

“Royal Partners” Scripture Text

Description:

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Scripture reference 1:

Heb. 6:1 (ESV), “Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.”

Heb. 9:14 (ESV), “... how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

Scripture reference 2:

Rom. 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1 Tim. 6:13, “In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you”

Scripture reference 3:

Matt. 8:22, “But Jesus told him, ‘Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.’”

Eph. 2:1, 5, “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions”

Col. 2:13, “When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ.”

1 Tim. 5:6, “But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.”

Scripture reference 4:

Matt. 7:21-23 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 5:

Matt. 11:12, “From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”

Scripture reference 6:

Mark 10:15, “I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Scripture reference 7:

Mark 12:30, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

1 Pet. 4:11, “If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.”

Scripture reference 8:

Matt. 11:28, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Scripture reference 9:

1 Co. 2:14, “The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

Scripture reference 10:

Gen. 1:26-27 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 11:

Gen. 1:1-2, ¹ “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

Scripture reference 12:

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’”

Scripture reference 13:

John 14:9, “Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.’”

Scripture reference 14:

Exod. 24:17, “To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.”

2 Chron. 7:1, “When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.”

Scripture reference 15:

Dan. 7:9-10, ⁹ “As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.”

Scripture reference 16:

Ezek. 1:4, 14, 27-28, ⁴ “I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north – an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire

looked like glowing metal¹⁴ The creatures sped back and forth like flashes of lightning....²⁷ I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him.²⁸ Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him.”

Scripture reference 17:

Luke 2:9, “An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.”

Scripture reference 18:

Ps. 8:6-8,⁶ “You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:⁷ all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field,⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.”

Scripture reference 19:

1 Sam. 23:26, “As Saul and his forces were closing in on David and his men to capture them”

Scripture reference 20:

Ps. 8:5, “You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.”

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Scripture reference 22:

Gen. 3:7, “Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.”

Scripture reference 23:

Ps. 8:5, “You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.”

Scripture reference 24:

Rom. 6:16, “Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?”

2 Pet. 2:19, “... for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.”

Scripture reference 25:

Matt. 28:3, (angel of the Lord, v 2) “His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.”

Luke 9:26, “If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”

Luke 24:4, “While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.”

Rev. 10:1, “Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars.”

Scripture reference 26:

Rom. 8:29, “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

Scripture reference 27:

Phil. 2:5-7, ⁵ “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

Scripture reference 28:

John 17:5, “And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”

Scripture reference 29:

John 2:11, “This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.”

Scripture reference 30:

Matt. 17:2, “There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.”

Mark 9:3, “His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.”

Luke 9:29, “As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.”

Scripture reference 31:

Luke 9:32, “Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.”

Scripture reference 32:

Heb. 2:7-8, ⁷ “You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor ⁸ and put everything under his feet.”

Scripture reference 33:

John 3:30, “He must become greater; I must become less.”

Scripture reference 34:

Luke 22:58, “A little later someone else saw him and said, ‘You also are one of them.’”

John 6:7 (ESV), “Philip answered him, ‘Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.’”

Acts 5:34, “But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while.”

Acts 27:28, “A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep.”

Heb. 13:22, “Brothers, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written you only a short letter.”

Scripture reference 35:

John 17:22, “I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one.”

Scripture reference 36:

Rom. 8:17-18, ¹⁷ “Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

Scripture reference 37:

2 Cor. 4:17, “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”

Scripture reference 38:

2 Tim. 2:10, “Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.”

Scripture reference 39:

2 Cor. 3:18, “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

Scripture reference 40:

Matt. 17:2, “There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.”

Scripture reference 41:

Matt. 5:16, “In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Scripture reference 42:

Matt. 5:23-25, ²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember

that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court.”

Scripture reference 43:

Matt. 5:32, “But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.”

Scripture reference 44:

Matt. 5:34-37, ³⁴ “But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”

Scripture reference 45:

Matt. 5:39-42, ³⁹ “But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.”

Scripture reference 46:

Matt. 5:44, “But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Scripture reference 47:

Matt. 7:12, “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

Scripture reference 48:

Gen. 3:16, “To the woman he said, ‘I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.’”

Scripture reference 49:

Gen. 3:17-19, ¹⁷ “To Adam he said, ‘Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, “You must not eat of it,” Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.’”

Scripture reference 50:

Gen. 3:23-24, ²³ “So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the

ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.”

Scripture reference 51:

John 8:34, “Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.’”

Rom. 6:6, 16, ⁶ “For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.... ¹⁶ Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey.”

Scripture reference 52:

Rom. 8:20-21, ²⁰ “For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.”

Scripture reference 53:

Gen. 6:5-7, ⁵ “The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. ⁷ So the LORD said, ‘I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth – men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air – for I am grieved that I have made them.’”

Scripture reference 54:

Matt. 5:7, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

Scripture reference 55:

Num. 20:12, “But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.’”

Scripture reference 56:

Rom. 1:24, 26, 28, ²⁴ “Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.... ²⁶ Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts.... ²⁸ Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.”

Scripture reference 57:

Matt. 24:45-47, ⁴⁵ “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. ⁴⁷ I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.”

Scripture reference 58:

Matt. 24:48-51, ⁴⁸ “But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, ‘My master is staying away a long time,’ ⁴⁹ and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. ⁵⁰ The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. ⁵¹ He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Scripture reference 59:

1 Cor. 11:30, “That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.”

Scripture reference 60:

James 4:4, “You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”

Scripture reference 61:

Phil. 2:7, “... but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

Scripture reference 62:

Rom. 1:1, “Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus”

Titus 1:1, “Paul, a servant of God”

James 1:1, “James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ”

2 Pet. 1:1, “Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ”

Jude 1, “Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ”

Scripture reference 63:

1 Cor. 7:22, “he who was a free man when he was called is Christ’s slave.”

Eph. 6:6, “but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.”

1 Pet. 2:16, “live as servants of God.”

Scripture reference 64:

Luke 22:27, “But I [Jesus] am among you as one who serves.”

