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Proverbs 22:6. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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Hebrews 12: 5-14. 5. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks unto you as children, My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6. For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives. 7. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons, for what son is he whom the father chastens not? 8. But if you be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are you bastards, and not sons. 9. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10. For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for your profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11. Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yielded the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. 12. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13. And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. 14. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

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Hosea 4: 6. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me: seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget you children.

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

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Romans 8: 28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

Genesis 50: 20. As for you, you thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

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John 10:10. The thief comes not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

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2 Corinthians 5: 17. Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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Hebrews 11:6. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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Revelations 4:11. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created.

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2 Samuel 22: 1 – 51.

1: And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

2: And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3: The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

4: I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

5: When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;

6: The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;

7: In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.

8: Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth.

9: There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

10: He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet.

11: And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

12: And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

13: Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.

14: The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.

15: And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.

16: And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17: He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;

18: He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.

19: They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

20: He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

21: The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

22: For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23: For all his judgments were before me: and as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.

24: I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity.

25: Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eye sight.

26: With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.

27: With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury.

28: And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes are upon the haughty, that thou mayest bring them down.

29: For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

30: For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

31: As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

32: For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?

33: God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

34: He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

35: He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

36: Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.

37: Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.

38: I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

39: And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40: For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.

41: Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

42: They looked, but there was none to save; even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

43: Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, and did spread them abroad.

44: Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me to be head of the heathen: a people which I knew not shall serve me.

45: Strangers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.

46: Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

47: The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

48: It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me,

49: And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

50: Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

51: He is the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

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Matthew 10: 1 - 42. And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. 2. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3. Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbeaus; 4. Simon the Cannanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. 5. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way

of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter not: 6. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7. And as you go, preach, saying The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give. 9. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10. Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. 11. And into whatsoever city or town you shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide until you go further. 12. And when you come into a house, salute it. 13. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when you depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. 15. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city. 16. Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. 17. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; 18. And you shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. 19. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what you shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what you shall speak. 20. For it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaks in you. 21. And brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. 22. And you shall be hated of all men for name's sake: but he that endures to the end shall be saved. 23. But when they persecute you in this city, flee into another: for verily I say unto you, You shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man has come. 24. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. 25. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? 26. Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. 27. What I tell you in darkness, that speak in light: and what you hear in the ear, that preach upon the housetops. 28. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30. but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31. Fear not therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows. 32. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. 34. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. 37. He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38. and he that takes not his cross, and follows after me is not worthy of me. 39. He that finds his life shall lose it: and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it. 40. He that receives a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receives a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. 41. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in wise lose his reward.

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Luke 10: 1 - 16.

1: After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2: Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

3: Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

4: Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

5: And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

6: And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

7: And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8: And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

9: And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

10: But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

11: Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

12: But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

13: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14: But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.

15: And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.

16: He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me

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Hebrews 1: 1 -14.

1: God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2: Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3: Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4: Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5: For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

6: And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7: And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

8: But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

9: Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10: And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

11: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12: And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

13: But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

14: Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

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14: But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16: But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17: And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22: Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25: For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28: Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29: Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30: Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31: He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32: This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
33: Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.
34: For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,
35: Until I make thy foes thy footstool.
36: Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
37: Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
38: Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
39: For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.
40: And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

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Act 4: 1 – 5: 42.

1: And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,
2: Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
3: And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.
4: Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.
5: And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,
6: And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.
7: And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?
8: Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
9: If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;
10: Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
11: This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.
12: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
13: Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.
14: And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.
15: But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16: Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.
17: But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.
18: And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.
19: But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.
20: For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.
21: So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.
22: For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.
23: And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.
24: And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:
25: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?
26: The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.
27: For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,
28: For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.
29: And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,
30: By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.
31: And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
32: And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.
33: And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.
34: Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,
35: And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.
36: And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,
37: Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 5:

1: But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,
2: And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.
3: But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4: Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5: And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

6: And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

7: And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

8: And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

9: Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

10: Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

11: And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

12: And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13: And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

14: And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

15: Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

16: There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

17: Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

18: And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19: But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20: Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

21: And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22: But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

23: Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24: Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

25: Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26: Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

27: And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

28: Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29: Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather

than men.

30: The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31: Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32: And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

33: When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.

34: Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

35: And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

36: For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

37: After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

38: And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

39: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

40: And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41: And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42: And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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Acts 6: 5 - 7: 60.

5: And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

6: Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7: And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8: And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9: Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

10: And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11: Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

12: And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,

13: And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

14: For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

15: And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Acts 7:

1: Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

2: And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

3: And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

4: Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

5: And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.

