

FEAR
THE
LORD
&
PROSPER

Manual

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FOREWORD

The work you are about to partake of touches the yearning in all of us to be taught, but done with the simplicity of a novelist combined with the talents of a seasoned researcher.

It is both scholarly yet easily digestible at the same time. I'm confident you will find it as insightful and illuminating as I have.

This timely work is relevant to where we are today but covers over 3,000 years of human history.

Julie E. Kelly is a godly woman, a wife, a mother of four, a home school teacher and an advocate for less fortunate. Her desire to demonstrate the heart of a giver is consistently evident and she continually puts the welfare of others beyond her own. Julia both lives and demonstrates what she so passionately writes about.

In this exhaustive work on, *Fear the Lord and Prosper*, Julia examines many aspects of "Fearing" the Lord as it is intertwined with the Love of the Lord. She biblically explores, The Love of the Father; Repentance; Significance of the Name; Humility; Honour; Righteousness; Holiness; Glory; Wisdom; Obedience; Submission; Favour; Prosperity; Divine Healing; and much, much more.

As you can see this is a panoramic work that will stand the test of time.

I'm glad you have decided to have this volume in your library. I know you will go back to it time and time again.

Congratulations Julia and thank you for making this available to the body of Christ at large.

George Woodward

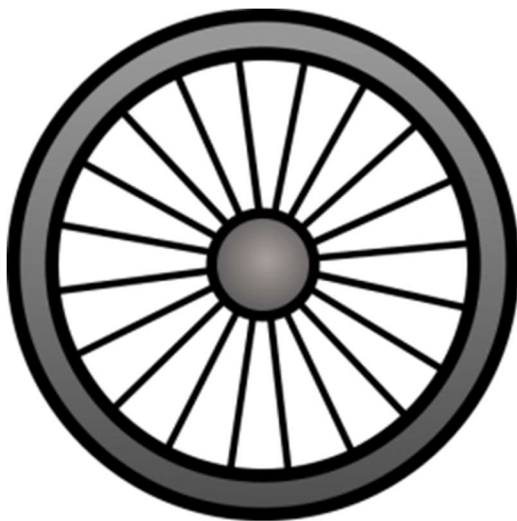
Fear The LORD & Prosper Study

Isaiah 60:1-2 - *Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples. But the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you.*

Rhema word - "The glory of the LORD cannot light upon one who lacks the foundational fear of the LORD. "

VISION:

Fear of the LORD Wheel.



TIRE: Love

RIM: Repentance

HUB: Fear of the LORD

21 SPOKES:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| - Christian vs Disciple | - Humility |
| - Honour | - Holiness |
| - Righteousness | - Praise & Worship |
| - Glory | - Wisdom |
| - Knowledge | - Understanding |
| - Obedience | - Submission |
| - Saviour vs Master | - Angelic Partnership |
| - Trust | - Favour |
| - Prosperity | - Faith |
| - Divine Health | - Heart Attitude |
| - Forgiveness | |

PURPOSE:

- Going through the various parts of the Fear of the LORD wheel will identify hidden weaknesses, drawing people to repentance & building stronger foundations and therefore into a deeper walk with the LORD so that His presence will TRULY go wherever we go.
- We shall grow in intimacy & fellowship with the LORD thereby fulfilling the mandate of Isaiah 60:1-2. The glory of the LORD falling upon those who lack a solid foundational fear of the LORD will end up destroying them and those they try to feed. Simply being able to do miracles & prophesy while maintaining a lifestyle of lawlessness will prevent people who THINK they're disciples from entering into the Kingdom of Heaven. (Matt 7:21-23) They will be like the scribes and Pharisees who have taken away the key of knowledge to the Kingdom of Heaven, entering not in themselves, and hindering those they preach to from entering. (Matt 23:13; Lk 11:52)

- We must seek after INTIMATELY KNOWING Jesus, not merely about Him, His power, His gifts or His anointing. The LORD wants His bride ready to thrive in the greatest revival ever known to man but those lacking the foundational fear of the LORD will lose their focus when signs & wonders greater than in Moses' day start happening before their eyes, possibly through their very own hands and fall into the trap of spiritual adultery, forfeiting the kingdom of heaven (1 Cor 6:9, Heb 13:4).

GOALS:

- Everyone to hunger to be spirit-filled & receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit by the end of the wheel study, with the evidence of speaking in tongues and/or prophesying. For you cannot have intimacy with the Holy Spirit if He is not dwelling inside, communicating with you daily.
- Confidence that they are hearing from the LORD with a hunger to continue growing deeper in fellowship.
- A dramatic increase in the passion & resolve to make Jesus master of every area of their lives, no matter what.
- A dramatic increase in compassion for lost souls that turns into action & successful discipleship.
- Evidence of power (or increased power) flowing through everyone's lives, both to conquer sin and to show others how much God loves them through signs & wonders, that He truly is the **I AM** and has the ability to forgive sins.

Introduction to the Fear of the LORD

WHAT IS THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

- A belief in our hearts about who God is and His character that prompts total voluntary surrender and recognizable action (Julia's definition)
- Beginning of knowledge (Prov 1:7)
- A tester of the heart (Deut 8:2)
- A requirement for the House of Israel, those who call Him "My God" (Deut 10:12-13)
- The LORD's fear is IN thee, a spirit within us, a facet of the spirit of the LORD (Is 11:2-3)
- A spiritual boundary – either you have it or you don't, no in the middle of the river (Josh 22:25)
- Recognizable by others (Joseph – Gen 41:38, Joshua – Num 27:18 Daniel – Dan 4:18)
- The opposite of fearing man and obeying man's voice (1 Sam 15:24)
- A required dedicated choice to change and come out from among the heathen and be set apart (2 Kings 17:34)
- Clean – morally, ethically, physically & spiritually; Enduring forever (Ps 19:9)
- The knowledge of the holy (Prov 9:10)
- A fountain of life, departing from the snares of death (Prov 14:27)
- A posture of the heart (Jer 5:24)

HOW DO WE DEVELOP THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

- Order: Must first
 - o Receive God's words
 - o Hide His commandments in your heart
 - o Incline your ear to wisdom
 - o Apply your heart to understanding
 - o Cry after knowledge
 - o Lift up your voice for understanding
 - o Seek and search for understanding
 - o THEN: you shall understand the Fear of the LORD! (Prov 2:1-5)
- Obedience to all God's commandments and statutes (Ps 111:10)
- Walk in His ways (Deut 10:12-13)
- Choice to fear Him (Joshua 24:15, 1 Sam 12:14)
- Love Him, serve Him with ALL your heart/mind/soul (no compromise allowed) (Deut 10:12-13)
- Learn by doing – submitting to and obeying God's word (Deut 14:23)
- Write out a copy of the Law (Deut 17:18)
- Read God's word daily (Deut 17:19)
- Keep the words of the Law & to do them (Deut 17:19)

