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**LORD**



"Blessed be the name of God  
forever and ever,  
for wisdom and might are his.

And he changes the times  
and the seasons;  
he removes kings and  
raises up kings;  
he gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge  
to those who have understanding.

He reveals deep and secret things;  
he knows what *is* in the darkness and light  
dwells with him."

## FOREWARD

God's name in the Holy Bible represents and reveals his nature, his character and his attributes – therefore he is called by many different names.

Thus, Creator and Maker of heaven and Earth; Judge of the whole Earth; Father, Redeemer, Shepherd; Ancient of Days; the Almighty; the Rock; King of glory; King of kings and Lord of lords; Lord of hosts; I AM! These are some of God's names from the Canon of Scripture.

From Hebrew and Greek comes YHVH (or YHWH) – because in Hebrew the vowels are not written in God's sacred name; also Adonai; Kurios; El or Elohim (a plural form used sometimes to perhaps indicate that God is one being who exists in more than one person). For example, Genesis, chapter 1, commences, 'In the beginning God [Elohim] created [Heb. Bara – out of nothing] the heavens and the earth.' And later, 'Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness;" '.

Moses said to God, "When the children of Israel ask me what is his – God's – name, what shall I say?" God answered, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " Jesus Christ (Heb. Yeshua the Messiah) would later take to himself this covenant name of God's eternity and omnipresence given to Moses but would then extend it and imbue it with profound spiritual and personal meanings.

In seven extraordinary 'I AM' (Gk. Ego Eimi) statements recorded in the John's Gospel, Jesus said:

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in me has everlasting life. **I AM the bread of life.** Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. **I AM the living bread which came down from heaven.** If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **I AM the door of the sheep.** All who *ever* came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. **I AM the door.** If anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I AM the light of the world.** He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." The Pharisees therefore said to him, "You bear witness of yourself; your witness is not true." Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of myself, my witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. And yet if I do judge, my judgement is true; for I am not alone, but I *am* with the Father who sent me."

**"I AM the good shepherd.** The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. **I AM the good shepherd;** and I know my *sheep*, and am known by my own. As the Father knows me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear my voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd."

Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, **"I AM the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions ['dwelling places']; if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "**I AM the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; and from now on you know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in me does the works."

**"I AM the true vine,** and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. **I AM the vine,** you *are* the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing."

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**T**hen Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* his name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* my name forever, and this *is* my memorial to all generations.'"

EXODUS 3: 13 – 15

**"A**re you greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I honour myself, my honour is nothing. It is my Father who honours me, of whom you say that he is your God. Yet you have not known him, but I know him. And if I say, 'I do not know him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know him and keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw *it* and was glad." Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

JOHN 8: 53 – 58

**A**nd God spoke all these words, saying: "I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes his name in vain."

EXODUS 20: 1 – 7

**S**o he took up his oracle and said: "The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, and the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened; the utterance of him who hears the words of God, and has the knowledge of the Most High, *who* sees the vision of the Almighty, *who* falls down, with eyes wide open: "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; a Star shall come out of Jacob; a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and batter the brow of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult. And Edom shall be a possession; Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession, while Israel does valiantly. Out of Jacob One shall have dominion, and destroy the remains of the city."

NUMBERS 24: 15 – 19

**W**hen you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which he has given you.

**B**eware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments, his judgements, and his statutes which I command you today, lest—*when* you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell *in them*; and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *in which were* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and that he might test you, to do you good in the end—then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ And you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.

**W**hen it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish."





"**G**ive ear, O heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distil as the dew, as raindrops on the tender herb, and as showers on the grass. For I proclaim the name of the LORD: ascribe greatness to our God. *He is* the Rock, his work *is* perfect; for all his ways *are* justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright *is* he."

DEUTERONOMY 32: 1 – 4

"**N**o one is holy like the LORD, for *there is* none besides you, nor *is there* any rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly; let no arrogance come from your mouth, for the LORD *is* the God of knowledge; and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men *are* broken, and those who stumbled are girded with strength. *Those who were* full have hired themselves out for bread, and the hungry have ceased *to hunger*. Even the barren has borne seven, and she who has many children has become feeble. The LORD kills and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and brings up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and lifts up. He raises the poor from the dust *and* lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set *them* among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory. For the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD'S, and he has set the world upon them. He will guard the feet of his saints, but the wicked shall be silent in darkness. For by strength no man shall prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces; from heaven he will thunder against them. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth."

1 SAMUEL 2: 2 – 10a

**W**h, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing psalms to him; talk of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his face evermore!

**R**emember his marvellous works which he has done, his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth, O seed of Israel his servant, you children of Jacob, his chosen ones! He *is* the LORD our God; his judgements *are* in all the earth.

