You, O Lord, are a shield for me. My glory and the one who lifts up my head. I cried to the Lord with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around. Arise, O Lord; Save me, O my God! For you have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people.” Psalms 3:2-8 (NKJV)*

*“Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord make haste to help me!” Psalm 40: 13 (NKJV)*

*“But I am poor and needy; Yet the Lord thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.” Psalm 40:17 (NKJV)*

*“Let your hand become my help, For I have chosen Your precepts.” Psalm 119:173 (NKJV) Choose His precepts so His hand can become your help! If we deny Him or ignore Him, we tie His hands to help us!*

*“Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers, The snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.” Psalms 124: 7-8 (NKJV)*

*“Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.” Psalm 63:7 (NKJV)*

## **CHAPTER 10**

### **WE HAVE VICTORY WHEN WE TURN BACK TO GOD**

*“You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the cobra you shall trample underfoot.” Psalm 91:13 (NKJV)*

*“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)*

*“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.” 1 John 5:4 (NKJV)*

*“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all.” Psalm 34:19 (NKJV)*

*“Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations.” James 1:2 (AMPC) Count it all as joy! All those fiery trials we go through while standing on His Word, we count them all as joy!*

*“Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The Lord will be a light to me.” Micah 7:8 (NKJV)*

*“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand.” Psalm 37:23-24 (NKJV)*

*“For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.” Proverbs 24:16 (NKJV)*

*“Do not get upset because of evildoers, Do not be envious of wrongdoers. For they will wither quickly like the grass, And decay like the green plants.” Psalm 37:1-2 (NKJV)*

*“But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble.” Psalm 37:39 (NKJV)*

*“He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet.” Psalm 47:3 (NKJV)*

*“Through You we will push down our enemies; Through Your name we will trample those who rise against us.” Psalm 44:5 (NKJV)*

*“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (NKJV)*

*“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19 Did we hear and understand that? He gave us authority over all the powers of the enemy! THIS IS VICTORY!*

*“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor power, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:37-39 (NKJV)*

*“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57 (NKJV)*

*“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.” 2 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV) Through us He diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place! He has a calling for each of us, and He has given us dominion over every principality and power! We are diffusers of His knowledge!*

*“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” Colossians 2:15 (NKJV)*

*“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” James 4:7 (NKJV) If we are not fully submitted to God, then we will not have the power to resist the devil. Being fully submitted to God means we are acknowledging Him in **all our ways** so that He can direct our paths. (Proverbs 3:6)*

## **CHAPTER 11**

### **GOD HONORS THOSE WHO LOVE HIM**

*“Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.” Psalm 91:14-15 (NKJV) Deliverance and honor that comes from our Father! This is our rightful exaltation.*

*“Therefore the Lord God of Israel says; ‘I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.’ But now the Lord says; ‘Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor,*

*and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.” 1 Samuel 2:30 (NKJV)*

*“He who despises the Word will be destroyed, But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.” Proverbs 13:13 (NKJV)*

**He who has ears to hear let him hear!**

*“Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; “and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.” Deuteronomy 7:9-10 (NKJV)*

*“For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.” Psalm 75:6-7 (NKJV)*

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.” Psalm 111:10 (NKJV) If we want His wisdom, we must have a reverential fear of Him and do His commandments.*

*“Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.” Proverbs 4:7-8 (NKJV)*

*“I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.” Psalm 8:17 (NKJV)*

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5 (NKJV)*

*“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.” Deuteronomy 28:1 (NKJV)*

*“And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who see You.”* Psalm 9:10 (NKJV) If we do not have an intimate relationship with God, we will not know Him therefore, we will not trust Him. Consequently, if we do not trust Him, He cannot cover us.

*“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”* Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)

*“Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”* Daniel 11:32 (NKJV)

*“Corrupt with flattery.”* There are your soothsayers who will corrupt those who do not know God. To truly know the Word is to know God.