- 1) Hear 2) Learn 3) Choose heart attitude of the Fear of the LORD 4) Observe to do (Deut 31:12, Ps 34:11)
- Gather the people together to hear and learn and fear the LORD together (Deut 31:12)
- Serve the LORD with sincerity (heart attitude) and truth (mental state) (Josh 24:14)
- Put away false gods, leave & cleave (Josh 24:14)
- Fearing God over fearing man, listening to God above man (1 Sam 15:24)
- Do not rebel against the word of the LORD (1 Sam 12:14)
- Possible to fall on a geopolitical area (1 Sam 11:7)
- Choose to obey God's commandments, plain and simple (Lev 19:32, Deut 6:2)
- Love God with all our heart, soul, and might (Deut 6:5)
- Teach God's words diligently to our children (Deut 6:7)
- Talk about God's commandments when we sit, walk, at bedtime, and when we get up (Deut 6:7)
- Dare not despise all His reproofs (Prov 1:29)
- What we do with our hands and what we chose to view with our eyes and how we decorate our homes and the places of authority we hold will be determined by the principles of God's commandments (Deut 6:8-9)
- Giving our tithes and first fruits as God commands (Deut 14:23)
- Praise and glorify Him (Ps 22:23)
- Taught by the LORD, from the heart (Is 29:13)

BENEFITS TO FEARING THE LORD:

- Love wisdom and instruction (Prov 1:7)
- Thy days may be prolonged (Deut 6:2)
- Protection through obeying God's instructions, rhema and logos (Ex 9:20)
- Brings unity to people (1 Sam 11:7)
- Government authorities will follow God's word (1 Sam 12:14)
- Favour, elevated to high positions, opportunity to speak into authorities lives and influence them. (1 Kings 18:3)
- People know they can trust those who fear the LORD. (1 Kings 18:3)
- Supernatural manifestations (**suggestive of Elijah's spiritual translocations were commonly known – 1 Kings 18:12)
- Access and influence with others who fear the LORD (2 Kings 4:1)
- Our immediate family down to the 3rd generation will be blessed, receive mercy & righteousness, and spared unnecessary hardship (2 Kings 4:1, Ps 103:17)
- Ps 112
 - o His descendants shall be mighty on the earth (Ps 112:2)
 - o Generation of the upright will be blessed (Ps 112:2)
 - o Wealth & riches in his house (Ps 112:3)
 - o His righteousness endures forever (Ps 112:3)
 - o Unto the upright arises light in the darkness (Ps 112:4)

- Be gracious, full of compassion, & righteous (Ps 112:4)
- Show favour & lend, dispersing and giving to the poor, guiding his affairs with discretion (Ps 112:5, 9)
- Shall not be moved forever, the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance (Ps 112:6)
- Not be afraid of evil tidings, his heart fixed and trusting in the LORD (Ps 112:7)
- His heart is established, not afraid, until he sees his desire upon his enemies (Ps 112:8)
- His authority shall be exalted with honour (Ps 112:9)
- The wicked shall see it & be grieved, gnashing their teeth & melt away unable to see their desire manifest (Ps 112:10)
- God shall deliver you out of the hand of ALL your enemies (2 Kings 17:39)
- God will terrorize our enemies instead of them terrorizing us (2 Chron 14:14)
- Enemies are at peace with us because they know they are out-powered (2 Chron 17:10)
- Understanding God's secrets that are only given to His inner circle (Ps 25:14)
- Getting to see His covenant & friendship in action (Ps 25:14)
- Receiving His special loving attention (Ps 33:18)
- Will dwell safely and be quiet from fear of evil (Prov 1:29)
- Healing in your abdomen and bones (Prov 3:7-8)
- Grows humility which leads to honour (Prov 15:33)
- Riches, honour, and life (Prov 22:4)
- Enemies will be terrified and hide (Is 2:10, 19)
- Stability, strength of salvation, & treasure (Is 33:6, Luke 6:45)
- The LORD shall lift up a standard against the enemy (Is 59:19)
- Potential to turn away God's judgment, personally and nationally (Jer 26:19)
- The LORD will destroy their idols and images, removing the ruling authorities of our enemies (powers & principalities) (Ez 30:13)
- Those who DO and TEACH the commandments will be called great in the Kingdom (Matt 5:17-20)
- Your agape love will become HOT! (Matt 24:12)
- When the whole are operating in fear of the LORD, God will give the church rest, comfort, and multiplication (Acts 9:31)
- Cornelius was the first gentile to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit because he feared the LORD (Acts 10:22, 44)
- The strong delusion will be lifted off us (2 Thess 2:10-13; 1 Jn 1:8-9, 1 Jn 2:3-4)
- Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him (1 John 3:22)
- The Spirit will dwell in and abide in and we in Him (1 John 3:24)
- We will love the LORD with all our hearts, mind, soul, and strength and love our neighbor as ourselves (1 John 5:2)

WHO IS TO HAVE THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

- You, your sons, and son's sons (Essentially, perpetually everyone in every generation to generation, with the men specifically highlighted) (Deut 6:2)
- Israel and the seed of Israel (Deut 10:12-13, Ps 22:23)
- Kings, which includes believers in Jesus Christ (Deut 17:19, Rev 1:6, 5:10)
- House of Levi...the priesthood (Ps 135:20; 1 Pet 2:9; Rev 1:6)
- Men, women, children, and strangers within thy gates (Deut 31:12)
- Those whom God has chosen as His peculiar treasure (Deut 14:2, 1 Peter 2:9)
- All the earth! God desires to give the whole world His benefits (Ps 33:8)

WHY SHOULD WE FEAR THE LORD?

- Because "I am the LORD" – WHO God is, which has never changed and never will (Lev 19:32)
- That all people of the earth will know the mighty hand of God. (Josh 4:24)
- Because we want the benefits, like prolonging our days and God-fearing national leaders (Deut 6:2; 1 Sam 12:14)
- Because God commands us to do so. It's requirement to receive blessings, not a suggestion (Deut 6:2, 8:6, 10:12-13, Deut 28:1)
- So the LORD may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest (Deut 14:29)
- We can give reverential fear with blessings or terrified fear with curses – either way we will give God the respect He is due (Lev 26, Deut 28)
- Depart from evil (Job 28:28, Prov 16:6)
- God created everything, giving the oceans boundaries they are not allowed to cross. He gave us boundaries, too (Jer 5:22)
- Protect us from becoming complacent when we're surrounded by His goodness (Hosea 3:5)
- It's an efficient evangelism tool! (Jonah 1:16)
- So you know you are in the faith. Paul warned those who have sinned that they better have repented and changed or else they will not be spared (2 Cor 13)
- Those who fear the LORD will be saved from hellfire (Mal 3:16)
- Magnifies the name of the LORD Jesus (Acts 19:17)

WHEN?

- All the days of your life, no vacations (Deut 6:2)
- Forever (Joshua 4:24)

WHERE?