Rom. 15:8, “For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews.”

Scripture reference 65:

Eph. 3:7, “I became a servant of this gospel”

Col. 1:23, 25, ²³ “This is the gospel ... of which I, Paul, have become a servant.... ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness.”

Scripture reference 66:

John 12:26, “Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”

2 Cor. 11:23, “Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more.”

Eph. 6:21, “Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord”

Col. 1:7, “You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant”

2 Cor. 6:4, “Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way”

Matt. 20:26, “Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant”

Matt. 23:11, “The greatest among you will be your servant.”

Scripture reference 67:

Matt. 20:26-28 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 68:

Matt. 24:45-51

⁴⁵ “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. ⁴⁷ I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, ‘My master is staying away a long time,’ ⁴⁹ and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. ⁵⁰ The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. ⁵¹ He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Scripture reference 69:

Matt. 25:14-30 (omitted due to length)

Scripture reference 70:

John 15:15, (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 71:

Matt. 5:9, 44-45, “⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God....

⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.”

Matt. 6:1, 4, 6, ¹ “If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.... ⁴ Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.... ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

Scripture reference 72:

Rom. 8:15-16, “¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”

Scripture reference 73:

1 Cor. 13:11 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 74:

Gal. 4:1, 3, (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 75:

Matt. 18:3-4 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 76:

Mark 10:14, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Scripture reference 77:

Matt. 9:6, "But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...."

Matt. 14:33, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Matt. 8:20, "... the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

Scripture reference 78:

Matt. 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."

Scripture reference 79:

Matt. 5:44-45, ⁴⁴ "But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

Scripture reference 80:

Gal. 3:7, "Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham."

Scripture reference 81:

Rev. 21:7, "He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

Scripture reference 82:

Gal. 4:1-3 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 83:

Gal. 4:4-5 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 84:

Gal. 4:6-7 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 85:

Rom. 8:15 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 86:

Rom. 8:23 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 87:

1 Cor. 15:50-54

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

Scripture reference 88:

Eph. 1:4-5 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 89:

Matt. 25:21, 23, “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’” (repeated)

Scripture reference 90:

Gen. 1:1 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 91:

Gen. 14:19-20, ¹⁹ “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.”

Scripture reference 92:

Gen. 15:2, “But Abram said, ‘O Sovereign LORD’”

Scripture reference 93:

Gen. 16:13, “She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: ‘You are the God who sees me,’ for she said, ‘I have now seen the One who sees me.’”

Scripture reference 94:

Gen. 17:1, “When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, ‘I am God Almighty.’”

Scripture reference 95:

Gen. 21:33, “Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the LORD, the Eternal God.”

Scripture reference 96:

Gen. 22:14, “So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, ‘On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.’”

Scripture reference 97:

Gen. 33:20, "There he set up an altar and called it El Elohe Israel."

Scripture reference 98:

Isa. 61:8-9, ⁸ "In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed."

Jer. 31:31-37 (omitted due to length)

Jer. 32:40-41, ⁴⁰ "I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. ⁴¹ I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul."

Ezek. 37:26-27, ²⁶ "I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. ²⁷ My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Rom. 11:1, 11, 15-16, 25, 28-31, ¹ "I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! ... ¹¹ Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! ... ¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.... ²⁵ I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.... ²⁸ As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you."

Scripture reference 99:

Exod. 15:26, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

Scripture reference 100:

Exod. 31:13, "This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy."

Scripture reference 101:

Eph. 3:15, "... from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name."

1 John 3:2, "Dear friends, now we are children of God"

Scripture reference 102:

1 John 5:1, 18, ¹ “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God ¹⁸ We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.”

1 Pet. 1:3, 23, ³ “In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.”

Scripture reference 103:

2 Pet. 1:4, “Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

Scripture reference 104:

Gal. 5:22-23, ²² “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.”

Scripture reference 105:

Col. 3:12, “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Rom. 5:3, “Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance.”

Eph. 2:4, “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy.”

Scripture reference 106:

Eph. 4:24, “and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Col. 3:12, 14, ¹² “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.... ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

1 Pet. 5:5, “All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another”

Scripture reference 107:

Gen. 18:23-33

²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ... ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?” ... ²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?” ... ³⁰ “What if only thirty can be found there?” ... ³¹ “what if only twenty can be found there?” ... ³² “What if only ten can be found there?” ... ³³ When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

Scripture reference 108:

Exod. 4:10-16

¹⁰ Moses said to the LORD, “O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor

since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

¹¹ The LORD said to him, “Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? ¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

¹³ But Moses said, “O Lord, please send someone else to do it.”

¹⁴ Then the LORD’s anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. ¹⁶ He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him.

Scripture reference 109:

Exod. 32:7-14 (omitted due to length)

Scripture reference 110:

Josh. 10:12-14

¹² On the day the LORD gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the LORD in the presence of Israel: “O sun, stand still over Gibeon, O moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.” ¹³ So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar.

The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day.

¹⁴ There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the LORD listened to a man. Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel!

Scripture reference 111:

Amos 7:1-6

¹ This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: He was preparing swarms of locusts after the king’s share had been harvested and just as the second crop was coming up. ² When they had stripped the land clean, I cried out, “Sovereign LORD, forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!”

³ So the LORD relented.

“This will not happen,” the LORD said.

⁴ This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: The Sovereign LORD was calling for judgment by fire; it dried up the great deep and devoured the land. ⁵ Then I cried out, “Sovereign LORD, I beg you, stop! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!”

⁶ So the LORD relented.

“This will not happen either,” the Sovereign LORD said.

Scripture reference 112:

1 Chron. 28:2-3, 6, 11-19 (omitted due to length)

Scripture reference 113:

Matt. 16:19, “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Matt. 18:19, “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask

for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.”

John 14:13, “And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.”

John 15:16, “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”

John 16:23-24,²³ “In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”

Scripture reference 114:

Matt. 21:22, “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Mark 11:24, “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Scripture reference 115:

Matt. 7:7-8,⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.⁸ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Luke 11:9-10,⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Scripture reference 116:

Matt. 4:24, “News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them.”