*“For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive. And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me”* Psalm 86:5-7 (NKJV)

*“Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”* Psalm 50:15 (NKJV)

*“The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.”* Psalm 145:18 (NKJV) Who is the Lord nearby? He is near, *“To all who call upon Him in truth.”*

*“For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* Romans 10:13 (NKJV)

*“I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.”* 2 Samuel 22:4 (NKJV) We must get on our knees and call to Him so that we may be saved from our enemies.

*“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” Jude 1:20-21 (NKJV)*

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NKJV)*

*“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” 1 John 5:3 (NKJV)* If we begin to feel as if His commandments are burdensome, that is a red flag that we are loving something, or someone more than Him. In this case we should check what kind of seed is in our heart, for that seed needs dug out before it sprouts and grows!

## **CHAPTER 12**

### **SALVATION COMES WITH ETERNAL LIFE**

*“With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.” Psalm 91:16 (NKJV)*

Here is another promise of our promise of salvation and everlasting life. *“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; “that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.” Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NKJV)*

*“For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” Romans 8:6 (NKJV)*

*“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8:2 (NKJV)* Do we really see what this says? **It says the law of the Spirit of life IN CHRIST JESUS has made us FREE from the law of sin and death!**



*“And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”* Romans 8:10 (NKJV) Praise God! Are you free or still in bondage? Choices, choices!

*“For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”* Romans 5:17 (NKJV)

*“So that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”* Romans 5:21 (NKJV)

*“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”* John 17:3 (NKJV)

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* John 3:16 (NKJV)

*“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* John 14:6 (NKJV)

*“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”* John 3:36 (NKJV)

*“Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”* Matthew 7:14 (NKJV)

*“He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.”* Matthew 10:39 (NKJV) When we do not chase after the lusts of our flesh but lose it for His sake and live in the Spirit, **we will find LIFE. THE LIFE OF JESUS. THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD FOR US!**

*“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”* Mark 10:45 (NKJV) Jesus is our King, and He came not to be served, but to serve! We are to follow in His

footsteps and do greater works than He did! When we get to a point where we think we should be served and do not need to serve, we are walking in error! We are to serve and let His light flow through us to others.

*“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”* John 1:4 (NKJV)

*“Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”* James 1:12 (NKJV)

*“He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit.”* 1 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)

*“A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.”* Proverbs 15:4 (NKJV) Perverseness in our tongue breaks the spirit! We must refrain our tongue from evil. It is a matter of life and death! Our tongue is our rudder for our life. Just as a rudder steers a ship so will our tongue steer us!

*“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”* Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

*“Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver And her gain than find gold.”* Proverbs 3:13-14 (NKJV)

*“My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.”* Proverbs 4:20-23 (NKJV)

*“For whoever finds me [Wisdom] finds life and draws forth and obtains favor from the Lord; But he who misses me or sins against me wrongs and injures himself; All who hate me love and court death.”*

Proverbs 8:35-36 (NKJV) All those who hate His wisdom walk in rebellion and are courting death.

*“Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for little time and then vanishes away.” James 4:14 (NKJV)*

*“Therefore, I say to you, do not worry 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? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ‘and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, What shall we eat? Or What shall we drink? or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:25-33 (NKJV)*

Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added to you! With God, you have everything you need or want according to His riches and glory!

*“And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life, He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.” John 6:35 (NKJV)*

*“He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.” Psalm 62:2 (NKJV)*

*“He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. He has put a new*

*song in my mouth – Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the Lord.” Psalm 40:2-3 (NKJV)*

*“You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)*

*“And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.” 1 John 5:11-13 (NKJV)*

### **How can we respond to God’s offer of LIFE?**

*“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)*

*“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:12-13 (NKJV)*

### **Our New Walk**

*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)*

## Above All Else

*“Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. “And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:29-31 (NKJV)*

When we put on the WHOLE ARMOR of God [His Word] we are strong in His might, and we are fully covered:



Now we are ready to withstand ALL the fiery darts of the enemy. How are we going to keep our faith built up? *“... faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17 (NKJV)* Consume yourself with the Word of God **more than anything**, and you will be ready for everything!

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*“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:” 2 Thessalonians 3:1*

*“So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.” Acts 19:20*

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