- In the land where you possess (Deut 6:1)
- In your house, where you walk, in your places of influence – everywhere! (Deut 6:7-10)
- Where God, not man, chooses to place His name (Deut 14:23)
- In the courts (2 Chron 19:9)

CHARACTERISTICS OF SOMEONE WHO HAS FEAR OF THE LORD:

- They will love wisdom & instruction (Prov 1:7)
- It's something they DO, produces visible actions (Ex 9:20, Jonah 1:9)
- They will be healthy (Ex 15:26)
- They will rise up before the hoary head (Lev 19:32)
- They will honour the face of the old man (Lev 19:32)
- Fear their God (Lev 19:32)
- It will go well with them and they will increase mightily (Deut 6:3)
- They will serve God and swear by His name (Deut 6:13)
- They will do that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD (Deut 6:18)
- They will cast out all their enemies from before them (Deut 6:19, 2 Kings 17:39)
- They will give tithes and firstfruit offerings (Deut 14:23)
- Their heart will not be lifted up above their brethren (Deut 17:20)
- They will not allow their political situation to prevent them from wholeheartedly fearing the LORD (2 Kings 17:28, Daniel 1:8)
- They will be wealthy, and not just in finances (2 Chron 14:14)
- The eye of the LORD will be upon them (Ps 33:18)
- Carry God's glory in a way that authorities will see and fear (Ps 102:15)
- They will bless the LORD (Ps 135:20)
- They will present themselves to the LORD with worship birthed from holiness, approaching Him with honour and reverential fear instead of disrespectful casualness (Ps 96:9)
- Hate evil, pride, arrogance, the evil way, & the froward mouth (Prov 8:13)
- A strong confidence, His children shall have a place of refuge (Prov 14:26)
- Shall abide satisfied, not be visited with evil (Prov 19:23)
- Seek out fellowship & conversation with one another, meditating upon His name (Mal 3:16)
- Loving righteousness, hating iniquity, living with an increased anointing with the oil of gladness above thy fellows (Heb 1:9)
- No mental health issues (James 1:22, 2 Thess 2:11)
- We will love the LORD with all our hearts, mind, soul, and strength and love our neighbor as ourselves (1 John 5:2)

- They will NOT:
 - Serve other gods (Deut 6:14)
 - Tempt God by complaining, questioning His power or protection (Ex 17:7, Deut 9:22, Matt 4:7, Luke 4:12)
 - Forget God that brought them out of bondage (Deut 6:12)
 - Fear man, people pleasing, trying to fit in (1 Sam 15:24, 2 Kings 17:33)
 - Blame others &/or the devil, making excuses, and failing to take responsibility for your own choices (1 Sam 15:24)
 - Compromise (1 Sam 15:24, 2 Kings 17:33)
 - Be double-minded (2 Kings 17:33)
 - Perform religious rituals with an outward show of obedience according to man's standards but not from the heart or following God's standards (2 Kings 17:32, Isaiah 29:13)
 - Iniquity is present (2 Chron 19:7)
 - Behavior & attitude is influenced by someone's position or wealth (2 Chron 19:7)
 - Take bribes (2 Chron 19:7)
- Blessings that will overtake them:
 - Blessed wherever they are, in the prison or palace, city or country (Deut 28:3)
 - Children, crops, & cattle blessed (Deut 28:4)
 - Baskets & kneading bowls (Deut 28:5)
 - Arrivals & departures (Deut 28:6)
 - The enemies that rise up will be scattered in 7 directions (Deut 28:7)
 - Their buying & selling & bank accounts will be blessed (Deut 28:8)
 - Everything they set their hand to shall be blessed (Deut 28:8)
 - Influential in society & others will revere you (Deut 28:10)
 - Plenteous in goods, in children, in cattle, and in the ground (Deut 28:11)

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO FEAR THE LORD:

- God's anger will be kindled against thee and destroy thee from off the face of the earth (Deut 6:15, 8:20)
- Have tormentors sent upon you (Matt 18:35)
- Blessings will end up destroying you while those who fear God enjoy them (Numbers 11:33)
- Fellowshiping with those who have no part in the LORD will cause our children to cease from fearing the LORD (Josh 22:25)
- Beasts will multiply in the land and kill people (2 Kings 17:25, Lev 26:22)
- Your wealth will be taken away from you and you will lose your battles (2 Chron 14:14)

- You will live in dread & terror (2 Chron 14:14)
- The years of the wicked shall be shortened (Prov 10:27)
- Any wealth will always bring trouble (Prov 15:16)
- God's enemies are those whose iniquities have separated them from the LORD! (Is 59:19)
- Their own wickedness shall correct them, their backslidings shall reprove them, it will be an evil thing and bitter to forsake the LORD by not having His fear IN them (Jer 2:19)
- Your iniquities have turned away these things. Your sins withhold good things from you (Jer 5:25)
- Body & mind ravaged by diseases of Egypt (Deut 7:15, Deut 28:60, 2 Thess 2:11)

GOD'S CURSES UPON WHO DISOBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AS PER LEVITICUS 26 & DEUTERONOMY 28

- Anxiety, phobias, fear of all types (Lev 26:16, 17, 36-37)
- Autoimmune / wasting / inflammation diseases (Lev 26:16, Deut 28:22)
- Sensation of burning / fever (Lev 26:16, Deu 28:22)
- Eyesight (spiritual & literal) consumed (Lev 26:16)
- Sorrow of heart (uncircumcised, covered heart) (Lev 26:16, Lam 3:65)
- Seed shall be sown in vain, not producing a harvest (Lev 26:16, Deut 28:38-40)
- God will oppose you (Lev 26:17)
- Be slain before your enemies (Lev 26:17)
- Those who hate you will rule over you (Lev 26:17)
- Pride of power will be broken (Lev 26:19)
- Heaven as iron, earth as brass (Lev 26:19, Deut 28:23)
- Land & trees shall not yield increase (Lev 26:20)
- Seven times more plagues according to your sins (Lev 26:21)
- Beasts will rob you of your children (like ticks & mosquitoes!), destroy your cattle, make you few in number, your highways desolate (Lev 26:22)
- Punish you & chastise you seven times for your sins (Lev 26:24, 28)
- A sword upon those that quarrel with God's covenant (Lev 26:25)
- Pestilence upon those gathered in cities (Lev 26:25)
- Staff of bread broken (famine), eat but always hungry (Lev 26:26)
- Eating flesh of your children (Lev 26:29)
- Destroy high places, cutting down your images (Lev 26:30)
- Cities wasted, sanctuaries desolated, God will not receive our prayers (Lev 26:31)
- Pine away in their iniquities and the iniquities of their fathers (Lev 26:39)
- Wherever you are – city or country (Deut 28:16)

- Your finances & provision (Deut 28:17)
- Infertility (Deut 28:18)
- Your children, your crops, your animals (Deut 28:18)
- Your arrivals and departures (Deut 28:19)
- People will curse, vex, & rebuke you for everything you try (Deut 28:20)
- Pestilence will cleave to you (Deut 28:21)
- Smite with the sword (war), dehydration, mildew (Deut 28:22)
- No rain; dust storms (Deut 28:24)
- Scattered among the Kingdoms of the earth (Deut 28:25)
- Dead body left out in the open without proper burial (Deut 28:26)
- Boils, tumors, hemorrhoids, scabs, itch that cannot be healed (Deut 28:27)
- Mental health disorders, spiritual and physical blindness, confusion of heart (Deut 28:28)
- Groping around trying to find your way but never prospering, constantly being spoiled, & oppressed (Deut 28:29)
- Another person sleeping with your fiancé or spouse (Deut 28:30)
- Bankruptcy (Deut 28:30)
- Building houses & planting vineyards but not getting to own or enjoy them (Deut 28:30)
- Resources that can produce provision will be destroyed in front of you with no recourse (Deut 28:31)
- Children will go into foster care / adoption (Deut 28:32)
- Pain in the knees, legs (Deut 28:35)
- Wounds that won't heal all over the body (Deut 28:35)
- Brought into slavery & idolatry in other nations (Deut 28:36)
- Not enjoy your children, be sent into captivity (Deut 28:41)
- Stranger in your land will grow in influence & authority while you are humbled (Deut 28:43)
- Strangers will lend to you with interest, making you the tail (Deut 28:44)

WHO THE CURSES LAND UPON:

- Those who make any idol & put it in a secret place (Deut 27:15)
- Treats his parents with contempt & dishonour (Deut 27:16)
- Moves his neighbours boundary marker (Deut 27:17)
- Causes the blind, physically & spiritually, to wander out of the way (Deut 27:18)
- Perverts justice due to the stranger, fatherless, & widow (Deut 27:19)
- He that lieth with his father's wife or mother-in-Law (Deut 27:20, 23)
- Those practicing bestiality (Deut 27:21)
- Incest (Deut 27:22)

- Those who attack their neighbor secretly (Deut 27:24)
- Takes a reward to slay an innocent person (Deut 27:25)
- Those who disagree with God's Law and do not put them into practice (Deut 27:26)

WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?

