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This is a collection of Bible promises and Spirit of Prophecy quotes that I have found during my search for answers. The Lord has lead me to these precious promises, as in the midst of spiritual struggling, suffering, and tests, I was pleading with Him for guidance and for direction.

We find many examples in the Bible, of God's great men praying to Him by claiming promises. Ellen White also encourages us to point to the Bible promises, as we are taking our requests to the Lord. Not that we need to remind the Lord of His promises, but that we would remember them, and ask in faith. I received a lot of blessings, and had many wonderful experiences in this respect, and that is what prompted me to share this collection with others. Never in earth's history was prayer and a close relationship with the Lord as important, as it is in our days. **"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."**

1 Peter 5:8

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LIST OF REQUESTS AND PROMISES FOR LEADING AND GUIDANCE FROM THE BIBLE

God's ways are so much better, than what we could think up or even imagine in our wildest dreams. God knows the past, the present, and the future. He knows our character, and knows all our surrounding circumstances. His wisdom cannot be measured, or understood by human reasoning, but it is at our disposal, if we ask for it and let Him guide and direct us.

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him."

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They include every request, that I want to ask for from the Lord.

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ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE

Almost daily during the past few years, I have asked the Lord, why we cannot continue to preach the message at the rate that we have done in the past? I also frequently asked Him why we have to face the flood of difficulties and obstacles in everything that we try to accomplish at the ministry, as well as in our personal lives?

One morning as I was taking my shower, once again I was pouring my heart out to the Lord weeping and pleading for some kind of understanding, or explanation (... Asking the Lord if I was responsible for any of the problems or events, and if so how? what is that I am doing wrong? – Lord, I change what ever I need to, just please let me understand...)

That morning during my worship the Lord gave me the story of Abraham as an answer.

As I was reading the 11th chapter of Patriarchs and Prophets, I found many parallels, between Abraham's story and the events in our own lives. I have found answers for many of my questions, and I understood that this time is a time of preparation for us, for a work that we will be doing some time in the future, just like Abraham was prepared for God's great plan for his life. I read Abraham's story frequently. His loyalty, his perseverance his unmovable faith and trust in God's promises, and his determination has helped me to deal with a lot of the difficulties in my life.

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Psalm 32:8

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Psalm 143:8

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Psalm 143:10

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Romans 8:26

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”

Philippians 2:13

“Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.”

Psalm 55:22

“Jesus does not call on us to follow Him, and then forsake us. If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision. Whatever may be our situation, we have a Guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counselor; whatever our sorrow, bereavement, or loneliness, we have a sympathizing Friend. If in our ignorance we make missteps, Christ does not leave us. His voice, clear and distinct, is heard, saying, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life.’”

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“For the pardon of sin, for the Holy Spirit, for a Christlike temper, for wisdom and strength to do His work, for any gift He has promised, we may ask; then we are to believe that we receive, and return thanks to God that we have received. We need look for no outward evidence of the blessing. The gift is in the promise, and we may go about our work assured that what God has promised He is able to perform, and that the gift, which we already possess, will be realized when we need it most.”

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“Let all who are afflicted or unjustly used, cry to God. Turn away from those whose hearts are as steel, and make your requests known to your Maker. Never is one repulsed who comes to Him with a contrite heart. Not one sincere prayer is lost. Amid the anthems of the celestial choir, God hears the cries of the weakest human being. We pour out our heart's desire in our closets, we breathe a prayer as we walk by the way, and our words reach the throne of the Monarch of the universe. They may be inaudible to any human ear, but they cannot die away into silence, nor can they be lost through the activities of business that are going on. Nothing can drown the soul's desire. It rises above the din of the street, above the confusion of the multitude, to the heavenly courts. It is God to whom we are speaking, and our prayer is heard.”

Christ's Object Lessons 174

“Those who are earnestly seeking a knowledge of the truth and are striving to purify their souls through obedience, thus doing what they can to prepare for the conflict, will find, in the God of truth, a sure defense. ‘Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee’, is the Saviour's promise. He would sooner send every angel out of heaven to protect His people than leave one soul that trusts in Him to be overcome by Satan.”

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“Is Jesus true? Does He mean what He says? Answer decidedly, Yes, every word. Then if you have settled this, by faith claim every promise that He has made, and receive the blessing; for this acceptance by faith gives life to the soul. You may believe that Jesus is true to you, even though you feel yourself to be the weakest and most unworthy of His children. And as you believe, all your dark, brooding doubts are thrown back upon the archdeceiver who originated them. You can be a great blessing if you will take God at His word. By living faith you are to trust Him, even though the impulse is strong within you to speak words of distrust.”

Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers pg 517

“The Lord Jesus loves His people, and when they put their trust in Him, depending wholly upon Him, He strengthens them. He will live through them, giving them the inspiration of His sanctifying Spirit, imparting to the soul a vital transfusion of Himself. He acts through their faculties, and causes them to choose His will and to act out His character.”

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“There are three ways in which the Lord reveals His will to us, to guide us, and to fit us to guide others. How may we know His voice from that of a stranger? How shall we distinguish it from the voice of a false shepherd? God reveals His will to us in His word, the Holy Scriptures. His voice is also revealed in His providential workings; and it will be recognized if we do not separate our souls from Him by walking in our own ways, doing according to our own wills, and following the promptings of an unsanctified heart, until the senses have become so confused that eternal things are not discerned, and the voice of Satan is so disguised that it is accepted as the voice of God.

