

WORDS FOR A DAY OF TROUBLE

Jesus' assumption and that of the Apostles was that Christians would be persecuted. We in America have largely escaped it but that is about to change. We are approaching a Day when no earthly resource will sustain us and we'll need to either depend on God for provision, protection, health/healing and direction - or submit to the deadly solutions that the demonic offers for the needs they have created.

The coming deceptions and stresses will be such that nothing but God Himself can enable us to remain faithful to Him and to each other. Community will help but no backup food supply will be enough; nor guns and ammo; nor bitcoin or other investments; nor secret bunkers; nor church facilities or programs; nor cash - not even gold. God has made many promises and declarations about this but there's a catch-22 and it's time we get serious.

We can't assume we'll be "covered" because we "go to church," or "believe the right things." Or because we practice certain religious rites, rules or traditions. Or obey the bishop. Or don't do certain bad things. Even quoting these scriptures won't be enough by itself.

The bottom line is that we must be aligned with God such that His life and resources flow from His spirit into ours, as in the Garden. Jesus came to make that possible, i.e. to reconnect us to the Father and the life He offers, but it is conditional on Him being Lord of our life - not just "Savior" in the popular, sentimental low-cost way. It means that we have repented of trying to do things our way and have yielded to His rule over us in all of life, now.

Only those who are traveling the Matthew 7:13-14 narrow path; denying our self and taking up our cross daily; loving our enemies and forgiving those who trespass against us; laying up treasure in heaven instead of on the earth; and living intentionally for the sake of his Name (for example) - - can be assured of "God with me" in that time. Matthew 6:33, a benchmark for true disciples of Jesus, follows 6:19-32 and leads to v34. And don't forget Matthew 7:21-23.

If you think that today's "church," whether Mennonite, Amish, Baptist, Pentecostal, Nazarene or whatever your label, is even close to what Jesus meant by "My Church" in Matthew 16:18, you are already deceived to the point that you will be sucked into the darkness that is coming. If you can't see the ongoing fulfillment of prophecy globally and especially in the Middle East, you won't see it in time to repent at the last minute.

Matthew and Mark record that Jesus began His ministry with a call to repent (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:15), and if He were among us today in person He'd say much the same to us that He said to the Scribes and Pharisees. We're not as different from them as we'd like to think we are.

And so I offer "Words for A Day of Trouble," a treasury of scriptures and an incredible depository of truth. I present it with the confidence that it can instruct and empower you in the coming Day, but with the sobering knowledge that it will only be effective for those who surrender to the radical rule of Christ and find their identity in Him and His purposes in this life. Now. Today.

Jesus said that only a few will know His Kingdom life that is entered through the narrow gate on the narrow path, but you can be among them if you choose to! Why not? Dialogue anyone?

Please print these scriptures off and read them, maybe as a family. Download this to your phone. Ask God to reveal Himself to you as His truth permeates your soul (mind, will and emotions) and enables you to look to Him as your Source in all of life. That will help in today's challenges but will be essential in the Day ahead.

Click on the scripture references, which are linked to <https://biblehub.com/> where you can read them in many translations. They are shown in the BSB translation, the Berean Standard Bible, which you can download free in various formats at <https://berean.bible/downloads.htm>

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[Genesis 28:15](#) Look, I am with you, and I will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

[Exodus 14:14](#) The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.

[Deuteronomy 31:6](#) Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or terrified of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.”

[Joshua 1:5](#) No one shall stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so will I be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

[Joshua 1:9](#) Have I not commanded you to be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

[Ruth 2:12](#) May the LORD repay your work, and may you receive a rich reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have taken refuge.

[2 Samuel 22](#) And David sang this song to the LORD on the day the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said: - - - -

[Psalm 2](#)

1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against His Anointed One: 3 “Let us break Their chains and cast away Their cords.”

4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord taunts them. 5 Then He rebukes them in His anger and terrifies them in His fury: 6 “I have installed My King on Zion, upon My holy mountain.” 7 I will proclaim the decree spoken to Me by the LORD: “You are My Son; today I have become Your Father. 8 Ask Me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance, the ends of the earth Your possession. 9 You will break them with an iron scepter; You will shatter them like pottery.”