- Lev 26:40 - ⁴⁰ If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; ⁴¹ And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: ⁴² Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.
- Romans 3:21-26 - ²¹ But now the righteousness of God without the Law is manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the prophets; ²² Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: ²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴ Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: ²⁵ Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; ²⁶ To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
- Galatians 3:13 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

BIBLICAL POSITION ON LOVE

Father God's love for us is unconditional. He proved how high, how wide, how deep His love for us is by sending His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, God come in the flesh, to die for our sins that we may have eternal life. His love for us created a way through Jesus Christ that we may restore the relationship with our Heavenly Father, a relationship that sin destroyed.

As I studied through the 442 verses on "Love" in the Bible, I realized that the question shouldn't be do we know how much God loves us, but rather we should be asking the following question: How high, how wide, how deep is OUR love for the Most High God that has offered us salvation and sonship? Are we true friends that are willing to lay down our lives for our heavenly brother and King of Kings, Jesus Christ? When we can answer that question manifested through our actions, we will KNOW how much Abba Father loves us as it manifests in our and through lives!

As I studied out the Father's Love, the focal point is relationship with our Heavenly Father. However, healthy relationships by nature flow back and forth. The more love is practiced on our end, the more our hearts will be able to receive His love and in turn, flow out to our families and our neighbours.

In the Fear of the LORD & Prosper course, the visual model is a wheel. The hub is the Fear of the LORD, which is the foundation upon which everything else builds. The 21 spokes are the various out workings that give stability to the Fear of the LORD, like trust, righteousness, holiness, wisdom, angelic partnership, humility, etc. The rim is repentance, connecting those 21 spokes from the rim to the hub. Love is the tire, where rubber meets the road. Specifically, our love towards God and others.

According to Stack Exchange, the idiom "When/where the rubber hits/meets the road" refers to the point at which an abstract idea or plan is tested out in practice."

The world's definition of love and God's definition vastly differ. The world says it loves hot dogs that are here one moment and swallowed the next, loves the newest music band that we've never even met. Really, what they mean is we like those things. We merely have an affinity or preference for those things. However, God is clear in His word. His required demonstration of our love toward Him is that if we love Him, we are to keep His commandments. Which commandments? The ones that made up His covenant He made with His people.

Studying throughout the scriptures on love, I discovered a surprising point. Failure to obey His commandments not only shows we do not love our God, but we also do not love ourselves. And if we do not love ourselves, we are incapable of loving our neighbor, including our spouses and children or even opening our heart to receive God's love. Failure to love our neighbor means we have no positive impact in growing the Kingdom of God.

Those who do AND teach God's commandments to others will be the greatest in the Kingdom of God. (Matt 5:17-20) Those who do not do God's commandments will be the least in the

Kingdom. So, it's possible to be in the Kingdom without obedience but you will fail your primary mandate to go and make disciples of all nations, advancing the Kingdom of God. Your view of the purpose of salvation will determine your belief system and resultant actions.

The Law is a tutor to bring us to maturity and make us perfect in love so that fear no longer has a foothold in our lives. We first die to the flesh by obeying the commandments which teach us about the values, nature, character, and desires of our God first though the letter of the Law until we understand the spiritual principle behind it, growing our trust and relationship with God. We reach maturity when we obey out of love because we value the relationship so much that we won't allow anything to come between us and our Abba Father, not even sin. Maturity is demonstrated when we walk by the spirit and not by the flesh, comprehending the spirit of the Law.

When we are capable of the baby steps of obeying what is written before us even when it is uncomfortable or makes no natural sense, it prepares us to obey God's voice in the uncomfortable and unnatural instructions He gives us individually to step into our destinies on a foundation of love instead of striving. The blessings of Deut 28 start to pour in our lives when we make that transition from obeying His word to obeying His voice.

Without further ado, below is the position the Bible takes on the subject of Love.

Love

WHAT DOES LOVE IN ACTION LOOK LIKE?

- Having a strong affection for something (Gen 27:4)
- Being willing to sacrifice our time and freedom for something/one (Gen 29:30)
- Speaking kindly to others (Gen 34:3)
- Giving your best gifts (Gen 37:3)
- Keeping your promises (Deut 7:8)
- Loving the “unlovables” (Deut 10:18)
- Giving food and clothing to those in need (Deut 10:18)
- Standing up for justice on behalf of those who cannot do it for themselves (Deut 10:18)
- Refusing to keep secrets from your spouse (Judges 14:16)
- Sharing your heart with others, especially your spouse (Judges 16:15)
- Honouring your spouse with a worthy portion (1 Sam 1:5)
- Serving your mother-in-Law / family (Ruth 4:15)
- Having their back and standing with and protecting them in the heat of battle, even at the risk of your own welfare (1 Sam 16:21)
- Loving another as your own soul, so make sure your own soul is healthy and whole! (1 Sam 18:1)
- Being pleasant to the one we love (2 Sam 1:26)
- Showing affection, favour, and support to the children of your friends (1 Kings 5:1)
- Enjoyment of displaying love, be it relationships or activities (2 Chron 26:10)
- Loving the habitation of God’s house, and the place where His honour dwells (Ps 26:8)
- Using our God-given authority to do judgment and justice (1 Kings 10:9)
- Being anointed with the oil of gladness above thy fellows (Ps 45:7)
- Declare, “Let God be magnified” (Ps 70:4)
- Pray for the peace in Jerusalem (Ps 122:6)
- God correcting those He loves (Prov 3:12)
- Rebuking a wise man (Prov 9:8)
- Covering all sins, covering a transgression (Prov 10:12, Prov 17:9)
- Following after righteousness (Prov 15:9)
- Speaking right (Prov 16:13)
- A friend loves at all times, through thick and thin (Prov 17:17)
- We seek after Him whom our soul loveth, until we find Him (Song of Solomon 3:1,4)
- Resting in His love (Zeph 3:17)
- Loving the holiness of the LORD (Malachi 2:11)
- Blessing them that curse you (Matt 5:44)
- Doing good to those that hate you (Matt 5:44)
- Pray for those that spitefully use and persecute you (Matt 5:44)

- Confronting people with the painful truth, exposing idols in their hearts that are blocking their way into the Kingdom (Mark 10:21)
- Lending without hoping for anything in return (Luke 6:35)
- Being kind to the unthankful and to the evil (Luke 6:35)
- Loving our nation and building a place of worship for others (Lk 7:5)
- Canceling the debts of those who cannot repay you (Lk 7:42)
- Forgive others (Lk 7:47)
- Coming to the aid and comfort of others who are sick (John 11:3)
- Displaying our feelings and affection transparently and being emotionally connected (John 11:35-36; John 13:23)
- Laying down our life in this world for others (John 12:25, 15:13)
- Feeding God's lambs (immature believers) and sheep (mature believers) (John 21:15-17)
- Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good (Rom 12:9)
- Kindly affectionate one to another in brotherly love, in honour preferring one another (Rom 12:10)
- Speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15)
- Having compassion by meeting a brother's need when we have the world's goods (1 John 3:17)
- Loving your brother and another (1 John 3:10-11)
- Doing righteousness (1 John 3:10)

WHY ARE WE TO LOVE?