Another way in which God’s voice is heard is through the appeals of His Holy Spirit, making impressions upon the heart, which will be wrought out in the character. If you are in doubt upon any subject you must first consult the Scriptures. If you have truly begun the life of faith you have given yourself to the Lord to be wholly His, and He has taken you to mold and fashion according to His purpose, that you may be a vessel unto honor. You should have an earnest desire to be pliable in His hands and to follow whithersoever He may lead you. You are then trusting Him to work out His designs, while at the same time you are co-operating with Him by working out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

Testimonies for the Church Volume Five 512

“How much stronger and happier would we be if we came to Jesus, confiding in Him, and telling Him all our joys and sorrows, our trials, our failures and successes. We should daily come to Him, saying, ‘Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. For Thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in Thy truth.’ We shall receive the answer, ‘I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way that thou shalt go. I will guide thee with mine eye.’ Our experience will be expressed by the words of the psalmist, when he says, ‘Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.’”

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PROMISES AND CONDITIONS FOR BLESSINGS & HELP

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

Malachi 3:10

“O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.”

Psalms 34:9-10

“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”

Psalms 37:25

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Matthew 6:33

“But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so He giveth His beloved in his sleep.”

Psalms 127:1-2

“Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”

John 14:13-14

“And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you.”

John 16:23

PSALM 34

“I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto Him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants: and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.”

PSALM 51

“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.”

PSALM 143

“Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in Thy faithfulness answer me, and in Thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Thy works; I muse on the work of Thy hands. I stretch forth my hands unto Thee: my soul thirsteth after Thee, as a thirsty land. Selah. Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth: hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in Thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto Thee to hide me. Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my God: Thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy name's sake: for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of Thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am Thy servant.”

ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE

“By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.’ Hebrews 11:8 Abraham’s unquestioning obedience is one of the most striking evidences of faith to be found in all the Bible. To him, faith was ‘the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.’ Relying upon the divine promise, without the least outward assurance of its fulfillment, he abandoned home and kindred and native land, and went forth, he knew not whither, to follow where God should lead. ‘By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as in a land not his own, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise.’ Hebrews 11:9, R.V

It was no light test that was thus brought upon Abraham, no small sacrifice that was required of him. There were strong ties to bind him to his country, his kindred, and his home. But he did not hesitate to obey the call. He had no question to ask concerning the land of promise -- whether the soil was fertile and the climate healthful; whether the country afforded agreeable surroundings and would afford opportunities for amassing wealth. God has spoken, and His servant must obey; the happiest place on earth for him was the place where God would have him to be.

Many are still tested as was Abraham. They do not hear the voice of God speaking directly from the heavens, but He calls them by the teachings of His word and the events of His providence. They may be required to abandon a career that promises wealth and honor, to leave congenial and profitable associations and separate from kindred, to enter upon what appears to be only a path of self-denial, hardship, and sacrifice. God has a work for them to do; but a life of ease and the influence of friends and kindred would hinder the development of the very traits essential for its accomplishment. He calls them away from human influences and aid, and leads them to feel the need of His help, and to depend upon Him alone, that He may reveal Himself to them.

Who is ready at the call of Providence to renounce cherished plans and familiar associations? Who will accept new duties and enter untried fields, doing God’s work with firm and willing heart, for Christ’s sake counting his losses gain? He who will do this has the faith of Abraham, and will share with him that ‘far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,’ with which ‘the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared.’ 2 Cor. 4:17; Romans 8:18

The call from heaven first came to Abraham while he dwelt in ‘Ur of the Chaldees’ and in obedience to it he removed to Haran. Thus far his father’s family accompanied him, for with their idolatry they united the worship of the true God. Here Abraham remained till the death of Terah. But from his father’s grave the divine Voice bade him go forward. His brother Nahor with his household clung to their home and their idols. Besides Sarah, the wife of Abraham, only Lot, the son of Haran long since dead, chose to share the patriarch’s, pilgrim life. Yet it was a large company that set out from Mesopotamia. Abraham already possessed extensive flocks and herds,

the riches of the East, and he was surrounded by a numerous body of servants and retainers. He was departing from the land of his fathers, never to return, and he took with him all that he had, 'their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran.' Among these were many led by higher considerations than those of service and self-interest. During their stay in Haran, both Abraham and Sarah had led others to the worship and service of the true God. These attached themselves to the patriarch's household, and accompanied him to the land of promise. 'And they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.'

The place where they first tarried was Shechem. Under the shade of the oaks of Moreh, in a wide, grassy valley, with its olive groves and gushing springs, between Mount Ebal on the one side and Mount Gerizim on the other, Abraham made his encampment. It was a fair and goodly country that the patriarch had entered -- 'a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey.' Deuteronomy 8:7-8 But to the worshiper of Jehovah, a heavy shadow rested upon wooded hill and fruitful plain. 'The Canaanite was then in the land.' Abraham had reached the goal of his hopes to find a country occupied by an alien race and overspread with idolatry.