**R**emember his covenant forever, the word which he commanded, for a thousand generations, *the covenant which* he made with Abraham, and his oath to Isaac, and confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant, saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance,"

**W**hen you were few in number, indeed very few, and strangers in it. When they went from one nation to another, and from *one* kingdom to another people, he permitted no man to do them wrong; yes, he rebuked kings for their sakes, *saying*, "Do not touch my anointed ones, and do my prophets no harm."

**S**ing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his wonders among all peoples.

**F**or the LORD *is* great and greatly to be praised; he *is* also to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Honour and majesty *are* before him; strength and gladness are in his place.

**G**ive to the LORD, O families of the peoples, give to the LORD glory and strength. Give to the LORD the glory *due* his name; bring an offering, and come before him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

**T**remble before him, all the earth. The world also is firmly established, it shall not be moved. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

**L**et the sea roar, and all its fullness; let the field rejoice, and all that *is* in it. Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice before the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

**O**h, give thanks to the LORD, for *he is* good! For his mercy *endures* forever. And say, "Save us, O God of our salvation; gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles, to give thanks to your holy name, to triumph in your praise."

**B**lessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

**T**herefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are you, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, *is* the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is yours*; yours *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honour *come* from you, and you reign over all. In your hand *is* power and might; in your hand *it is* to make great and to give strength to all.

**N**ow therefore, our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name. But who *am* I, and who *are* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things *come* from you, and of your own we have given you. For we *are* aliens and pilgrims before you, as *were* all our fathers; our days on earth *are* as a shadow, and without hope. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build you a house for your holy name is from your hand, and *is* all your own.

**I** know also, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these *things*; and now with joy I have seen your people, who are present here to offer willingly to you. O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of your people, and fix their heart toward you."

I CHRONICLES 29: 10 – 18

**T**hen the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**N**ow my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to prayer *made* in this place. For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever; and my eyes and my heart will be there perpetually.

**A**s for you, if you walk before me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep my statutes and my judgements, then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail *to have* a man as ruler in Israel.' But if you turn away and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them, then I will uproot them from my land which I have given them; and this house which I have sanctified for my name I will cast out of my sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples."



O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

O God, behold our shield, and look upon  
the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts *is* better than a  
thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper  
in the house of my God than dwell in the  
tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield;  
the LORD will give grace and glory;  
no good *thing* will he withhold from those  
who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man who  
trusts in you!

**L**ORD, our Lord, how excellent *is* your name in all the earth, who have set your glory above the heavens! Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants you have ordained strength, because of your enemies, that you may silence the enemy and the avenger.

**W**hen I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you visit him? For you have made him a little lower than the angels, and you have crowned him with glory and honour.

**Y**ou have made him to have dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all *things* under his feet, all sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.

**L**ORD, our Lord, how excellent *is* your name in all the earth!

[PSALM 8: 1 – 9](#)

**B**y the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; he lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spoke, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast. The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

**B**lessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD, the people he has chosen as his own inheritance. The LORD looks from heaven; he sees all the sons of men. From the place of his dwelling he looks on all the inhabitants of the earth; he fashions their hearts individually; he considers all their works. No king *is* saved by the multitude of an army; a mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse *is* a vain hope for safety; neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength.

**B**ehold, the eye of the LORD *is* on those who fear him, on those who hope in his mercy, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the LORD; he *is* our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Let your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, just as we hope in you.

**Y**es, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him. For he will deliver the needy when he cries, the poor also, and *him* who has no helper. He will spare the poor and needy, and will save the souls of the needy. He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; and precious shall be their blood in his sight.

**A**nd he shall live; and the gold of Sheba will be given to him; prayer also will be made for him continually, *and* daily he shall be praised. There will be an abundance of grain in the earth, on the top of the mountains; its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; and *those* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

**H**is name shall endure forever; his name shall continue as long as the sun. And *men* shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

**B**lessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things! And blessed *be* his glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory. Amen and Amen.

The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

[PSALM 72: 11 – 20](#)



**L**ord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, you *are* God.

**Y**ou turn man to destruction, and say, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight *are* like yesterday when it is past, and *like* a watch in the night. You carry them away *like* a flood; *they are* like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up: in the morning it flourishes and grows up; in the evening it is cut down and withers. For we have been consumed by your anger, and by your wrath we are terrified.

**Y**ou have set our iniquities before you, our secret *sins* in the light of your countenance. For all our days have passed away in your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives *are* seventy years; and if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, yet their boast *is* only labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knows the power of your anger? For as the fear of you, *so is* your wrath. So teach *us* to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**R**eturn, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on your servants. Oh, satisfy us early with your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

**M**ake us glad according to the days *in which* you have afflicted us, the years *in which* we have seen evil. Let your work appear to your servants, and your glory to their children. And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands.