- God commands us to love Him (Deut 10:12)
- God will circumcise our hearts so that we CAN love the LORD (Deut 30:6)
- Because God heard our voice and supplications (Ps 116:1)
- God has given all things into the son's hand, showing all things that the Father does and will show him greater works than these, that we may marvel (John 3:35, 5:20)
- By this all men shall know we are Jesus' disciples (John 13:35)
- So that God will come unto us and make His abode with us, abiding in His love (John 14:23, 15:10)
- To display the Father's love to others (John 15:9)
- It guards the ministry from causing offense or being blamed for hypocrisy (2 Cor 6:3-10)
- Love in action proves faith (Gal 5:6)
- Demonstrates fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives (Gal 5:22)
- So that we may be filled with the fullness of God (Eph 3:19)
- Faith and love act as a breastplate (1 Thess 5:8)
- It demonstrates that we are born of God and know Him (1 John 4:7)

HOW DO WE SHOW OUR LOVE?

- Put God first, over the things we love in the flesh (Gen 22:2)
- Keep God's commandments (Ex 20:6)
- Not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people (Lev 19:18)
- Showing loyalty to masters of excellence (Ex 21:5)
- With all our heart, soul, and might (Deut 6:5)
- Obey His voice and cleave to Him (Deut 30:20)
- With ALL our heart, soul and mind (Matt 22:37)
- Being emotionally connected (John 11:35-36)
- Declare God's name (John 17:26)
- The Holy Spirit will shed God's love abroad in our hearts (Rom 5:5)
- Giving liberally to other believers in need to prove our sincerity of our love (2 Cor 8:1-9)
- Being a financial blessing, not a burden, to those under our leadership (2 Cor 12:14-16)
- Serving one another with our freedom through obedience to the Law instead of serving our flesh (Gal 5:13-14)
- By being holy and blameless before God in love (Eph 1:4)
- With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, and forbearing one another in love (Eph 4:2)
- Loving his wife as it demonstrates love for himself (Eph 5:28)
- The LORD will direct our hearts into the love of God (2 Thess 3:5)

WHO OR WHAT SHOULD WE LOVE?

- God (Ex 20:6)
- Our wives (Gen 24:67, Prov 5:19)
- Masters (employers, those in authority over us) (Ex 21:5)
- Children (Ex 21:5)
- Our neighbour (Lev 19:18)
- The stranger (Lev 19:34)
- The LORD's salvation (Ps 40:16)
- God's commandments, His Law (Ps 119:47, 97)
- God's word (Ps 119:140)
- God's precepts (Ps 119:159)
- Wisdom (Prov 4:6)
- Instruction and knowledge and reproof (Prov 12:1)
- Pureness of heart (Prov 22:11)
- The name of the LORD (Is 56:6)
- Jerusalem (Is 66:10)
- The good and establish judgment in the gate (Amos 5:15)
- Mercy (Micah 6:8)
- Truth and peace (Zech 8:19)

- Our enemies (Matt 5:44)
- Fellow brethren (2 Cor 8: 7-8)
- Those under our leadership (2 Cor 12:14-16)
- The ekklesia (the church who reigns in authority) (Eph 5:25)
- Truth (2 Thess 2:10)
- The LORD's appearing (2 Tim 4:8)
- Hospitality (Titus 1:8)
- Good men (Titus 1:8)
- Righteousness (Heb 6:10)
- Life (1 Pet 3:10)
- One another (1 John 4:7)

WHO OR WHAT SHOULD YOU NOT LOVE?

- Those whose hearts are cleaved to idolatry that will lead you astray (1 Kings 11:2)
- Empty, vain, or deceitful things that cannot return your love (Ps 4:2)
- Loving those that hate the LORD will bring God's wrath upon you (2 Chron 19:2)
- Evil more than good, lying rather than speaking righteousness (Ps 52:3)
- Devouring words (Ps 52:4)
- Cursing (Ps 109:17)
- Vain thoughts (Ps 119:113)
- Pleasure more than God (Prov 21:17; 2 Tim 3:4)
- Wine and oil (Prov 21:17)
- Silver or abundance (Ecc 5:10)
- Prophets that prophesy falsely and priests that bear rule by their means (Jer 5:31)
- Idols (Jer 8:2)
- Wandering (Jer 14:10)
- Oppression (Hos 12:7)
- False oaths (Zech 8:17)
- Praying in such a way as to be seen by men (Matt 6:5)
- Loving your father, mother, son or daughter more than the LORD (Matt 10:37)
- The uppermost rooms at feasts and chief seats in the synagogues (Matt 23:6)
- Religious clothing and public recognition (Mark 12:38)
- Darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil (John 3:19)
- Our life (John 12:25)
- Praise of men more than the praise of God (John 12:43)
- Money, which is the root of all evil (1 Tim 6:10)
- This present world (2 Tim 4:10)
- Wages of unrighteousness (2 Pet 2:15)

WHAT DOES GOD LOVE?

- His chosen ones (Deut 7:7)
- The stranger (Deut 10:18)
- Israel (1 Kings 10:9)
- Righteousness and judgment (Ps 33:5)
- Judgment and forsaking not His saints. (Ps 37:28)
- The excellency of Jacob (Ps 47:4)
- The tribe of Judah, Mount Zion (Ps 78:68)
- The gates of Zion (Ps 87:2)
- Those that love Him and those that seek Him early. (Prov 8:17)
- The world (John 3:16)
- The Son (John 3:35)
- Sinners (Rom 5:8)
- Cheerful givers (2 Cor 9:7)
- The sons of God (1 John 3:1)

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF US RELEASING OUR LOVE TO GOD AND OTHERS?

- We shall be comforted (Gen 24:67)
- God will show mercy to those who love Him AND obey His commandments (Ex 20:6)
- God will keep His covenant with those that love Him (Deut 7:9)
- God will give us the rain in our land in due season, the first and latter rains, to gather in our harvest, wine, and oil, and grass in our fields for our cattle, that we may eat and be full (Deut 11:13-15)
- Reaping the blessings and provision listed in Deut 28
- We will live and multiply (Deut 30:16)
- We shall be blessed in the land we go to possess (Deut 30:16)
- We shall be as the sun when we go forth in might (Judges 5:31)
- We will be given esteemed positions of authority and proximity (1 Sam 16:21)
- We shall obtain grace and favour in His sight (Esther 2:17)
- We will be joyful in Him (Ps 5:11)
- God will preserve the faithful (Ps 31:23)
- They that love Him shall dwell in Zion and Judah (Ps 69:35-36)
- God will deliver him and set him on high (Ps 91:14)
- Great peace. Nothing shall offend them (Ps 119:165)
- We shall inherit substance and God will fill our treasures (Prov 8:21; Is 33:6)
- Our soul shall be delivered from the pit of corruption and all our sins cast behind His back (Is 38:17)
- All things work together for the good of them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28)
- We will be more than conquerors (Rom 8:37).

- Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him (1 Cor 2:9)
- Love in action edifies whereas head knowledge puffs up (1 Cor 8:1-3)
- It protects us from being accursed, like those who do not love the LORD Jesus Christ (1 Cor 16:22)
- It disciplines the unrepentant sinner by banning them from fellowship until they repent of sin then restores and confirms love for the repentant before they are overcome with sorrow (2 Cor 2:1-11)
- Those who love their LORD Jesus Christ with all sincerity will receive grace (Eph 6:24)
- So it may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment (Phil 1:9)
- Love provides comfort (Phil 2:1)
- Our hearts being knit together (Col 2:2)
- Becoming heirs of the Kingdom and receiving the crown of life (James 1:12, 2:5)

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS TO GUARD AGAINST AS WE LOVE OTHERS?

- Favouritism, for it will provoke the flesh to strengthen in others and ultimately hurt the one you favour (Gen 25:28, 37:4)
- Do not allow pride to tempt you into thinking you're more special than others (Deut 7:7)
- During times of test, guard your heart against loving people, power, or their teachings more than loving God and His ways (Deut 13:3)
- We must take heed unto ourselves that we love the LORD our God. It takes effort and intentionality (Joshua 23:11)
- Don't confuse lust and sexual intimacy with love (Judges 16:4)
- Release acts of service in love, not with an ulterior motive of giving to get or manipulation. Never betray their trust or God-given authority (1 Sam 16:21)
- Beware that there are those that will try to abuse your genuine love for others to manipulate you to get what they want (1 Sam 18:22)
- Nurture the love with the right motive, according to God's commandments lest your heart turn to hatred when the ungodly motive has passed (2 Sam 13:15)
- Do not allow family ties to seduce your heart into loving your enemies and hating your friends (2 Sam 19:6)
- Do not allow your heart to become double-hearted because you cannot serve two masters forever (1 Kings 3:3)
- Guard against knitting your heart with those who do not love God because they will turn your heart away from loving God (1 Kings 11:2)
- Helping the ungodly and loving those that hate the LORD will bring God's wrath upon you (2 Chron 19:2)
- Some will respond to our love with hatred (Ps 109:5)
- Love your wife more than wine (Song of Solomon 1:2)

- Do not awake love until we are mature enough to wisely respond to it (Song of Solomon 2:7)
- Do not give to your lovers what belongs to God, resulting in whoredom (Ez 16:33)
- Remember that God is your ultimate provider. Do not commit spiritual adultery/harlotry by running to others as your source of provision. Trying to return to God as your provider after discovering your harlotry is fruitless & will reap judgment (Hosea 2:5-13)
- Allowing iniquity to abound will cause our love to turn cold (Matt 24:12)
- Do not pass over judgment and the love of God in the process of trying to obey God's commandments in the flesh (Lk 11:42)
- Do not be surprised when the world hates you because you have been chosen out of this world (John 15:19)
- Believing the lie that tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword could separate us from the love of Christ (Rom 8:35)
- Husbands, do not grow bitter in loving your wives (Col 3:19)
- Fear will rob us of our ability to love others (2 Tim 1:7)
- The LORD will chasten everyone He loves and scourge every son He receives, to bring about maturity (Heb 12:6)
- We must guard our hearts against leaving our first love (Rev 2:4)

God's Commandments

God's commandments pre-date the "10 Commandments." They began in the Garden of Eden. (Gen 2:16)

The great commission as we call it from Matt 28:18-20 - Teach these new disciples to obey all the commandments I have given you – was Jesus reiterating what God had previously told Moses to tell His people in Deut 4. Our anti-Semitic religious mindsets have blinded missionaries, "sent ones" – both to local churches and abroad - to the most important part of the great commission! In turn, they have spiritually blinded their proselytes from being able to truly receive and give love to the Heavenly Father they claim to represent, making them twice the sons of the devil they are!

Intercede that God will incline the hearts of our families, our churches, and our nations unto Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers. (1 Kings 8:58)

EXAMPLES OF THOSE BLESSED BY OBEYING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS:

- Noah – he and his family were the only ones spared from The Flood (Gen 6:22)
- Abraham – he was blessed in ALL things (Gen 24:1,35; 26:5)
- Joseph – he prospered wherever he was, from prison to palace. (Gen 30-50)
- Joshua – conquered all 33 kings with minimal deaths of his soldiers (Josh 1-24)

EXAMPLES OF WHO SUFFERED THE CONSEQUENCES OF DISOBEYING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS:

- Adam – sin entered the earth, lost access to Tree of Life (Gen 3:17)
- Moses – his anger and failure to obey specific instructions resulted in not entering the Promised Land (Num 20:10-11; Deut 32:51-52)
- Nadab & Abihu – the sons of the high priest died for offering strange fire. (Num 3:4)
- Pharaoh – his son & nation's economy were destroyed by God's plagues. (Ex 7-13)
- King Saul – did not fulfill his destiny, lost the Kingdom of Heaven and his anointing even though he maintained his earthly kingdom for a season. (1 Sam 15-16)
- Achan – his entire family & animals were killed, wealth destroyed by fire. (Josh 7)

HOW CAN GOD'S COMMANDMENTS BE CONVEYED?

- Through the written word (Ex 24:12)
- Through His prophets (Ex 34:32)
- By hearing God's voice (Gen 26:5)
- Being taught by those who understand God's commandments (Ex 24:12, Eze 44:23, Neh 8:7-8)

- By fathers & mothers to their children (Gen 18:19, Gen 27:8, Pro 6:20)
- Through the Hebrew Biblical calendar (Ex 23:15)
- Through repetition – both verbal and written (Deut 1:18, Deut 17:18)
- Through our mouths to others, that which is written upon our hearts (Deut 6:6, Lk 6:45)
- Through dreams (1 Kings 3:14)
- Parents can pray for their children to be given a perfect heart to keep God's commandments (1 Chron 29:19)
- Through the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:2)

WHY SHOULD WE OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS?