In the groves were set up the altars of false gods, and human sacrifices were offered upon the neighboring heights. While he clung to the divine promise, it was not without distressful forebodings that he pitched his tent. Then 'the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land.' His faith was strengthened by this assurance that the Divine presence was with him, that he was not left to the mercy of the wicked. 'And there builded he an altar unto the Lord, Who appeared unto him.' Still a wayfarer, he soon removed to a spot near Bethel, and again erected an altar, and called upon the name of the Lord.

Abraham, 'the friend of God,' set us a worthy example. His was a life of prayer. Wherever he pitched his tent, close beside it was set up his altar, calling all within his encampment to the morning and evening sacrifice. When his tent was removed, the altar remained. In following years, there were those among the roving Canaanites who received instruction from Abraham; and whenever one of these came to that altar, he knew who had been there before him; and when he had pitched his tent, he repaired the altar, and there worshiped the living God.

Abraham continued to journey southward, and again his faith was tested. The heavens withheld their rain, the brooks ceased to flow in the valleys, and the grass withered on the plains. The flocks and herds found no pasture, and starvation threatened the whole encampment. Did not the patriarch now question the leadings of Providence? Did he not look back with longing to the plenty of the Chaldean plains? All were eagerly watching to see what Abraham would do, as

trouble after trouble came upon him. So long as his confidence appeared unshaken, they felt that there was hope; they were assured that God was his Friend, and that He was still guiding him.

Abraham could not explain the leadings of Providence; he had not realized his expectations; but he held fast the promise, 'I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.' With earnest prayer he considered how to preserve the life of his people and his flocks, but he would not allow circumstances to shake his faith in God's word. To escape the famine he went down into Egypt. He did not forsake Canaan, or in his extremity turn back to the Chaldean land from which he came, where there was no scarcity of bread; but he sought a temporary refuge as near as possible to the Land of Promise, intending shortly to return where God had placed him.

The Lord in His providence had brought this trial upon Abraham to teach him lessons of submission, patience, and faith-- lessons that were to be placed on record for the benefit of all who should afterward be called to endure affliction. God leads His children by a way that they know not, but He does not forget or cast off those who put their trust in Him. He permitted affliction to come upon Job, but He did not forsake him. He allowed the beloved John to be exiled to lonely Patmos, but the Son of God met him there, and his vision was filled with scenes of immortal glory. God permits trials to assail His people, that by their constancy and obedience they themselves may be spiritually enriched, and that their example may be a source of strength to others. 'I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil.' Jeremiah 29:11 The very trials that task our faith most severely and make it seem that God has forsaken us, are to lead us closer to Christ, that we may lay all our burdens at His feet and experience the peace which He will give us in exchange.

God has always tried His people in the furnace of affliction. It is in the heat of the furnace that the dross is separated from the true gold of the Christian character. Jesus watches the test; He knows what is needed to purify the precious metal, that it may reflect the radiance of His love. It is by close, testing trials that God disciplines His servants. He sees that some have powers which may be used in the advancement of His work, and He puts these persons upon trial; in His providence He brings them into positions that test their character and reveal defects and weaknesses that have been hidden from their own knowledge. He gives them opportunity to correct these defects and to fit themselves for His service. He shows them their own weakness, and teaches them to lean upon Him; for He is their only help and safeguard. Thus His object is attained. They are educated, trained, and disciplined, prepared to fulfill the grand purpose for which their powers were given them. When God calls them to action, they are ready, and heavenly angels can unite with them in the work to be accomplished on the earth."

Patriarchs and Prophets 126-130

PROMISES FOR THE SICK & FOR THOSE PRAYING FOR THEM

The Bible encourages us to pray for each other, to pray with persistence, and with perseverance:

“And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

James 5:15-16

“Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise.”

Jeremiah 17:14

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.”

Isaiah 53:5

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

III John 2

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

Ephesians 6:18

“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 4:2

“Pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.”

Romans 12:11-12

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

Philippians 4:6

“But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Philippians. 4:19

“And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.”

Luke 18:1

The Bible says: ask and it shall be given to you:

“The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.”

Psalms 34:15

“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.”

Psalms 50:15

“The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.”

Ps.145:18-19

“Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:12-13

“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.” Joel 2:32

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8

“And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” Luke 11:9-10

“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Acts 2:21

Ask in Jesus' name:

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.” John 14:13-14

“And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.” John 16:23-24

God says keep my commandments, and do my will:

“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.” I John 3:22

“Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth His will, him He heareth.” John 9:31

“The Lord is far from the wicked: but He heareth the prayer of the righteous.” Proverbs 15:29

God says believe:

“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

Mark 11:24

“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”

Matthew 21:22

Ask according to His will, and be willing to accept whatever His will might be:

“And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us.”

I John 5:14

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

Matthew 6:9-10

God says **everything** (even trials, difficulties, and illness) works out for the best in our lives: He can turn the worst situations into a great blessing !!!

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28

God also promises, that He will not allow greater trials in our lives, than what we can bear:

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

I Corinthians 10:13

Another wonderful thing is that we do not have to carry our burdens by ourselves, God is willing to help us carry them, if we allow Him to do so:

“Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.”

1Peter 5:7

“Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.”