10 Therefore be wise, O kings; be admonished, O judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and you perish in your rebellion when His wrath ignites in an instant. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

[Psalm 3:3](#) But You, O LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, and the One who lifts my head.

[Psalm 4:8](#) I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

[Psalm 5:11](#) But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever shout for joy. May You shelter them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You.

[Psalm 16:1](#) Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

[Psalm 16:8](#) I have set the LORD always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

[Psalm 16:11](#) You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.

[Psalm 18:30](#) As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

[Psalm 18:35-36](#) You have given me Your shield of salvation; Your right hand upholds me, and Your gentleness exalts me. 36 You broaden the path beneath me so that my ankles do not give way.

[Psalm 20:1](#) A Psalm of David. May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

[Psalm 23](#) A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of His name.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

[Psalm 27:1](#) The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—whom shall I dread?

[Psalm 27:4-5](#) One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple. 5 For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.

[Psalm 27:14](#) Wait patiently for the LORD; be strong and courageous. Wait patiently for the LORD!

[Psalm 31:23-24](#) O love the LORD, all you His godly ones! The LORD preserves the faithful and fully recompenses the proud doer. 24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the LORD.

[Psalm 32:7](#) You are my hiding place. You protect me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

[Psalm 34:7](#) The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and he delivers them.

[Psalm 34:19](#) Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him from them all.

[Psalm 34:22](#) The LORD redeems His servants, and none who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

[Psalm 36:7](#) How precious is Your loving devotion, O God, that the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings!

[Psalm 37:1-11](#), Do not fret because of evildoers, be not envious toward wrongdoers. 2 For they will wither quickly like the grass and fade like the green herb. 3 Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it. 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light and your judgment as the noonday. - - - - Read it all!

[Psalm 40:1](#) I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

[Psalm 41:2](#) The LORD will protect and preserve him; He will bless him in the land and refuse to give him over to the will of his foes.

[Psalm 46:1-2](#) God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; (Read it all)

[Psalm 56:9](#) Then my enemies will retreat on the day I cry for help. By this I will know that God is on my side.

[Psalm 57:1](#) - - Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy, for in You my soul takes refuge. In the shadow of Your wings I will take shelter until the danger has passed.

[Psalm 59:1](#) A Miktam of David, when Saul sent men to watch David's house in order to kill him. Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise against me.

[Psalm 59:16](#) But I will sing of Your strength and proclaim Your loving devotion in the morning. For You are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

[Psalm 61:3](#) For You have been my refuge, a tower of strength against the enemy.

[Psalm 73:24-26](#) With Your counsel You will guide me, and afterward receive me to glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven *but* You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

[Psalm 91:1-16](#)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!" 3 For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark. 5 You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day; 6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or of the destruction that lays waste at noon.

7 A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, *but* it shall not approach you. 8 You will only look on with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. 9 For you have made the LORD, my refuge, *even* the Most High, your dwelling place.

10 No evil will befall you, nor will any plague come near your tent. 11 For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. 12 They will bear you up in their hands, that you do not strike your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread upon the lion and cobra, the young lion and the serpent you will trample down. 14 "Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him *securely* on high, because he has known My name. 15 "He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. 16 "With a long life I will satisfy him and let him see My salvation."

[Psalm 118:6](#) The LORD is on my side; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

[Psalm 118:8](#) It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

[Psalm 119:114](#) You are my hiding place and my shield; I put my hope in Your word.

[Psalm 121:1-8](#)

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come? 2 My help *comes* from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. 8 The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever.

[Psalm 138:7](#) If I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve me from the anger of my foes; You extend Your hand, and Your right hand saves me.

[Psalm 147:11](#) The LORD is pleased with those who fear Him, who hope in His loving devotion.

[Psalm 149:4](#) For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the afflicted with salvation.

[Proverbs 1:33](#) But whoever listens to me will dwell in safety, secure from the fear of evil.

[Proverbs 4:23](#) Guard your heart with all diligence, for from it flow springs of life.

[Proverbs 18:10](#) The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

[Isaiah 12:2](#) Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. For the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He also has become my salvation.

[Isaiah 26:3-4](#) The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You. 4 "Trust in the LORD forever, for in GOD the LORD, *we have* an everlasting Rock.