- I am the LORD (Lev 22:31)
- Our obedience or lack thereof affects not only us but those around us (Num 25)
- It is our wisdom and understanding in the sight of the nations (Deut 4:6)
- They teach us the fear of the LORD (Deut 4:10)
- God desires that we would have such a heart in us to fear Him and keep His commandments (Deut 5:29)
- It will be our righteousness (Deut 6:25) (**different from His perfect righteousness through Jesus)
- Obedience is a demonstration of our love for God (Deut 7:9, Jn 14:15)
- So we can enter into our own Promised Lands (Deut 8:1, Deut 9:23)
- So we don't end up being destroyed (Deut 7:9-10)
- It results in provision (Ex 16:16)
- So we are holy unto our God (Num 15:40)
- So our hearts and the hearts of our seed shall be circumcised (Deut 30:6)
- The king over you will continue following the LORD your God (1 Sam 12:14)
- They are our delight (Ps 119:143)
- Jesus commanded us to in the Great Commission (Matt 28:20)
- So the Father will manifest Himself to us and abide with us (Jn 14:21, 15:10)
- Because we are His friends (Jn 15:14)

THE BENEFITS OF OBEYING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS:

- God's presence will be with us (Gen 26:3)
- Our generations will multiply as the stars of heaven and they shall be blessed (Gen 26:4)
- None of the diseases of Egypt will come upon thee (Ex 15:26)
- God will show His mercy upon us to 1000 generations (Ex 20:6)
- There will be times of MORE than enough (Ex 36:6)
- Rain will come in due season, the land shall yield her increase, the trees shall yield their fruit (Lev 26:4)
- Our harvest will be so bountiful that it will last to the next harvest, enabling us to eat to full and dwell in safety (Lev 26:5)

- Our land will have peace, we will be without fear, and all evil beasts will be rid from the land, neither shall there be war go through our land (Lev 26:6)
- We will have victory over our enemies, even when they outnumber us 20-100 to 1 (Lev 26:7-8)
- It will go well for us and our children and our days will be prolonged upon the earth which the LORD has given us (Deut 4:40)
- We shall be able to endure and go to our place in peace (Ex 18:23)
- God will provide the skilled workers in order for us to walk into obedience (Ex 31:6)
- The glory of the LORD shall appear unto you (Lev 9:6)
- As we enter into His rest, the cloud will abide upon us, the living tabernacle (Num 9:18, 1 Cor 6:19, Heb 4:11)
- God will keep His covenant with those who obey His commandments (Deut 7:9)
- Strength (Deut 11:8)
- The blessed ones will lend and not borrow (Deut 15:6, Deut 28:12)
- We will reign over many nations but they will not reign over us (Deut 15:6)
- Blessings will not only come on us but overtake those who hearken unto the voice of the LORD (Deut 28:2)
- Blessed living and working places, fertility, finances, travels, possessions, whatever we put our hand to, and being the head (Deut 28:3-6,11,13)
- Our enemies will be smitten before our faces and all people shall be afraid of thee because they know you are called by the name of the LORD (Deut 28:7-10)
- Being given inheritance along with the sons of Israel (Josh 15:13)
- When we desire to build God's temple, He will build our house (2 Sam 7)
- Supernatural provision of food during difficult times (1 Kings 17:4, 9)
- The heathen are able to recognize God's protection in the natural realm against devouring beasts when the God of the land is worshiped and the fear of the LORD is taught (2 Kings 17:26-27)
- God's covenant extends to a thousand generations (1 Chron 16:15; Ex 34:7)
- We will possess the good land and leave it as an inheritance for our children after us (1 Chron 28:8)
- Our enemies will be stricken by the angel of the LORD and leave with their heads hanging in shame (2 Chron 32:21)
- Our eyes shall be enlightened (Ps 19:8)
- God's statutes rejoice the heart (Ps 19:8)
- The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the day time and in the night His song shall be with me (Ps 42:8)
- God will command the clouds from above and open the doors of heaven to give us manna from heaven (Ps 78:23-24)
- Judgment & Knowledge & understanding (Ps 119:66, 73)
- They shall feel no evil thing (Ecc 8:5)
- A wise man's heart will discern both time and judgment (Ecc 8:5)

- The LORD will hide us from our enemies when it serves His purposes (Jer 36:26, Lk 4:29-30)
- We will be great in the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt 5:19)
- We will enter into life (Matt 19:17)
- The rightful sons of God have the ability to command stones to be made into bread (Lk 4:3)
- We have the authority and power to command unclean spirits to come out (Lk 4:36)
- Enjoy the blessings of showing hospitality to ministering servants, both angels and humans, as they come through our homes (Acts 18:2, Heb 13:2)
- When walking in obedience, sin doesn't have occasion by the commandment to produce evil desire and deception that leads us to death (Rom 7:8,11)
- Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him (1 Jn 3:22)
- We will dwell with the LORD and He with us. And we will know that He abides with us, by the Spirit which He gives us (1 John 3:24)
- We are counted as the remnant of the seed and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (Rev 12:17)
- We have the right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city (Rev 22:14)

THE CONSEQUENCES OF DISOBEYING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS:

- We disappoint the God we are supposed to love (Ex 15:27-29)
- Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will suffer for our iniquity (Ex 20:5)
- Consequences fall even on those who ignorantly sin making them guilty, whether an individual, congregation, or ruler. For a lack of knowledge, the people perish (Lev 4:2, Hosea 4:6)
- Initiates increasing levels of judgment to draw you to repentance and back into covenant with God:
 - 1) Appoint over you terror, consumption, fever-causing inflammation, consuming the eyes, sorrow of heart, sow your seed in vain as our enemies eat it, God's face will be against you, killed before your enemies, those who hate you will reign over you, you shall flee out of fear when no one pursues you (Lev 26:16-17)
 - 2) Break the pride of your power, heaven as iron and earth as brass, strength shall be spent in vain, land shall not yield its increase, neither shall the trees yield their fruits (Lev 26:18-20)
 - 3) Wild beasts will rob you of your children and destroy your cattle, your highways will be desolate (Lev 26:21-22)
 - 4) Bring the sword upon you to avenge the quarrel of His covenant, pestilence will hit the cities, and you shall be delivered into the hands of your enemies.

Food supply will be broken requiring rationing, eating but never satisfied (Lev 26:23-26)

- 5) God's will walk contrary to you in fury, resulting in eating the flesh of your own children due to rampant starvation, destroying your high places, cutting down your idols, and casting your dead bodies upon the carcasses of your idols and God's soul will abhor you. Cities will waste, sanctuaries will be desolate, there will be no offerings or prayer, the land will be in desolation. Even your enemies will be astonished by the destruction. You will be scattered among the heathen who will kill you. The land will finally enjoy its Sabbaths it didn't receive during the season of disobedience (Lev 26:27-35)
- 6) Those that remain alive will have faintness of heart, extreme fear causing them to fall when no one pursues. They shall fall upon each other even without war, and have no power to stand before their enemies. They shall perish among the heathen and the land of your enemies shall eat you up (Lev 26:36-38)
- 7) Those that are left will pine away in their iniquity in their enemies land (Lev 26:39)

- Our sin can provoke others to sin (Ex 32:19)
- We could die by the wrath of God (Num 3:4)
- We will not prosper and the LORD will not be among us (Num 14:41-45)
- Despising the word of the LORD and breaking His commandments will result in his soul being utterly cut off and his iniquity upon him (Num 15:31)
- We make the LORD angry. He's capable of "negative" emotions, too (Deut 1:34)
- There comes a time when confessing repetitive sin no longer brings restoration but rather permanent removal of God's presence from one's life (Deut 1:42)
- When the spirit of the Fear of the LORD departs due to rebellion, a tormenting spirit will be sent in its place (Prov 17:11, 1 Samuel 16:14)
- The LORD Himself will reject the seed of Israel that refuse to walk in His commandments, afflict them, and deliver them into the hand of spoilers, until He has cast them out of His sight (2 Kings 17:20)
- War with the Middle East (Medes = modern-day Iran; Assyria = modern-day Iraq/Syria/Turkey/Iran) (2 Kings 18:12-13)
- Higher taxes (2 Kings 23:35)
- Lose the privilege of building God's house due to having bloody hands (1 Chron 22:8)
- Being scattered abroad among the nations (Neh 1:8)
- When we definitely refuse to obey the King's commandment and come before Him, we will result in no longer able to come before our King and our royal estate being given to another (Esther 1:19)
- God Himself will command the serpent to bite them, go to into captivity and the sword to slay them (Amos 9:3-4)
- Those who don't work, don't eat (2 Thess 3:10)