Psalms 55:22

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Romans 8:26

WHY DOES THE LORD NOT HEAL EVERYONE WE PRAY FOR?

Dear Prayer partner,

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28

“God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose, which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him.”

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We all know these quotes by heart, and have used them many times. It is so easy to use them and believe them, when the Lord has worked out a situation the way we hoped or imagined He would, but can we as whole-heartedly believe them and use them when (seemingly) the Lord has NOT fulfilled our hopes, or answered our prayers ?

Can we believe these truths when we are facing tragedy, or are going through very difficult trials ? It is easy to believe and trust in the Lord's leading and guiding, when things are going our way, or at least they are making sense, but in fact there is no faith required than, we are just acknowledging facts.

At times when we are absolutely baffled and can see no reason for events and tragedies, that is when we have to rely on God's promises, on His infinite wisdom, on His unfailing Love, on His everlasting mercy, and on His power for strength. We have all just witnessed two families lose their loved one. It absolutely makes no sense, it is not fair, it seems like God has not heard, or answered our prayers, but this is the time when we have to have strong faith, we have to hang on to God's promises, as if we were hanging on for our lives, and we are - for our eternal lives.

Every time I was praying for Mary Jo, and James, I was pleading with the Lord, that whatever the outcome might be, that HE WOULD NOT ALLOW ANYONE OF US TO LOOSE FAITH IN HIM. That is still my prayer for the Scott family, the Turkenkopf family, as well as for every one of us who has and is praying for them.

There is no answer, or explanation why. We will not know until we get to Heaven. Until then we need to trust the Lord and His ways. The following quotes might help us, strengthen us, and give us encouragement.

“There are cases where God works decidedly by His divine power in the restoration of health. But not all the sick are healed. Many are laid away to sleep in Jesus. John on the Isle of Patmos was bidden to write: ‘Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.’ Revelation 14:13 From this we see that if persons are not raised to health, they should not on this account be judged as wanting in faith.”

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“God knows the end from the beginning. He is acquainted with the hearts of all men. He reads every secret of the soul. He knows whether those for whom prayer is offered would or would not be able to endure the trials that would come upon them should they live. He knows whether their lives would be a blessing or a curse to themselves and to the world. This is one reason why, while presenting our petitions with earnestness, we should say, ‘Nevertheless not my will, but Thine, be done.’ Luke 22:42 Jesus added these words of submission to the wisdom and will of God when in the Garden of Gethsemane He pleaded, ‘O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me.’ Matthew 26:39 And if they were appropriate for Him, the Son of God, how much more are they becoming on the lips of finite, erring mortals!”

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“A true and faithful Stephen was stoned to death by the enemies of Christ. Surely it did not appear that God was strengthening His cause in the earth by thus permitting wicked men to triumph, but from this very circumstance Paul was converted to the faith, and through his word thousands were brought to the light of the gospel.”

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“Many of your afflictions have been visited upon you, in the wisdom of God, to bring you closer to the throne of grace. He softens and subdues His children by sorrows and trials. This world is God’s workshop, where He fashions us for the courts of heaven. He uses the planing knife upon our quivering hearts until the roughness and

irregularities are removed and we are fitted for our proper places in the heavenly building. Through tribulation and distress the Christian becomes purified and strengthened, and develops a character after the model that Christ has given. The influence of a true, godly life cannot be measured. It reaches beyond the immediate circle of home and friends, shedding a light that wins souls to Jesus.”

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“God knows better than we do what is good for His children; and if they could see their real necessity as He does, they would say that the Lord had dealt most wisely with them. The ways of the Lord are obscure to him who desires to see things in a pleasing light to himself. God can discern the end of His purpose from the beginning; but because the Lord’s ways are not man’s ways, they appear dark, severe, and painful to our human natures. But God’s ways are ways of mercy, and their end is salvation and blessedness.”

Advent Review and Sabbath Herald

My prayer is that, NONE OF US WOULD LOOSE OUR TRUST AND FAITH IN THE LORD, OR BE DISCOURAGED, OR QUESTION GOD'S WAYS, but rather that we would feel the urgency of being prepared for Jesus' second coming.

I am praying that we would all dedicate our time and energy to the Lord, so that He could finish the work quickly, and return VERY SOON, and we could be with our loving Savior, and be united with our dear loved ones.

There is absolutely nothing worth while staying around for here on earth, especially if you consider that WE COULD BE SPENDING ALL THIS TIME WITH THE LORD IN HEAVEN, where there is no more pain, suffering, or separation. The Bible says that words cannot describe the beauty of heaven, that is awaiting us there. I would like to challenge you to daily evaluate your life, and your priorities, and PLEAD WITH THE LORD TO FINISH THE WORK, AND HASTEN HIS COMING.

I WOULD LIKE TO GO HOME, WOULDN'T YOU ?

VERBAL WOUNDS

If someone can control his tongue, and never make a mistake in what he says, or how he says it, he is a perfect man and he is able to keep his whole body in check.

“For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?”

James 3:2-11

Those who do these things will not inherit the kingdom of God:

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Galatians 5:19-21

“The actions of our sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, filthy language and recklessness, just to mention a few. But they don’t end there. They also include idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, strife, hostility, heresies, envy, drunkenness and sexual perversions... I’m warning you again, those who do these things cannot be taken into God’s kingdom.”