[PSALM 90: 1 – 17](#)

**T**he LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad! Clouds and darkness surround him; righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of his throne. A fire goes before him, and burns up his enemies round about. His lightnings light the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**L**et all be put to shame who serve carved images, who boast of idols. Worship him, all *you* gods. Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgements, O LORD. For you, LORD, *are* most high above all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of his saints; he delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holy name.

[PSALM 97: 1 – 12](#)

**B**less the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, *so that* your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**T**he LORD executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the children of Israel. The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive *with us*, nor will he keep *his anger* forever.

**H**e has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, *so* great is his mercy toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, *so* far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**A**s a father pities *his* children, *so* the LORD pities those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we *are* dust. *As for* man, his days *are* like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

**B**ut the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to such as keep his covenant, and to those who remember his commandments to do them.

**T**he LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, you his angels, who excel in strength, who do his word, heeding the voice of his word. Bless the LORD, all *you* his hosts, *you* ministers of his, who do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

[PSALM 103: 1 – 22](#)

**P**raise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its going down the LORD'S name *is* to be praised. The LORD *is* high above all nations, his glory above the heavens. Who *is* like the LORD our God, who dwells on high, who humbles himself to behold *the things that are* in the heavens and in the earth? He raises the poor out of the dust, *and* lifts the needy out of the ash heap, that he may seat *him* with princes—with the princes of his people. He grants the barren woman a home, like a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD!

[PSALM 113: 1 – 9](#)



**Y**our name, O LORD, *endures* forever, your fame,  
O LORD, throughout all generations. For the  
LORD will judge his people, and he will have  
compassion on his servants.

**T**he idols of the nations *are* silver and gold, the  
work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they  
do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; they  
have ears, but they do not hear; nor is there *any* breath  
in their mouths. Those who make them are like them;  
*so is* everyone who trusts in them.

**B**less the LORD, O house of Israel! Bless the LORD,  
O house of Aaron! Bless the LORD, O house of  
Levi! You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!

**B**lessed be the LORD out of Zion, who dwells in  
Jerusalem! Praise the LORD!

PSALM 135: 13 – 21

**P**raise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light! Praise him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**L**et them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He also established them forever and ever; he made a decree which shall not pass away. Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths; fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling his word; mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars; beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl; kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth; both young men and maidens; old men and children.

**L**et them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory *is* above the earth and heaven. And he has exalted the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints—of the children of Israel, a people near to him. Praise the LORD!

[PSALM 148: 1 – 14](#)



**W**ho has ascended into heaven, or descended?  
Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who  
has bound the waters in a garment? Who has  
established all the ends of the earth? What *is* his name,  
and what *is* his Son's name, if you know?

**E**very word of God *is* pure; he *is* a shield to those  
who put their trust in him. Do not add to his  
words, lest he rebuke you, and you be found a liar.  
Two *things* I request of you (deprive me not before I  
die): remove falsehood and lies far from me; give me  
neither poverty nor riches—feed me with the food  
allotted to me; lest I be full and deny *you*, and say,  
"Who *is* the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, and  
profane the name of my God.

PROVERBS 30: 4 – 9

**T**he Preacher sought to find acceptable words;  
and *what was* written *was* upright—words of  
truth. The words of the wise are like goads, and  
the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given  
by one Shepherd. And further, my son, be admonished  
by these. Of making many books *there is* no end, and  
much study *is* wearisome to the flesh.

**L**et us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear  
God and keep his commandments, for this is man's  
all. For God will bring every work into judgement,  
including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

ECCLESIASTES 12: 10 – 14

**I**n the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his *robe* filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; the whole earth *is* full of his glory!"

**A**nd the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

**T**hen one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here *am* I! Send me." And he said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed."

ISAIAH 6: 1 – 10

**T**he people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

**Y**ou have multiplied the nation *and* increased its joy; they rejoice before you according to the joy of harvest, as *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. For you have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, and garments rolled in blood, will be used for burning *and* fuel of fire.

**F**or unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**O**f the increase of *his* government and peace *there* will be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgement and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

[ISAIAH 9: 2 – 7](#)

**F**or thus says the LORD, who created the heavens, who is God, who formed the earth and made it, who has established it, who did not create it in vain, who formed it to be inhabited: "I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no other. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I did not say to the seed of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain'; I, the LORD, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you *who have* escaped from the nations.

**T**hey have no knowledge, who carry the wood of their carved image, and pray to a god *that* cannot save. Tell and bring forth *your case*; yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? *Who* has told it from that time? *Have* not I, the LORD? And *there is* no other God besides me, a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none besides me.

**L**ook to me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! **F**or I *am* God, and *there is* no other. I have sworn by myself; the word has gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, that to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath. He shall say, 'Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength. To him *men* shall come, and all shall be ashamed who are incensed against him. In the LORD all the descendants of Israel shall be justified, and shall glory.'

**S**eek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. "For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways my ways," says the LORD. "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it."