Matt. 8:16, “When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.”

Matt. 9:32, “While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus.”

Matt. 12:22, “Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see.”

Matt. 20:29-34

²⁹ As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. ³⁰ Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

³¹ The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

³² Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³³ “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.”

³⁴ Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Scripture reference 117:

Luke 12:32, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you

the kingdom.”

Scripture reference 118:

Phil. 2:6-7, ⁶ “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

Scripture reference 119:

Phil. 2:7-8, ⁷ “... being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man”

Rom. 8:29, “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

Heb. 2:11-12, 17, ¹¹ “Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹² He says, ‘I will declare your name to my brothers’ ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way.”

Scripture reference 120:

Heb. 2:14, 17-18, ¹⁴ “Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

Heb. 4:15, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin.”

Scripture reference 121:

Rom. 8:29, “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

Col. 1:15, 18, ¹⁵ “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.... ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.”

Heb. 1:6, “And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, ‘Let all God’s angels worship him.’”

Heb. 12:23, “... to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect”

Rev. 1:5, “... and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.”

Scripture reference 122:

Matt. 28:18, “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’”

Scripture reference 123:

John 12:31-32, “³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

Scripture reference 124:

Col. 2:15, “And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

Scripture reference 125:

Eph. 1:20-21, [That power is like the working of his mighty strength,] ²⁰ “which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.”

Heb. 1:3, “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

Scripture reference 126:

1 Pet. 3:22, [Jesus Christ,] “who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.”

Scripture reference 127:

Rev. 3:21, “To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.”

Rev. 20:6, “Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.”

Rev. 22:5, “There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”

Scripture reference 128:

1 Cor. 6:2-3, “² Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? ³ Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!”

Rev. 2:26-27, ²⁶ “To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations – ²⁷ ‘He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery’ – just as I have received authority from my Father.”

Scripture reference 129:

Rom. 5:17, “For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.”

Scripture reference 130:

1 Pet. 2:9, “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people

belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

Scripture reference 131:

Matt. 6:9, “This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name’”

Scripture reference 132:

Matt. 6:11-13, ¹¹ “Give us today our daily bread. ¹² Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Scripture reference 133:

Matt. 6:8, 32-33, ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.... ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Scripture reference 134:

Rom. 12:2, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Scripture reference 135:

2 Cor. 1:20, “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God.”

Scripture reference 136:

Matt. 14:23, “After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone”

Matt. 26:36, “Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, ‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’”

Mark 1:35, “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”

Mark 6:46, “After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.”

Luke 5:16, “But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”

Scripture reference 137:

Matt. 9:27, “As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, ‘Have mercy on us, Son of David!’”

Matt. 20:30, “Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!’”

Scripture reference 138:

Luke 19:2-5,

² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was

wealthy.³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd.⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

Scripture reference 139:

Matt. 9:18-19,¹⁸ “While he was saying this, a ruler came and knelt before him and said, ‘My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.’¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.”

Mark 7:25-26,²⁵ “In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet.²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.”

Scripture reference 140:

Luke 7:12, “As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out – the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.”

Scripture reference 141:

Mark 2:4, “Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.”

Scripture reference 142:

Matt. 9:20-21,²⁰ “Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak.²¹ She said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.’”

Scripture reference 143:

Luke 8:26-27,²⁶ “They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee.²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.”

Scripture reference 144:

Acts 3:1-7,

¹ One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon.² Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!”⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and

instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

Scripture reference 145:

Acts 14:8-10

⁸ In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

Scripture reference 146:

Acts 16:16-18

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

Scripture reference 147:

Gal. 4:1, "What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate."

Scripture reference 148:

John 8:44, "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Scripture reference 149:

Job 1:5, "When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would send and have them purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, 'Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.' This was Job's regular custom."

Scripture reference 150:

Job 3:25-26, "What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me. I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil."

Job 4:14, "... fear and trembling seized me and made all my bones shake."

Job 9:33-35, "³³ If only there were someone to arbitrate between us, to lay his hand upon us both, ³⁴ someone to remove God's rod from me, so that his terror would frighten me no more. ³⁵ Then I would speak up without fear of him, but as it now stands with me, I cannot."

Job 11:15, "... then you will lift up your face without shame; you will stand firm and without fear."

Job 21:9, “Their homes are safe and free from fear; the rod of God is not upon them.”

Job 23:13-15, ¹³ “But he stands alone, and who can oppose him? He does whatever he pleases. ¹⁴ He carries out his decree against me, and many such plans he still has in store. ¹⁵ That is why I am terrified before him; when I think of all this, I fear him.”

Scripture reference 151:

Job 1:12, “The LORD said to Satan, ‘Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.’”

Scripture reference 152:

Job 2:6, “The LORD said to Satan, ‘Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.’”

Scripture reference 153:

1 John 5:18, “We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.”

Scripture reference 154:

James 5:16, “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

Scripture reference 155:

Prov. 18:21, “The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”

Scripture reference 156:

Matt. 8:24-26

²³ Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. ²⁴ Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping.

²⁵ The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

²⁶ He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

Scripture reference 157:

Matt. 21:18-19, “¹⁸ Early in the morning, as he was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹ Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, ‘May you never bear fruit again!’ Immediately the tree withered.”

Scripture reference 158:

Mark 5:8, “8 For Jesus had said to him, ‘Come out of this man, you evil spirit!’”

Mark 9:25, “When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. ‘You deaf and mute spirit,’ he said, ‘I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.’”

Scripture reference 159:

Matt. 9:22, “Jesus turned and saw her. ‘Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.’ And the woman was healed from that moment.”

Matt. 15:28, “Then Jesus answered, ‘Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.’ And her daughter was healed from that very hour.”

Mark 10:52, “‘Go,’ said Jesus, ‘your faith has healed you.’ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.”

Scripture reference 160:

Matt. 9:2, “Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.’”