Galatians 5:19-21 (Clear Word)

One of the signs of the end time:

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

II Timothy 3:1-5

We grieve the Holy Spirit with our tongues:

“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. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.”

Ephesians 4:29-31

Speaking can cause trouble, strife, anger, and wrath:

“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.”

Proverbs 21:23

“Avoid answering foolish and ignorant questions, because they only breed more arguments.”

II Timothy 2:23 (Clear Word)

“A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.”

Proverbs 15:1

The tongue has power over life and death:

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”

Proverbs 18:21

The wrath of man does not serve the righteousness of God:

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.”

James 1:19-20

Many of us do not consider it a sin, or at least not a significant one to transgress with our tongues. We can find a lot about this subject in the Word of God, and we can see that it is a very serious matter. We can also glean from these verses, that we cannot be in control of our own words.

The Bible says you cannot rule your own words, but it also says that you cannot inherit eternal life, if you sin with your tongue. Is the Lord requiring the impossible from us? Do we have any hope at all, to receive eternal life?

The Bible condemns filthy language and cursing:

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth... Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.”

Ephesians 4:29-31

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

Ephesians 5:4

“But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.”

Colossians 3: 8

Evil speaking, anger, wrath, strife, malice, bitterness, hastiness, impatience:

“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.”

Ephesians 4:31

“Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.”

Ecclesiastes 7:9

“But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.”

Titus 3:9

Wise is he who..... a fool is he who...

“He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.”

Proverbs 14:17

“He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.”

Proverbs 14:29

“Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.”

Proverbs 29:20

“In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise. The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth. The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.”

Proverbs 10:19-21

“He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.”

Proverbs 17:27-28

“Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.”

Ecclesiastes 7:9

“He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.”

Proverbs 14:29

Let us be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

“Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.”

James 1:18-19

Let us be patient, meek, long suffering:

“Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.”

I Thessalonians 5:14

“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.”

II Timothy 2:24-25

“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.”

I Timothy 6:11

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness.”

II Peter 1:5-6

With meekness and patience we can achieve more, than with anger:

“A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.”

Proverbs 15:1

“By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.”

Proverbs 25:15

To receive the promise:

“For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.”

Hebrew 10:36

Fruit of the spirit:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance...”

Galatians 5:22-23

Examples:

“Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.”

James 5:10-11

“But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses.”

II Corinthians 6:4

In our communication as in everything else, let Jesus be our example. As we are striving to please God with all our deeds, let us strive to please Him with our words, and with our behavior.

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.”

Colossians 3:15-17

God is the One Who will give it to you:

“Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus.”

Romans 15:5

With power from God:

“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

II Peter 1:2-3

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

Philippians 4:13

Let us all examine our own words and actions, and not those of other's:

“But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.”

Galatians 6:4

“There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence....Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. Finally the day passed when the young boy was able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, ‘You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there.’ A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.

Please forgive me if I have ever left a hole in your fence..... ”

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OBEDIENCE

The Ten Commandments

“And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

- I Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- II Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- III Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.
- IV Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- V Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- VI Thou shalt not kill.
- VII Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII Thou shalt not steal.
- IX Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- X Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.”

Keep God's commandments:

"Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and ye shall serve Him, and cleave unto Him."

Deuteronomy 13:4

"Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God, and do His commandments and His statutes, which I command thee this day."

Deuteronomy 27:10

Jesus our perfect example was obedient to the Father in all His words and all His actions.

"Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."

Hebrews 5:8-9

"And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Philippians 2:8

Because of Jesus' obedience, we can be righteous.

He is also our perfect example and our help and strength to be obedient:

"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

Romans 5:19

God promises His Holy Spirit to those who obey His laws:

"And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, Whom God hath given to them that obey Him."

Acts 5:32

According to God's Word, obedience is better than sacrifice:

"And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

I Samuel 15:22

Obedience is more important, than anything else we might try to do to please God.

Be obedient rather to God than to man. Obey the earthly laws, but only those that do not contradict with God's commandments:

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

Acts 5:29

“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.”

Acts 4:19

Follow the Lord only !!! Test every word that you hear about God with Scripture !!!
Do not trust any signs or wonders !!!

“If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and ye shall serve Him, and cleave unto Him.”

Deuteronomy 13:1-4

You are servant of the person who's laws you are keeping:

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”

Romans 6:16-18

God promises blessings for those who obey His laws, and punishment for those who brake them:

“Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.”

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

“If ye will fear the Lord, and serve Him, and obey His voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the Lord your God: But if ye will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall the hand of the Lord be against you, as it was against your fathers.”

I Samuel 12:14-15

“If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.”

Job 36:11-12

“If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.” Isaiah 1:19-20

Keeping the Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments, and we need to keep it the way the Lord commanded it, not our own way.