[Isaiah 40:10-11](#) Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might, with His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him and His recompense before Him. 11 Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry *them* in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

[Proverbs 27:12](#) The prudent see danger and take cover, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

[Proverbs 29:25](#) The fear of man is a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is set securely on high.

[Proverbs 30:5](#) Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

[Isaiah 41:10-13](#)

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

11 Behold, all those who are angered at you will be shamed and dishonored; those who contend with you will be as nothing and will perish. 12 You will seek those who quarrel with you, but will not find them, those who war with you will be as nothing and non-existent. 13 For I am the LORD your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

[Isaiah 43:1-3](#) But now, thus says the LORD, your creator, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. 3 for I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; -- "

[Isaiah 46:4](#) Even to your old age, I will be the same, and I will bear you up when you turn gray. I have made you, and I will carry you; I will sustain you and deliver you.

[Isaiah 54:17](#) No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.

[Zephaniah 3:17](#) The LORD your God is among you; He is mighty to save. He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you with His love; He will rejoice over you with singing.

[Daniel 12:1](#) At that time Michael, the great prince who stands watch over your people, will rise up. There will be a time of distress, the likes of which will not have occurred from the beginning of nations until that time. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

[Nahum 1:7](#) The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of distress; He cares for those who trust in Him.

[Matthew 5:10-12](#) Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

[Matthew 5:43-48](#) You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

[Matthew 6:33](#) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.

[Matthew 11:28-30](#) Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

[Matthew 16:18](#) And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

[Matthew 28:18-20](#) And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

[Mark 13:12-13](#) Brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. 13 You will be hated by all because of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

[Luke 10:19](#) Behold, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you.

[Luke 12:32](#) Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.

[John 14:27](#) Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid.

[John 15:18-21](#) If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose

you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.

[John 16:13](#) However, when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak what He hears, and He will declare to you what is to come.

[John 16:33](#) I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take courage; I have overcome the world!

[John 19:11](#) Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed Me over to you is guilty of greater sin."

[Acts 14:22](#) strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. "We must endure many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

[Romans 8:26-39](#)

In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or

famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Romans 15:13](#) Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

[1 Corinthians 10:13](#) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide an escape, so that you can stand up under it.

[II Corinthians 4:8-11](#) we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

[II Corinthians 12:9-10](#) And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

[Ephesians 6:10-18](#)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

14 Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT

ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, 15 and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; 16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. 17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

[Philippians 4:4-7](#) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[Philippians 4:12-13](#) I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

[1 Thessalonians 5:23-24](#) Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

[II Thessalonians 3:3](#) But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

[II Thessalonians 3:16](#) Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

[II Timothy 1:7](#) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control.

[II Timothy 3:12](#) Indeed, all who desire to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

[II Timothy 4:18](#) And the Lord will rescue me from every evil action and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

[Hebrews 1:14](#) Are not the angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

[Hebrews 3:12-19](#)

Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today,"

so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, 15 while it is said, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME."

16 For who provoked *Him* when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt *led* by Moses? 17 And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient?

19 So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

[Hebrews 10:32-39](#) and [11:1-40](#) Our "heroes of faith" whose faith in God Himself enabled them to trust Him and to remain faithful whether they were released from prison or "sawn asunder." It wasn't faith for some earthly result, but faith to remain true to the end regardless of what that meant.

[Hebrews 13:5-6](#) Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," 6 so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

[James 1:2-3](#) Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

[James 4:7](#) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

[1 Peter 1:6-9](#) In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

[1 Peter 2:9](#) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

[1 Peter 2:19-23](#)

For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

[1 Peter 3:13-17](#) Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, 15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; 16 and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. 17 For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

[1 Peter 4:1-2](#) Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

[1 Peter 4:12-19](#)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; 16 but if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. 17 For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

18 AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER? 19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

1 Peter 5:7-10

casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. 8 Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.

1 John 5:4-5 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:18-19 We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. 19 We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one.

Revelation 3:10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I will also keep you from the hour of testing that is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the former things have passed away.

Revelation 22:11-21

Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.”

12 “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. 13 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and

may enter by the gates into the city. 15 Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

20 He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

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