6: And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years.

7: And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

8: And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

9: And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,

10: And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11: Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

12: But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

13: And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

14: Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

15: So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,

16: And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem.

17: But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

18: Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.

19: The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

20: In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

21: And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22: And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

23: And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

24: And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

25: For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

26: And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?
27: But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?
28: Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?
29: Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.
30: And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.
31: When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,
32: Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.
33: Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.
34: I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.
35: This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.
36: He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.
37: This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.
38: This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:
39: To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,
40: Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.
41: And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.
42: Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?
43: Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.
44: Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.
45: Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;
46: Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.
47: But Solomon built him an house.
48: Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,
49: Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?
50: Hath not my hand made all these things?
51: Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

52: Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

53: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

54: When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55: But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56: And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57: Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58: And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59: And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60: And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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58: And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

Acts 8: 1 - 4.

1: And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2: And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3: As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4: Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

Acts: 9: 1 - 31.

1: And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2: And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3: And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5: And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6: And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7: And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8: And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9: And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10: And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11: And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
12: And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
13: Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
14: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
15: But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:
16: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.
17: And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.
18: And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.
19: And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.
20: And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.
21: But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?
22: But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.
23: And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:
24: But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.
25: Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.
26: And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.
27: But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.
28: And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.
29: And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.
30: Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.
31: Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

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Psalm 78: 1 - 72.

1: Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2: I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:
3: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.
4: We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

5: For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:
6: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:
7: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:
8: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.
9: The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.
10: They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;
11: And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.
12: Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13: He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.
14: In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.
15: He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.
16: He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.
17: And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.
18: And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.
19: Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?
20: Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?
21: Therefore the LORD heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;
22: Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:
23: Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,
24: And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.
25: Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.
26: He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.
27: He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:
28: And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.
29: So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;
30: They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths,
31: The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.
32: For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.
33: Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.
34: When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and inquired early after God.
35: And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer.
36: Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.
37: For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.
38: But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39: For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40: How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!

41: Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

42: They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

43: How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

44: And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.

45: He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

46: He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

47: He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost.

48: He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

49: He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

50: He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

51: And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

52: But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53: And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54: And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

55: He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56: Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

57: But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

58: For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59: When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

60: So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men;

61: And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

62: He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

63: The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.

64: Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

65: Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66: And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67: Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

68: But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

69: And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever.

70: He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

71: From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72: So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

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Romans 10: 1 - 11: 36.

- 1: Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
- 2: For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
- 3: For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
- 4: For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.
- 5: For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.
- 6: But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)
- 7: Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)
- 8: But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
- 9: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- 11: For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- 12: For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
- 13: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- 14: How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
- 15: And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
- 16: But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
- 17: So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- 18: But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.
- 19: But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.
- 20: But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.
- 21: But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

Romans 11: 1 - 36.

- 1: I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.
- 2: God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,
- 3: Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.
- 4: But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.
- 5: Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.
- 6: And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

7: What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

8: (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

9: And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompence unto them:

10: Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always.

11: I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

12: Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?

13: For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

14: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

15: For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

16: For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

17: And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

18: Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

19: Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

20: Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

21: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

22: Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

23: And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.

24: For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25: For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

26: And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28: As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

29: For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

30: For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

31: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

32: For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

33: O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34: For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35: Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36: For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

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Jeremiah 30: 1 - 31: 40.

1: The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2: Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.

3: For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4: And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

5: For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

6: Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

7: Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

8: For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

9: But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

10: Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

11: For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

12: For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous.

13: There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.

14: All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased.

15: Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

16: Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

17: For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

18: Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

19: And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

20: Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

21: And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.

22: And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23: Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

24: The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.

Jeremiah 31: 1 – 31.

1: At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

2: Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

3: The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

4: Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

5: Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.

6: For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

7: For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

8: Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

9: They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

10: Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

11: For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

12: Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

13: Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

14: And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

15: Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

16: Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

17: And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

18: I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God.

19: Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

20: Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

21: Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.

22: How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

23: Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness.

24: And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks.

25: For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

26: Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

27: Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

28: And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.

29: In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

30: But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31: Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.

32: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34: And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

35: Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

36: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from

being a nation before me for ever.

37: Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

38: Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner.

39: And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath.

40: And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

18: 32. Page 3: 18: 8 God's Agenda.

Ephesians 1: 1 - 6: 24.