“... And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the Lord, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but hallow the Sabbath day, to do no work therein; Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever. ... But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the Sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.” Jeremiah 17:23-27

“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” I Peter 4:17-18

Examples of God’s blessings for those who obey:

“And in thy (Abraham) seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.” Genesis 22:18

“And I will make thy (Isaac) seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.” Genesis 26:4-5

“Now therefore, if ye (Children of Israel) will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.” Exodus 19:5

And it shall come to pass, if thou (Children of Israel) shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe [and] to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Deuteronomy 28:1-2

“And (Children of Israel) shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey His voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will He fetch thee: And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and He will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.” Deuteronomy 30:2-6

“And thou (Children of Israel) shalt return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all His commandments which I command thee this day. And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as He rejoiced over thy fathers: If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.” Deuteronomy 30:8-10

“But the word is very nigh unto thee (Children of Israel), in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: for He is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.” Deuteronomy 30:14-20

“But this thing commanded I them (all people of Judah), saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.” Jeremiah 7:23

“Therefore now amend your (Princes of Judah and all people) ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will repent Him of the evil that He hath pronounced against you.”

Jeremiah 26:13

“... Obey, I beseech thee (Zedekiah the king of Judah), the voice of the Lord, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live.”

Jeremiah 38:20

“And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.”

Exodus 20:6

Examples of punishments for those who brake God’s commandments:

“And ye (Children of Israel) shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the Lord thy God.”

Deuteronomy 28:62

“For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord ...”

Joshua 5:6

“And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: Because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord their God, but transgressed His covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.”

II Kings 18:11-12

“Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the Lord, He against Whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in His ways, neither were they obedient unto His law.”

Isaiah 42:24

“We (Children of Israel) lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.”

Jeremiah 3:25

“But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.”

Jeremiah. 7:28

“And the Lord saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.”

Jeremiah 9:13-16

“Yet they (the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem) obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not.”

Jeremiah 11:8

“If it (a nation, and a kingdom) do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.”

Jeremiah 18:10

“And they (people of Israel) came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not Thy voice, neither walked in Thy law; they have done nothing of all that Thou commandedst them to do: therefore Thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them.”

Jeremiah 32:23

“Therefore thus saith the Lord; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the Lord, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.”

Jeremiah 34:17

“... but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me: Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.”

Jeremiah 35:16-17

“And now I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the Lord your God, nor any thing for the which He hath sent me unto you. Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn.”

Jeremiah 42:21-22

“Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. Yea, all Israel have transgressed Thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey Thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him.”

“Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all His works which He doeth: for we obeyed not His voice.”

Daniel 9:10-11&14

Let's keep God's commandments because we love God, because we want to please Him, and because we are grateful to Him, and not because we are afraid of the consequences!

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

John 14:15

“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.”

John 14:23

“If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in His love.”

John 15:10

God’s law does not change:

“For I am the Lord, I change not.”

Malachi 3:6

“And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.”

Luke 16:17

“Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.”

Luke 21:33

“For verily I say unto you, Till Heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven.”

Matthew 5:18-19

“The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations.”

Psalms 33:11

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

James 1:17

“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”

James 2:10

It is not enough to know the law, it has to be obeyed:

“For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

James 1:23-25

Obedience or disobedience ?

Satan had declared that the law of God could not be obeyed.

“In the opening of the great controversy, Satan had declared that the law of God could not be obeyed, that justice was inconsistent with mercy, and that, should the law be broken, it would be

impossible for the sinner to be pardoned. Every sin must meet its punishment, urged Satan; and if God should remit the punishment of sin, He would not be a God of truth and justice. When men broke the law of God, and defied His will, Satan exulted. It was proved, he declared, that the law could not be obeyed; man could not be forgiven. Because he, after his rebellion, had been banished from Heaven, Satan claimed that the human race must be forever shut out from God's favor. God could not be just, he urged, and yet show mercy to the sinner."

Christ imbues men with the attributes of God.

"Through Jesus, God's mercy was manifested to men; but mercy does not set aside justice. The law reveals the attributes of God's character, and not a jot or tittle of it could be changed to meet man in his fallen condition. God did not change His law, but He sacrificed Himself, in Christ, for man's redemption. 'God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.' 2 Cor. 5:19. The law requires righteousness, -- a righteous life, a perfect character; and this man has not to give. He cannot meet the claims of God's holy law. But Christ, coming to the earth as man, lived a holy life, and developed a perfect character. These He offers as a free gift to all who will receive them. His life stands for the life of men. Thus they have remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. More than this, Christ imbues men with the attributes of God. He builds up the human character after the similitude of the divine character, a goodly fabric of spiritual strength and beauty. Thus the very righteousness of the law is fulfilled in the believer in Christ. God can 'be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.' Rom. 3:26. God's love has been expressed in His justice no less than in His mercy. Justice is the foundation of His throne, and the fruit of His love."

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By His life and His death, Christ proved that God's justice did not destroy His mercy.

"But Christ shows that in God's plan they are indissolubly joined together; the one cannot exist without the other. 'Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.' Ps. 85:10 By His life and His death, Christ proved that God's justice did not destroy His mercy, but that sin could be forgiven, and that the law is righteous, and can be perfectly obeyed. Satan's charges were refuted. God had given man unmistakable evidence of His love."

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“Another deception was now to be brought forward. Satan declared that mercy destroyed justice, that the death of Christ abrogated the Father's law.”

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“Had it been possible for the law to be changed or abrogated, then Christ need not have died. But to abrogate the law would be to immortalize transgression, and place the world under Satan's control. It was because the law was changeless, because man could be saved only through obedience to its precepts, that Jesus was lifted up on the cross. Yet the very means by which Christ established the law Satan represented as destroying it. Here will come the last conflict of the great controversy between Christ and Satan.”