[ISAIAH 55: 6 – 11](#)

**F**or he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. According to *their* deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; the coastlands he will fully repay. So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. "The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," says the LORD.

[ISAIAH 59: 17 – 20](#)

**B**ehold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

**T**hen the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. And in that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, *making* a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. Then you shall flee *through* my mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, *and* all the saints with you. It shall come to pass in that day *that* there will be no light; the lights will diminish. It shall be one day which is known to the LORD—neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen *that* it will be light. And in that day it shall be *that* living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur.

**A**nd the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—"The LORD *is* one," and his name one.



Jesus spoke these words, lifted up his eyes  
to heaven, and said:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your  
Son, that your Son also may glorify you,  
as you have given him authority over all  
flesh, that he should give eternal life to as  
many as you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they may  
know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I have glorified you on the earth.  
I have finished the work which you have  
given me to do. And now, O Father,  
glorify me together with yourself, with the  
glory which I had with you  
before the world was."

**B**ut while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call his name JESUS [Heb. Saviour or God Saves], for he will save his people from their sins."

**S**o all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

**T**hen Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called his name JESUS.

**N**ow after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men [Magi] from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."

[MATTHEW 1: 20 – 2: 2](#)

**N**ow when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

**A**ll this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *him* on them.

**A**nd a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the LORD!' [Messiah, the Christ] Hosanna in the highest!"

**A**nd when he had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

**A**nd the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do you answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against you?" But he kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, saying to him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

[MARK 14: 60 – 62](#)

**W**hen Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of him went out through all the surrounding region. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. So he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And he was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to *the* poor; he has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to *the* captives and recovery of sight to *the* blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." Then he closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

[LUKE 4: 14 – 21](#)

**T**hen they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as he went, *many* spread their clothes on the road. Then, as he was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: "Blessed *is* the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

**A**nd some of the Pharisees called to him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." But he answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

**N**ow as he drew near, he saw the city [Jerusalem] and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

[LUKE 19: 35 – 44](#)

**N**ow Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

**A**nd after eight days his disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at my hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into my side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

**A**nd truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.



**"Men and brethren,** let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

**T**herefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, he would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that his soul was not left in Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

**T**his Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he poured out this which you now see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool."

**T**herefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

[ACTS 2: 29 – 36](#)

**"R**ulers of the people and elders of Israel: If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

ACTS 4: 8 – 12

**B**lessed *be the God* and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, by which he has made us accepted in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in him.

EPHESIANS 1: 3 – 10

**L**et this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted him and given him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PHILIPPIANS 3: 5 – 11

**W**e are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, *which is* manifest evidence of the righteous judgement of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**T**hese shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power, when he comes, in that Day, to be glorified in his saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

**T**herefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

II THESSALONIANS 1: 3 – 12

**U**rge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and *before* Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which he will manifest in his own time, *he who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honour and everlasting power. Amen.

I TIMOTHY 6: 13 – 16



**G**od, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by *his* Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds; 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 at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as he has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

**F**or to which of the angels did he ever say: "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? And again: "I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son"? But when he again brings the firstborn into the world, he says: "Let all the angels of God worship him." And of the angels he says: "Who makes his angels spirits and his ministers a flame of fire."

**B**ut to the Son *he says*: "Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of your Kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions."

**A**nd: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak you will fold them up, and they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will not fail."

**B**ut to which of the angels has he ever said: "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

[HEBREWS 1: 1 – 14](#)





**I**f we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which he has testified of his Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of his Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

1 JOHN 5: 9 – 13

**B**ut you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to God our Saviour, who alone is wise, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

JUDE 1: 17 – 25



Blessed *is* he who reads and those who  
hear the words of this prophecy,  
and keep those things which are written  
in it; for the time *is* near.

John, to the seven churches  
which are in Asia: Grace to you  
and peace from him who is and who was  
and who is to come,  
and from the seven Spirits who are before  
his throne, and from Jesus Christ,  
the faithful witness,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To him who loved us and washed us from  
our sins in his own blood,  
and has made us kings and priests to his  
God and Father, to him *be* glory and  
dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

**A**fter these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" [The Lamb of God – Christ] All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

**T**hen one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple. And he who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

REVELATION 7: 9 – 17

**T**hen he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See *that you do not do that!* I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

**N**ow I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And he who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except himself.

**H**e *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed him on white horses.

**N**ow out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should strike the nations. And he himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he has on *his* robe and on his thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

REVELATION 19: 9 – 16

**A**nd I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgement was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

REVELATION 20: 4 – 6

**T**hen I saw a great white throne and him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

REVELATION 20: 11 – 15

**T**hen he said to me, "These words *are* faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show his servants the things which must shortly take place. "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, "See *that you do not do that*. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

"**A**nd behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward *is* with me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last."

**B**lessed *are* those who do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practises a lie. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

REVELATION 22: 6 – 16

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book:

If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.





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