1: Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6: To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

7: In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8: Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

9: Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10: That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

12: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13: In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14: Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

15: Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16: Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17: That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19: And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20: Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21: Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23: Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 2:

1: And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4: But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5: Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6: And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8: For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

11: Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12: That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14: For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15: Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16: And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18: For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19: Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21: In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:

1: For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2: If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to youward:

3: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

4: Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

5: Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;
6: That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:
7: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.
8: Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;
9: And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
10: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
11: According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:
12: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.
13: Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.
14: For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15: Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16: That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
17: That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18: May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19: And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.
20: Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
21: Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Ephesians 4:

1: I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
2: With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
3: Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4: There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
5: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6: One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
7: But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
8: Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
9: (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
10: He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
11: And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12: For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
13: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

14: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15: But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

17: This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18: Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20: But ye have not so learned Christ;

21: If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23: And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24: And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

25: Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

26: Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27: Neither give place to the devil.

28: Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

29: Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30: And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31: Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 5:

1: Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

2: And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

3: But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

4: Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

5: For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6: Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7: Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

8: For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
10: Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
11: And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.
12: For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
13: But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.
14: Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.
15: See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
16: Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
17: Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
18: And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
19: Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
20: Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
21: Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
22: Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
23: For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
24: Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.
25: Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
26: That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
27: That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
28: So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.
29: For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:
30: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.
31: For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.
32: This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
33: Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Ephesians 6.

1: Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
2: Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)
3: That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
4: And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
5: Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;
6: Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;
7: With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

8: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

9: And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

10: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11: Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13: Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14: Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15: And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16: Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17: And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

19: And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20: For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21: But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

22: Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.

23: Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24: Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

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Jeremiah 9: 23, 24.**

23. Thus says the LORD, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in riches: 24. But let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, says the LORD.

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Matthew 25: 14 - 46 v14 - 30:**

14. For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his own ability; and straightaway took his journey. 16. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded the same, and made another five talents. 17. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained another two. 18. But he that received one went and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19. After a long time the lord of those servants came, and reckoned with them. 20. And so he that had received five talents came and brought the other five talents,

saying, Lord, you delivered unto five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21. His lord said unto him, Well done, you good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter into the joy of the lord. 22. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, you delivered unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: you enter into the joy of your lord. 24. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not strawed: 25. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the earth: lo, there you have that is yours. 26. His lord answered and said unto him, You wicked and slothful servant, you knew that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewn: 27. You should have therefore put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received my own with usury. 28. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which has ten talents. 29. For unto every one that has shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that has not shall be taken away even that which he has. 30. ***And you cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***-----

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2 Corinthian 5: 17 - 20:

17. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18. And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, ***and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation;*** 19. To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; ***and has committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*** 20. ***Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead, by reconciled to God.***

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John 15: 1 - 16, v11.

1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2. Every branch in me that bears not fruit he takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, he purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3. Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me. 5. I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. 6. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you. 8. Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples. 9. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: continue in my love. 10. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. ***11. these things have I spoken unto to you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*** 12. This is my commandment, That you love one another as I have loved you. 13. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14. You are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you. 15. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. 16. You have not chosen me, but I have

chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he give it you.

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John 3: 1 - 7:

1. There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that you do, except God be with him. 3. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, ***Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*** 4. Nicodemus said unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto you, ***Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*** 6. that which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7. Marvel not that I said unto you, ***You must be born again.***

Since the time of Nicodemus there have been many that have asked this question, What does it mean to be born again? This then is the answer which CEC Canada has for those that ask.

First we start out with these words of Jesus where he points to himself as being the answer to the depravity of man, these words are, John 14: 6. ***I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me.*** In John 6: 44 Jesus tells us, ***No man can come to me except the Father which has sent me draw him: followed by, and I will raise him up at the last day.*** John 6: 29 Jesus tells us, ***This is the work of God, that you believe on him whom he has sent,*** referring to himself. To answer to the depravity, Jesus gives to us these words, John 6: 35. And Jesus said unto them, ***I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger, and he that believes on me shall never thirst.*** In verse 39 and 40 Jesus addresses death, his words are, 39. ***And this is the Father's will which has sent me, that of all which he has given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.*** 40. ***And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which sees the Son, and believes on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.***

What we see in these few and most precious words is that the life of Christ is the bread of life come down from heaven for man so that he might live. In verse 48 ***Jesus confirms that he is the bread of life.*** In verse 50 he says, ***This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.*** From here we turn to John 5: 24 where Jesus puts it on the line and says, ***Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.*** The apostle Paul writes Romans 8: 1. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. He goes on and writes, 2. For the law of the Spirit of the life of Christ has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. From here we take you to two conclusionary statements of the Apostle, both spell out what will happens to those who surrender their lives to God and Christ, first life, then walk, Life: 2 Corinthians 5: 17. ***Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*** Walk Galatians 2: 20. ***I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life***

which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

I do not think that the Apostle Paul would be happy with me not putting before you his most mind opening foundational statement, a statement that capsulizes it all, one which really should be made into a head band for all of God's children; For it does cover the whole duty of man, which is Ecclesiastes 12: 13 to fear God and to keep his commandments, Micah says 6: 8. to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

The children of light.