Satan now claims that God's law is faulty.

“That the law which was spoken by God's own voice is faulty, that some specification has been set aside, is the claim which Satan now puts forward. It is the last great deception that he will bring upon the world. He needs not to assail the whole law; if he can lead men to disregard one precept, his purpose is gained. For ‘whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.’ James 2:10. By consenting to break one precept, men are brought under Satan's power. By substituting human law for God's law, Satan will seek to control the world. This work is foretold in prophecy. Of the great apostate power which is the representative of Satan, it is declared, ‘He shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand.’ Dan. 7:25. Men will surely set up their laws to counterwork the laws of God. They will seek to compel the consciences of others, and in their zeal to enforce these laws they will oppress their fellow men.”

“The warfare against God's law, which was begun in Heaven, will be continued until the end of time. Every man will be tested. Obedience or disobedience is the question to be decided by the whole world. All will be called to choose between the law of God and the laws of men. Here the dividing line will be drawn. There will be but two classes. Every character will be fully developed; and all will show whether they have chosen the side of loyalty or that of rebellion.”

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GOD HEARS EVERY PRAYER

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

Isaiah 41:10

“For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.”

Isaiah 41:13

“The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee: for Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.”

Psalms 9:9-10

“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.”

Psalms 37:5

“At all times and in all places, in all sorrows and in all afflictions, when the outlook seems dark and the future perplexing, and we feel helpless and alone, the Comforter will be sent in answer to the prayer of faith. Circumstances may separate us from every earthly friend; but no circumstance, no distance, can separate us from the heavenly Comforter. Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is always at our right hand to support, sustain, uphold, and cheer.”

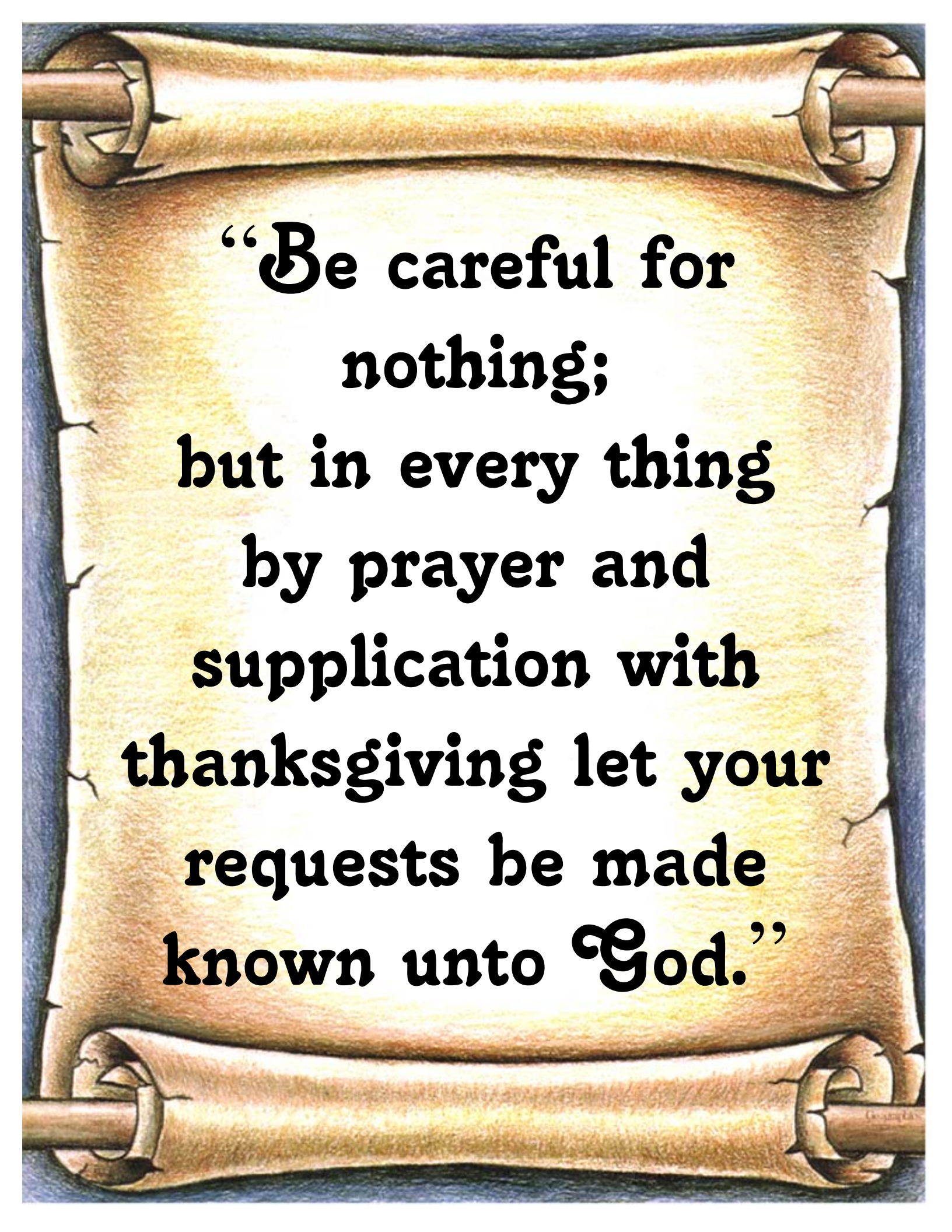
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“Prayer moves the arm of Omnipotence. He who marshals the stars in order in the heavens, Whose word controls the waves of the great deep, the same infinite Creator will work in behalf of His people if they call upon Him in faith.”