Luke 7:48, “Then Jesus said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’”

John 8:11, “‘No one, sir,’ she said. ‘Then neither do I condemn you,’ Jesus declared. ‘Go now and leave your life of sin.’”

Scripture reference 161:

Luke 10:5-6, ⁵ “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶ If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you.”

Scripture reference 162:

Mark 11:23-24, ²³ “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Scripture reference 163:

Matt. 15:11, 18, ¹¹ “What goes into a man’s mouth does not make him ‘unclean,’ but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him ‘unclean.’ ... ¹⁸ But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man ‘unclean.’”

Scripture reference 164:

1 Pet. 3:10, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.”

Scripture reference 165:

Eph. 4:29, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

Scripture reference 166:

Eph. 5:4, “Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.”

Scripture reference 167:

Rev. 5:10, “You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

Rev. 20:4, 6

⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.... ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Scripture reference 168:

Rev. 22:5, "There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

Scripture reference 169:

1 Cor. 6:2-3, "² Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? ³ Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!"

Scripture reference 170:

Rev. 2:26-27, "²⁶ 'To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations – ²⁷ 'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery' – just as I have received authority from my Father."

Scripture reference 171:

Eph. 2:9, "... not by works, so that no one can boast."

Scripture reference 172:

Eph. 2:10, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Col. 1:10, "And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."

2 Tim. 3:17, "... so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Eph. 4:11-12, "¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ..."

Scripture reference 173:

Matt. 25:24-30

²⁴ "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put

my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ “Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Scripture reference 174:

Matt. 14:16-21

¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Scripture reference 175:

2 Cor. 6:1, “As God’s fellow workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain.”

2 Cor. 13:3, “... since you are demanding proof that Christ is speaking through me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you.”

Scripture reference 176:

1 Cor. 1:27-29

²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him.

Scripture reference 177:

Rom. 16:20, “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.”

Scripture reference 178:

Acts 8:26-40 (omitted due to length)

Scripture reference 179:

Acts 9:10-18 (omitted due to length)

Scripture reference 180:

Gal. 2:8, “For God, who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an apostle to the Jews, was also at work in my ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles.”

Scripture reference 181:

2 Cor. 5:18-20,

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Scripture reference 182:

Eph. 6:19-20, "¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."

Scripture reference 183:

1 Thess. 2:4, 13, ⁴ "On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.... ¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

Scripture reference 184:

2 Pet. 3:2, "I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles."

Scripture reference 185:

Matt. 10:40, "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me."

Scripture reference 186:

1 Cor. 12:11, "All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."

Eph. 2:10, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Scripture reference 187:

2 Pet. 1:3, "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

Scripture reference 188:

1 Cor. 6:19-20, ¹⁹ "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

Scripture reference 189:

Matt. 9:2, "Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

Scripture reference 190:

Matt. 9:20-22

²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹ She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

²² Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.

Scripture reference 191:

Matt. 9:27-29

²⁷ As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

²⁸ When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you"

Scripture reference 192:

Matt. 15:28, "Then Jesus answered, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed from that very hour."

Scripture reference 193:

Acts 21:19, "Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry."

Rom. 11:13, "I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry."

Gal. 2:8, "For God, who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an apostle to the Jews, was also at work in my ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles."

2 Tim. 4:11, "Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry."

Scripture reference 194:

Acts 2:43, "Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles."

Acts 5:12, "The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade."

Acts 6:8, "Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people."

Acts 14:3, "So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders."

Acts 15:12, "The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them."

Scripture reference 195:

Eph. 2:8, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Col. 1:22-23

²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

1 Pet. 1:9, "... for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

Scripture reference 196:

Rom. 4:5, "However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness."

Scripture reference 197:

1 John 5:4, "... for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."

Scripture reference 198:

Eph. 3:20, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...."

Scripture reference 199:

John 15:7, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

Scripture reference 200:

John 16:23-24, "²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

Scripture reference 201:

Matt. 7:7, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Luke 11:9, "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Scripture reference 202:

Matt. 18:18-19

18 "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."

Scripture reference 203:

Matt. 21:22, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Scripture reference 204:

Luke 12:32, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

Scripture reference 205:

Matt. 16:19, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Matt. 18:18, "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Scripture reference 206:

Matt. 21:21-22

²¹ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. ²² If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Scripture reference 207:

Matt. 28:20, "... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Scripture reference 208:

John 20:23, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Scripture reference 209:

2 Thess. 1:11, "With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith."

Scripture reference 210:

2 Thess. 1:3, 5

³ We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing...

⁵ All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

Scripture reference 211:

John 5:37, 43, ³⁷ "And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him."

John 6:38, "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of

him who sent me.”

Scripture reference 212:

John 5:19, “Jesus gave them this answer: ‘I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.’”

Scripture reference 213:

John 16:13, “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

Scripture reference 214:

Gen. 1:1-2, ¹ “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

Scripture reference 215:

Heb. 1:1-2, ¹ “In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.”

Col. 1:15-16, ¹⁵ “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.”

Scripture reference 216:

John 4:34, “‘My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.’”

Scripture reference 217:

John 5:43, “I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.”

John 10:25, “Jesus answered, ‘I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father’s name speak for me.’”

Scripture reference 218:

John 5:36, “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me.”

John 6:38, “For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.”

John 17:4, “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.”

Scripture reference 219:

John 6:37, 40, 44, 65

³⁷ “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.... ⁴⁰ For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.... ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.... ⁶⁵ This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him.”

Scripture reference 220:

John 5:30, “By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”

John 7:16-17, ¹⁶ “My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.”

John 8:28-29, ²⁸ “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. ²⁹ The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.”

John 10:37, “Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does.”

John 12:49, “For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it.”

John 14:10, 24, ¹⁰ “Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.... ²⁴ He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”

John 17:8, 14, ⁸ “For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.... ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.”

Scripture reference 221:

Matt. 3:11, “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

Scripture reference 222:

John 14:26, “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

Scripture reference 223:

John 16:13, “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

Scripture reference 224:

John 16:8-11

⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Scripture reference 225:

1 John 3:8, “He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”

Scripture reference 226:

Matt. 20:28, “... just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Scripture reference 227:

Rom. 5:17, “For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.”