Acts 17: 28. " For in him we live, move, and have our being."

Up to here we have seen the Father and the Son and the hope that is in them for the depraved man of this world. What we also see is this, it is the Father who orchestrates (Isaiah 53:1-12.) and the Son through whom this orchestration takes place; The orchestration is God sending his Son to be the Saviour of the world. (1 John 4: 14.) what we do not see is man involved in the exercise, and rightfully so, he is the prize. He is the one that has to be won, in this case won over, from where? Jesus says from under the power of Satan, the arch enemy of God. (Acts 26: 18.) This then is were God's attracting personality and character comes in, a personality and character that can always be taken at his word, yes and trusted to the endth degree.

The God we trust:

The magnificence of God is framed in the intrinsic attributes that make up his character. It is these attributes that make it possible for him to keep and deliver all of his promises. These attributes are: He is all knowing, all seeing, present everywhere, all powerful, and unlimited in creative power. **God is Love.** His entire personality is bound up in this love. It is the intrinsic attributes that set him free to love, to promise and to deliver at will. His love never fails. (1 Corinthians. 13: 8.)

The ultimate promise and the meanwhile.

His big and overall promise is to give men an expected end. Jeremiah 29: 11, For I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give to you an expected end. And what are those thoughts? He tells us that he did not created the earth in vain, He tell us that he formed it to be inhabited. (Isaiah 45: 18.) He has promised to replace the present heavens and earth and to give it as an inheritance to his Son Jesus and his brothers and sisters. (2 Peter 3: 10 - 13, Daniel 7: 13, 14.) Meanwhile you can expect that until the Day of the Lord he will continue his work through his people convincing the lost, bringing them from darkness to light, and from under the power of Satan unto Himself. Acts 26: 18.

You must be born again:

Before we give our answer to the question, What does it mean to be born again? we want to let you know what God tells us about the condition of the depraved, to do this we turn to scripture:

Jeremiah 10: 23. O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walks to direct his steps.

Jeremiah 17: 9. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Judges 17: 6. In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Romans 3: 23. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3: 9.----both Jews and Gentiles, they are all under sin; 10. As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11. There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God. 12. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that does good, no, not one. 13. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: 14. Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: 15. Their feet are swift to shed blood: 16. Destruction and misery are in their ways. 17. And the way of peace have they not known; 18. There is no fear of God before their eyes.

What does it mean to be born again? Man is born with a candle, a candle that belongs to the Lord, it is he that determines whether or not it should be lit and whether or not it should be turned up to give light, Adam because of his dis-obedience had his candle put out. The sad part is this, that we all are his off spring and have inherited from him an un-lit candle. This candle is the spirit of man, and the light is the life of Christ. From here we can comprehend, that the candle of the Lord is in man waiting to be lit by the life of Christ, our place is to believe and in faith ask Christ to come into our hearts and to be the Lord of our lives, it is when we do this that the Father sends the Spirit of Christ into our hearts and seals us for himself for all of eternity. This is being born again, John 3: 5, 7. This is being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever, 1 Peter 1: 18. This is being born of God, John 1: 13. This is the regeneration of the spirit, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. Titus 3: 5. This is Christ in us, the hope of glory, Colossians 1: 27. This is being a new creature in Christ, 2 Corinthians 5: 17. This makes us children of light, Ephesians 5: 8. This is what makes us sons and daughters of God, John 1: 12. This is being set free from the law of sin and death, Romans 8: 2.

We have come to the last issue which we believe needs attention, it is what is involved in the rescue of man. God calls his mighty work an operation, within this operation there are a number of components, here we look at what applies to bringing man from under the power of Satan to under God, the components are these, God's love which works the faith of Christ, the faith of Christ which works the righteousness of God, and the righteousness of God which delivers from death. And as it is, the children of God are his instruments of righteousness in the hands of Christ whereby God reconciles men, women, and children back unto himself.

Works of faith:

Ephesians 2: 8. For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God: 9. Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.

Romans 1: 16. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Galatian 2: 20. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Isaiah 55: 6.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near.

Proverbs 20: 27.

The spirit of man, is the candle of the Lord.

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Romans 12: 1, 2.

1. I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2. And be not 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.