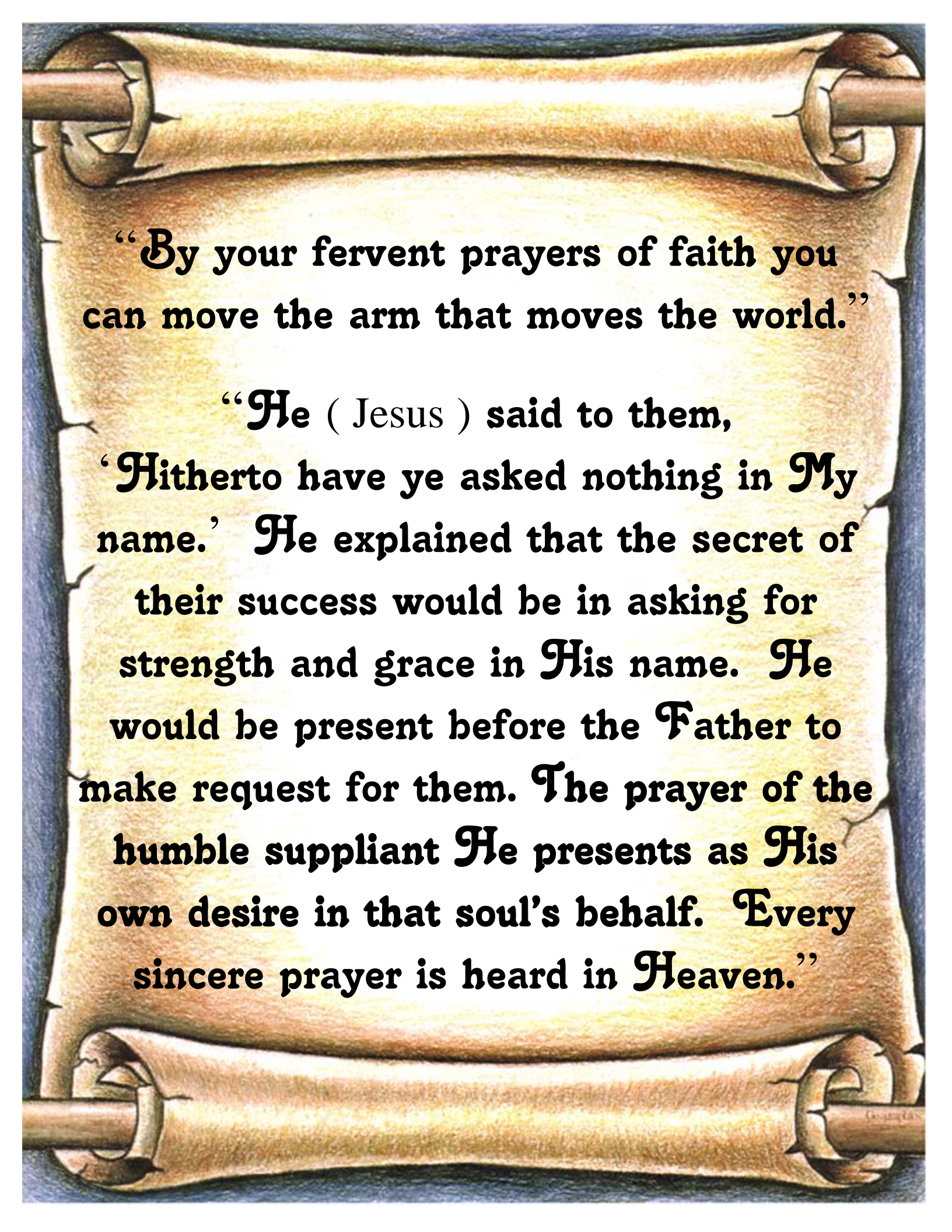
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“By your fervent prayers of faith you can move the arm that moves the world.”

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A scroll with text. The scroll is unrolled, showing a piece of aged, yellowish parchment with some creases and a dark blue border. The text is written in a bold, black, serif font. The scroll is held by four wooden rollers, two at the top and two at the bottom.

**“Be careful for
nothing;
but in every thing
by prayer and
supplication with
thanksgiving let your
requests be made
known unto God.”**

A scroll with text on a parchment background. The scroll is unrolled, showing the text. The parchment is yellowed and has some texture. The scroll is held by wooden rollers on the left and right sides.

“By your fervent prayers of faith you can move the arm that moves the world.”

“He (Jesus) said to them, ‘Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name.’ He explained that the secret of their success would be in asking for strength and grace in His name. He would be present before the Father to make request for them. The prayer of the humble suppliant He presents as His own desire in that soul’s behalf. Every sincere prayer is heard in Heaven.”

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