Scripture reference 228:

Matt. 9:20, “Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak.”

Mark 5:25, “And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.”

Scripture reference 229:

Lev. 15:25, 31

²⁵ “When a woman has a discharge of blood for many days at a time other than her monthly period or has a discharge that continues beyond her period, she will be unclean as long as she has the discharge, just as in the days of her period.... ³¹ You must keep the Israelites separate from things that make them unclean, so they will not die in their uncleanness for defiling my dwelling place, which is among them.”

Scripture reference 230:

Lev. 15:30, “The priest is to sacrifice one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. In this way he will make atonement for her before the LORD for the uncleanness of her discharge.”

Scripture reference 231:

Mark 5:22-28

²² Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

²⁸ because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

Scripture reference 232:

Matt. 6:14-15, ¹⁴ For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Scripture reference 233:

Matt. 18:19, “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.”

Matt. 21:22, “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Scripture reference 234:

John 13:17, “Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

Scripture reference 235:

Deut. 8:18, “But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.”

Scripture reference 236:

Judg. 6:14-16

¹⁴ The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

¹⁵ “But Lord,” Gideon asked, “how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”

¹⁶ The LORD answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together.”

Scripture reference 237:

Matt. 10:18-20

¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Scripture reference 238:

1 Cor. 1:8, “He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Scripture reference 239:

2 Cor. 1:9-10

⁹ Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly

peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,

Scripture reference 240:

Rev. 21:1-2, ¹ “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.”

Rev. 22:1-2

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

1 Cor. 3:12-15

¹² If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man’s work. ¹⁴ If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

Scripture reference 241:

John 14:16-18

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Scripture reference 242:

John 14:26, “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

John 16:13-15

¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

1 Cor. 2:12, “We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.”

Scripture reference 243:

Rom. 5:17, “For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.”

Scripture reference 244:

Matt. 28:18-20

¹⁸ Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Scripture reference 245:

2 Cor. 5:18-20

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Scripture reference 246:

Rom. 3:3, “What if some did not have faith? Will their lack of faith nullify God’s faithfulness?”

1 Cor. 1:9, “God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.”

1 Cor. 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 a way out so that you can stand up under it.”

2 Cor. 1:18, “But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not ‘Yes’ and ‘No.’”

Scripture reference 247:

2 Thess. 3:3, “But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.”

2 Tim. 2:13, “... if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”

Heb. 3:6, “But Christ is faithful as a son over God’s house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.”

Rev. 19:11, “I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.”

Scripture reference 248:

Matt. 25:21, 23 (identical), “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

Luke 19:17, “‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’”

Scripture reference 249:

Gal. 2:7, “On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as Peter had been to the Jews.”

1 Thess. 2:4, “On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.”

1 Tim. 1:11, "... that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me."

Scripture reference 250:

1 Cor. 4:1, "So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God."

Scripture reference 251:

Titus 1:7, "Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless – not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain."

Scripture reference 252:

Jude 3, "Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints."

Scripture reference 253:

Eph. 2:8-9, ⁸ "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast."

Scripture reference 254:

Rom. 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture reference 255:

Rom. 10:9, "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Scripture reference 256:

1 Cor. 15:2, "By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain."

Scripture reference 257:

Col. 1:22-23

²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Scripture reference 258:

Heb. 3:6, "But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we

hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.”

Scripture reference 259:

Heb. 3:14, “We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first.”

Scripture reference 260:

2 Tim. 2:11-13, ¹¹ “Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”

Scripture reference 261:

Heb. 10:26-27, ²⁶ “If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, ²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.”

Scripture reference 262:

Matt. 10:22, “All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.”

Matt. 24:12-13, ¹² “Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.”

1 Cor. 1:8, “He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Heb. 6:11, “We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure.”

Rev. 2:26, “To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations.”

Scripture reference 263:

1 Cor. 3:9, “For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

2 Cor. 6:1, “As God’s fellow workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain.”

Mark 16:20, “Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.”

Acts 14:3, “So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders.”

Scripture reference 264:

Matt. 12:33, “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.”

2 Cor. 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”

Col. 3:25, “Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.”

James 3:13, “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good

life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.”

1 John 3:7, “Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.”

Scripture reference 265:

1 Thess. 1:3, “We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Scripture reference 266:

Rev. 20:6, “Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.”

Rev. 22:5, “There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”

Scripture reference 267:

Eph. 2:10, “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Scripture reference 268:

Matt. 25:14-30 (omitted due to length)

Luke 19:12-26 (omitted due to length)

Scripture reference 269:

Ps. 78:40-43, ⁴⁰ “How often they rebelled against him in the desert and grieved him in the wasteland! ⁴¹ Again and again they put God to the test; they vexed the Holy One of Israel.

⁴² They did not remember his power – the day he redeemed them from the oppressor, ⁴³ the day he displayed his miraculous signs in Egypt, his wonders in the region of Zoan.”

Scripture reference 270:

John 16:12, “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.”

Scripture reference 271:

Matt. 17:6, “When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.”

Scripture reference 272:

1 Cor. 2:14, “The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

Scripture reference 273:

Matt. 16:21, “From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

Matt. 17:23, “‘They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.’ And the disciples were filled with grief.”

Matt. 20:19, “... and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

Scripture reference 274:

Matt. 16:22, “Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ‘Never, Lord!’ he said. ‘This shall never happen to you!’”

Scripture reference 275:

Luke 24:21, “... but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.”

John 20:9, “(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)”

Scripture reference 276:

Luke 24:12, “Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.”

Scripture reference 277:

Rom. 8:17, “Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

2 Thess. 2:14, “He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Scripture reference 278:

Eph. 2:10, “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Scripture reference 279:

Mark 12:30, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

Luke 10:27, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Scripture reference 280:

1 Cor. 15:9-10, ⁹ “For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.”

2 Cor. 11:23, “Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.”

Scripture reference 281:

Col. 1:28-2:1, ²⁸ “We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. ^{2:1} I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally.”

Scripture reference 282:

2 Cor. 4:7, “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

2 Cor. 11:30, “If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.”

2 Cor. 12:5, “I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses.”

Scripture reference 283:

2 Cor. 13:4, “For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God’s power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God’s power we will live with him to serve you.”

Eph. 3:20, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

Phil. 4:13, “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

Scripture reference 284:

2 Tim. 2:15, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

Scripture reference 285:

2 Pet. 1:3-8

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

Scripture reference 286:

2 Cor. 12:12, “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.”

Phil. 3:13-14, ¹³ “Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

1 Cor. 4:12, “We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it.”

1 Thess. 2:9, “Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.”

Scripture reference 287:

Col. 3:23, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

Scripture reference 288:

Neh. 4:8-9, 16-18, 21

⁸ They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. ⁹ But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

¹⁶ From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah ¹⁷ who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, ¹⁸ and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. But the man who sounded the trumpet stayed with me.

²¹ So we continued the work with half the men holding spears, from the first light of dawn till the stars came out.

Scripture reference 289:

Heb. 1:3, “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

Scripture reference 290:

2 Cor. 3:18, “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

Scripture reference 291:

1 Thess. 5:16-18, “¹⁶ Be joyful always; ¹⁷ pray continually; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Scripture reference 292:

Rom. 1:9-10, “⁹ God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you ¹⁰ in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you.”

1 Thess. 1:3, “We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thess. 2:13, “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”

Scripture reference 293:

Rom. 8:9, "You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ."

1 Cor. 3:16, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?"

1 Cor. 6:19, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?"

James 4:5, "Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely?"

Scripture reference 294:

Matt. 6:33, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Mark 12:30, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Scripture reference 295:

Heb. 12:2, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Scripture reference 296:

Ps. 33:18, "But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love."

1 Pet. 3:12, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Scripture reference 297:

1 Thess. 5:18, "... give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Scripture reference 298:

Matt. 13:1-23 (omitted due to length)

Scripture reference 299:

1 Pet. 2:24, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."

Scripture reference 300:

Eph. 1:7, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

Scripture reference 301:

John 14:16, 26, "¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever.... ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my

name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

John 15:26, “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.”

Scripture reference 302:

John 16:13, “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

Rom. 8:14, “... because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

1 Cor. 2:13, “This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.”

Eph. 3:4-5, “⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets.”

Scripture reference 303:

John 16:13, “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

Acts 8:29, 39-40

²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it”....

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Acts 10:19-20, “¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, ‘Simon, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.’”

Acts 11:12, “The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house.”

Acts 13:2, 4, ² “While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them’.... ⁴ The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.”

Acts 21:11, “Coming over to us, he took Paul’s belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, ‘The Holy Spirit says, “In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.”’”

Scripture reference 304:

Luke 12:11-12, ¹¹ “When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

Scripture reference 305:

Rom. 8:16, “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”

Scripture reference 306:

2 Cor. 8:16-17, ¹⁶ “I thank God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you. ¹⁷ For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative.”

Scripture reference 307:

Rom. 12:2, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Scripture reference 308:

Matt. 11:29, “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.”

Scripture reference 309:

Phil. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!”

Scripture reference 310:

Col. 3:12, “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

1 Pet. 5:5, “Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”

Phil. 2:3, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.”

Scripture reference 311:

Matt. 23:12, “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 1:52, “He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.”

Luke 18:14, “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

James 4:6, 10, “⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble’ ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.”

1 Pet. 5:5-6

⁵ Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’ ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

Scripture reference 312:

James 4:6, “But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: ‘God opposes the

proud but gives grace to the humble”

1 Pet. 5:5, “Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”

Scripture reference 313:

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 John 4:9, “This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.”

Scripture reference 314:

Matt. 22:37-39, ³⁷ “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Mark 12:30-31, ³⁰ “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Luke 10:27, ²⁷ “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Rom. 13:9, ⁹ “The commandments, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not covet,’ and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Gal. 5:14, “¹⁴ The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

James 2:8, “If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing right.”

Scripture reference 315:

John 13:34-35, ³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 15:17, “This is my command: Love each other.”

1 Thess. 4:9, “Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.”

Heb. 13:1, “Keep on loving each other as brothers.”

1 Pet. 2:17, “Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.”

1 Pet. 3:8, “Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.”

1 Pet. 4:8, “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”

1 John 3:11, 14, ¹¹ This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love

one another.... ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.”

Scripture reference 316:

John 14:23, 31, ²³ “Jesus replied, ‘If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him....’ ³¹ but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. Come now; let us leave.”

1 John 5:3, “This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome.”

2 John 6, “And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.”

Scripture reference 317:

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

1 John 3:18, “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”

Scripture reference 318:

John 15:13, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”

1 John 3:16, “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.”

Scripture reference 319:

Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness”

Col. 3:14, “And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

2 Thess. 3:5, “May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.”

1 John 4:7-8, 16

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.... ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.”

Scripture reference 320:

1 Cor. 16:14, “Do everything in love.”

Scripture reference 321:

2 Cor. 10:5, “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

Scripture reference 322:

Phil. 2:5, “⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”

Scripture reference 323:

Matt. 20:28, “... just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Luke 22:27, “For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.”

Scripture reference 324:

Gal. 5:13, “You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.”

1 Pet. 4:10, “¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

Scripture reference 325:

Luke 22:26, “But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.”

Scripture reference 326:

2 Cor. 3:18, “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

Scripture reference 327:

Rom. 8:28-29

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Scripture reference 328:

Col. 3:23, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

Scripture reference 329:

Rom. 13:1-5

¹ Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. ⁴ For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it

is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

Scripture reference 330:

Matt. 11:28-30 (quoted in the text)

Scripture reference 331:

Matt. 19:26, "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

Scripture reference 332:

Phil. 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Scripture reference 333:

Gen. 2:2-3, ² "By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Scripture reference 334:

Exod. 20:11, "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

Scripture reference 335:

Lev. 23:3, "There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the LORD."

Scripture reference 336:

Mark 2:27, "Then he said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.'"

Scripture reference 337:

Luke 13:10-16 (omitted due to length)

Luke 14:1-6 (omitted due to length)

John 5:1-14 (omitted due to length)

Scripture reference 338:

Heb. 4:10-11, ¹⁰ "... for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience."

Scripture reference 339:

Matt. 6:33, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be

given to you as well.”

Scripture reference 340:

Matt. 23:23, “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices – mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”

Luke 11:42, “Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.”

Scripture reference 341:

1 Cor. 1:3, “Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Cor. 1:2, “Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Gal. 1:3, “Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Scripture reference 342:

John 16:27, “No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.”

2 Thess. 2:16, “May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope.”

1 John 3:1, “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”

Scripture reference 343:

John 14:16, 26, ¹⁶ “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever... ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

John 16:13, “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

Scripture reference 344:

Matt. 7:7-8, ⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Luke 12:32, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.”

John 15:16, “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”

John 16:23, “In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”

Scripture reference 345:

Rom. 8:28-29

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Scripture reference 346:

2 Cor. 5:7, "We live by faith, not by sight."

Gal. 3:11, "Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, 'The righteous will live by faith.'"

Scripture reference 347:

Phil. 4:13, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Scripture reference 348:

Col. 1:28-29, ²⁸ "We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me."

Scripture reference 349:

1 Cor. 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me."

Scripture reference 350:

Acts 18:3, "... and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them."

Acts 20:34-35

³⁴ "You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

1 Cor. 4:12, "We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it."

1 Cor. 9:6, "Or is it only I and Barnabas who must work for a living?"

1 Thess. 2:9, "Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you."

Scripture reference 351:

Col. 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

Scripture reference 352:

2 Tim. 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

Scripture reference 353:

Mark 12:30, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Scripture reference 354:

Heb. 12:14, "Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."

Scripture reference 355:

Luke 11:9-10,⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Scripture reference 356:

Heb. 12:1, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Scripture reference 357:

Rom. 5:3-4,³ "Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope."

Scripture reference 358:

James 1:2-4,² "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

Scripture reference 359:

John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Scripture reference 360:

Gen. 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Scripture reference 361:

Gen. 6:11-12, 18,

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.... ¹⁸ "But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark – you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you."

Gen. 7:4, "Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made."

Scripture reference 362:

Gen. 15:18, "On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, 'To your

descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates.”

Gen. 18:10-12

¹⁰ Then the LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

Scripture reference 363:

Gen. 37:28, “So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.”

Gen. 39:12, 16-20

¹² She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house....

¹⁶ She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷ Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

¹⁹ When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” he burned with anger. ²⁰ Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined.

Gen. 41:41, 48, ⁴¹ “So Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt’.... ⁴⁸ Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it.”

Gen. 45:4-7

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Scripture reference 364:

Exod. 3:7-10

⁷ The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey – the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

Scripture reference 365:

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Phil. 2:6-8,

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

Scripture reference 366:

Acts 2:22, “Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.”

Luke 7:21, “At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind.”

Luke 8:24, “The disciples went and woke him, saying, ‘Master, Master, we’re going to drown!’ He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.”

Scripture reference 367:

Matt. 10:1, “He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.”

Mark 6:12-13, ¹² “They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.”

Acts 8:13, “Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.”

Acts 19:11, “God did extraordinary miracles through Paul.”

Scripture reference 368:

Isa. 55:8-9, ⁸ “‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the LORD. ⁹ ‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’”

Scripture reference 369:

Matt. 19:26, “Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”

Scripture reference 370:

2 Cor. 12:9, “But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

Scripture reference 371:

2 Cor. 12:10, “That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Scripture reference 372:

2 Cor. 11:30, "If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness."

2 Cor. 12:5, "I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses."

Scripture reference 373:

Eph. 3:20, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Scripture reference 374:

Phil. 4:13, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Col. 1:11, "... being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience."

Scripture reference 375:

Gen. 14:19-20,¹⁹ "... and he blessed Abram, saying, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.'²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.'"

Scripture reference 376:

Gen. 15:2,² "But Abram said, 'O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?'"

Scripture reference 377:

Gen. 17:1, "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless.'"

Scripture reference 378:

1 Tim. 6:15, "... which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords."

Rev. 17:14, "They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings – and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."

Rev. 19:16, "On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

Scripture reference 379:

1 Cor. 15:25, "For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet."

Eph. 1:22, "And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church."

Heb. 1:3, "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."

Heb. 2:8, "... and put everything under his feet."

Scripture reference 380:

Isa. 55:8-9, ⁸ “‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the LORD. ⁹ ‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’”

Scripture reference 381:

2 Cor. 4:7, “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

2 Cor. 12:7, “To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.”

Scripture reference 382:

Eph. 3:20, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

Scripture reference 383:

Rev. 3:16, “So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”

Scripture reference 384:

2 Cor. 4:17, “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”

Scripture reference 385:

John 14:9, “Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’”

2 Cor. 4:4, “The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

Col. 1:15, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”

Heb. 1:3, “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

Scripture reference 386:

Rom. 8:29, “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

Scripture reference 387:

Matt. 20:28, “... just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Scripture reference 388:

1 Cor. 12:7, “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

Scripture reference 389:

Luke 12:13-15

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Scripture reference 390:

Matt. 13:24, 31, 33, 44-45, 47, 52

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

Matt. 18:23, “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.”

Matt. 20:1, “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard.”

Matt. 22:2, “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.”

Scripture reference 391:

Matt. 4:23-24

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them.

Matt. 8:16, “When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.”

Matt. 9:35, “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.”

Matt. 12:15, 22, “¹⁵ Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick.... ²² Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see.

Scripture reference 392:

Matt. 10:8, “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

Matt. 28:19-20, ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Mark 16:15-18

¹⁵ He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

Scripture reference 393:

Rom. 8:28-29, “²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

Scripture reference 394:

Rom. 12:2, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Eph. 4:22-25

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Col. 2:11, “In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ.”

Col. 3:5-10, 12-14 (omitted due to length)

1 Thess. 5:8, “But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.”

Scripture reference 395:

Gal. 3:27, “... for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

Scripture reference 396:

2 Pet. 1:3, “His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”

Scripture reference 397:

Rev. 21:1-3

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Rev. 22:1-2

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Scripture reference 398:

1 Cor. 3:12-15

¹² If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man’s work. ¹⁴ If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

Scripture reference 399:

Rom. 5:3, “Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance.”

James 1:3, “... because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.”

Scripture reference 400:

Rom. 5:4, “... perseverance [produces] character; and character, hope.”

James 1:4, “Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

2 Pet. 1:6, “... and to knowledge [add] self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness.”

Scripture reference 401:

Luke 11:9-10, ⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Scripture reference 402:

1 Pet. 1:7, “These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which

perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

Scripture reference 403:

Matt. 3:11, “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

Scripture reference 404:

Matt. 3:10, 12, ¹⁰ “The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.... ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Matt. 5:22, “But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.”

Matt. 13:40, “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.”

Matt. 25:41, “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

1 Cor. 3:13, “... his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man’s work.”

Heb. 10:27, “... but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.”

Scripture reference 405:

1 Pet. 4:1-2, ¹ “Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. ² As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.”

Scripture reference 406:

2 Cor. 1:9, “Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.”

2 Cor. 12:7-10

⁷ To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Scripture reference 407:

Heb. 12:2, “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the

throne of God.”

Scripture reference 408:

Jer. 1:5, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

Scripture reference 409:

Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14,

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.... ⁶ And God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water”.... ⁹ And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so....

¹¹ Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so.... ¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years.”

Scripture reference 410:

Matt. 18:2, “He called a little child and had him stand among them.”

Mark 10:15, “I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Luke 18:17, “I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Scripture reference 411:

1 Cor. 14:20, “Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.”

Phil. 4:8, “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”

Scripture reference 412:

Eph. 1:18-19

¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength.

Scripture reference 413:

Mark 11:24, “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Scripture reference 414:

Heb. 11:1, “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

Scripture reference 415:

John 5:19, "Jesus gave them this answer: 'I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.'"

Scripture reference 416:

Mark 9:23, "'If you can?'" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

Scripture reference 417:

Eph. 3:20, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Scripture reference 418:

Luke 14:28, "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?"

Rom. 1:13, "I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles."

Rom. 15:24, "I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to visit you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while."

2 Cor. 1:15-17

¹⁵ Because I was confident of this, I planned to visit you first so that you might benefit twice. ¹⁶ I planned to visit you on my way to Macedonia and to come back to you from Macedonia, and then to have you send me on my way to Judea. ¹⁷ When I planned this, did I do it lightly? Or do I make my plans in a worldly manner so that in the same breath I say, "Yes, yes" and "No, no"?

Scripture reference 419:

2 Cor. 4:18, "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Col. 3:2, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Scripture reference 420:

Gen. 11:6-7, ⁶ "The LORD said, 'If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.'"

Scripture reference 421:

Matt. 5:28, "But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Scripture reference 422:

2 Cor. 10:5, "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

Scripture reference 423:

Judg. 6:11-12

¹¹ The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezerite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. ¹² When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, “The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.”

Scripture reference 424:

Judg. 7:19-25 (omitted due to length)

Scripture reference 425:

Heb. 11:32, “And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets.”

Scripture reference 426:

Eph. 3:20, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

Scripture reference 427:

Mark 4:33, “With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand.”

John 16:12-13, ¹² “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

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John 16:13, “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

Scripture reference 429:

1 Cor. 13:11, “When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.”

Scripture reference 430:

Eph. 3:20, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

Scripture reference 431:

Phil. 4:13, “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

Scripture reference 432:

John 14:12-14

¹² I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever

you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Scripture reference 433:

Heb. 13:20-21

²⁰ May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture reference 434:

Matt. 16:23, “Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.’”

Acts 5:3, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?”

1 John 4:1, “Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

Scripture reference 435:

Isa. 43:19, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”

Scripture reference 436:

John 15:5-8, 16, ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.... ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”

Scripture reference 437:

Col. 1:10, “And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”

Scripture reference 438:

Matt. 3:8, “Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.”

Scripture reference 439:

Rom. 15:28, “So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this fruit, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way.”

Scripture reference 440:

Heb. 13:15, “Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name.”

Scripture reference 441:

Gal. 5:22-23,²² “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness and self-control.”

Eph. 5:9, “(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)”

Scripture reference 442:

Heb. 12:11, “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

Scripture reference 443:

Deut. 8:18, “But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.”

Scripture reference 444:

Rom. 8:29, “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

Eph. 2:10, “... built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.”

Scripture reference 445:

Matt. 7:17-18,¹⁷ “Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.”

Matt. 12:33, “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.”

2 Tim. 2:21, “If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.”

Scripture reference 446:

Mark 12:30, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

Scripture reference 447:

Matt. 6:33, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Scripture reference 448:

Rom. 12:2, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Eph. 4:23, “... to be made new in the attitude of your minds.”

Phil. 2:5, “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”

Scripture reference 449:

John 13:34, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Scripture reference 450:

Matt. 19:26, "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

Scripture reference 451:

Rom. 8:28-29, ²⁸ "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."

2 Cor. 3:18, "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

Scripture reference 452:

Matt. 20:26-28, ²⁶ "Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Scripture reference 453:

2 Cor. 9:8, 11, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.... You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

Scripture reference 454:

Phil. 4:11-13, ¹¹ "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Scripture reference 455:

Ps. 119:67, 71, "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.... It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees."

Scripture reference 456:

2 Cor. 4:17, "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

Scripture reference 457:

Rom. 8:28-29, ²⁸ "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who

love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”