- They don't know Him, they are liars, and the truth is not in them (1 John 2:4)

OBEDIENCE ISN'T EASY:

- Sometimes God will command you to move into a place of lack in order to test if you will be faithful or complain, and for His glory to be demonstrated in your life as HE supernaturally provides (Ex 17:1 – 6)
- God will bring you into the wilderness for a season while having a glimpse of the Promised Land to test what is in your heart and teach you to rely solely upon Him and fear Him more than man (Num 13 -15)
- Expect to be commanded to do weird prophetic acts that don't make any sense in the natural but will release God's power (Ex 7:10)
- We may be required to fast for extended periods of time in order to receive revelation to wisely lead those under our care (Ex 34:28)
- We may be required to declare possessions and/or property of others to be destroyed, and decree the death sentence upon the unrepentant (Lev 14:40, Lev 24:23, 1 Cor 5:5)
- We may be required to put people away from our presence and cut their access to provision due to their failure to repent (Num 5:2, 1 Cor 5, Gal 5)
- We aren't to seek after our own heart or our own eyes, which cause us to go a whoring, but rather seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Num 15:39, Matt 6:33)
- God will bring us through wilderness seasons to humble and prove us to discover what is in our hearts and test if we will be/remain obedient (Deut 8:2)
- We must guard our hearts from becoming tight-fisted with our possessions when God's poor come asking for loans, even close to the debt-canceling Shemitah, trusting that God is our provider and not our own efforts to control/manipulate our finances (Deut 15:9-10)
- We cannot tolerate wickedness within our gates but must confront it, regardless of who it is (Deut 17:2; 1 Cor 5:12-13)
- Sometimes God will command us to appear to be cowards in order to draw out our enemies before He gives us the victory (Joshua 8)
- God will sometimes harden our enemies' hearts against us until they try to destroy us, in order to set us up for supernatural victory (Josh 11:20)
- God will prove us by leaving enemies in our land in order to test whether we will obey Him or not (Judges 3:4)
- Cultural reforms required to turn a generation and culture back to the LORD's commandments are drastic and will offend the rebellious (2 Kings 23)
- Priests are responsible to stand in the gap and make atonement for the iniquity of Israel - a gift that carries much responsibility (1 Chron 6:49; Num 18:1,7)
- Sometimes we need to disobey earthly kings in order to obey the King of Kings (Esther 3:3)

- Our obedience to God may put us at odds with earthly kings but know that if we truly walk according to God's commandments in honour, He will shut the mouths of lions and enable us to walk through the fire without scorch or smell of smoke (Dan 3:27, 6:16, Is 43:2)
- Just because we CAN do something doesn't mean we should or that the timing is right (Matt 4:3)
- We should have the attitude of a dutiful servant, without expecting to be thanked for our obedience (Lk 17:9-10)

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS GOD WILL COMMAND US TO DO?

- Number God's people according to their service and his burden (Num 4:49)
- Pick up and relocate without knowing the final destination (Num 9:18)
- Stay put for a season of rest under the glory cloud (Num 9:18)
- Do natural actions that are symbolic of spiritual truths (Num 15:39)
- Write books of our and others' journeys as a remembrance for others to learn from (Num 33:2)
- Go die in a specific location (Num 33:38)
- Receive & clearly record detailed instructions to delegate to others that God identifies (Ex 39)
- Warn your subordinates of the consequences of disobedience and the means of restitution/reconciliation (Lev 4)
- Command provision to be released to God's anointed people (Lev 10)
- Tell others to keep and do God's commandments (Lev 22:31)
- Tell others how to access God's blessing (Lev 25:20-22)
- Give money to designated people and loan to some with and without interest (Num 3:51, Deut 15:2-3)
- Put out of the camp those contaminated with active sin and defiled by death, if they refuse to receive the cleansing life of Jesus' blood so it doesn't spread through the congregation (Num 5:2, 1 Cor 5, Gal 5)
- Keep the charge of the LORD (Num 9:23)
- Go to war against specific enemies (Num 31:7)
- Provide financially for God's servants that keep the charge of the tabernacle. (Num 31:47)
- Light the lamp of our heart then keep it burning (Num 8:3, Lk 11:34, Acts 26:18)
- Give an inheritance (Num 36:2)
- Write out a copy of the Law and read it daily that your heart not be lifted up above our brethren (Deut 17:18-20)

- Let our wives do all that the angel of the LORD has commanded them to observe, even if the husbands didn't hear the instructions the first time (assuming it lines up with scripture) (Judges 13:14)
- Return to obeying the Passover as the book of the covenant commands (2 Kings 23:21)
- At the instructions of the Angel of the LORD, set up an altar to the LORD in the purchased workplace of a pagan to redeem the land and stop a plague caused by sin (1 Chron 21:18)
- Tear down the high places, break down the idols and groves, remove the idolatrous priests, and carry out the filthiness out of the holy place (2 Chron 22:17, 29:5, 31:1)
- Financially support the worship team, so they can invest their time and energy into worshipping the LORD without the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches making them unfruitful (Neh 11:23, Mk 4:19)
- Esteem God's word more than our necessary food (Job 23:12)
- Ask of God things to come concerning His sons and concerning the work of His hands, command ye me (Is 45:11)
- Wear a piece of clothing without washing it until He gives directions at a later time to go hide it in a rock then yet again at a later time go retrieve it before receiving a word of judgment against God's rebellious people (Jer 13)
- Do not mourn at the sudden death of a spouse the LORD said would happen, as a prophetic sign of judgment to come (Ez 24:18)
- Prophecy to a valley of dry bones, prophetic word by prophetic word until they become an exceedingly great army, then have a second fulfillment of that prophetic word roughly 630 yrs later (Eze 37:1-14, Matt 27:52-53)
- Withdraw yourselves from every brother that walks disorderly (2 Thess 3:6)

WHEN WE ARE IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY TO COMMAND OTHERS:

- Give clear, orderly instructions (Gen 32:19)
- Use your authority to bless those under you (Gen 42:25)
- Delegate levels of authority according to their wisdom and ability to wield it. Do not try to do everything yourself (Gen 47:11)
- Release your prophetic blessing upon them (Gen 49:1)
- Use your position and authority to release honour to whom honour is due (Gen 50:2)
- Share appropriate instruction from the LORD with those down the chain of command (Ex 4:28)
- Ensure YOU know God's commandments so that you can lead wisely and bring blessing upon those under you (Ex 19:7)
- Check the work of those you delegate to for accuracy to God's instructions relayed to you (Ex 39:43)
- Stand in the gap and make up the hedge by possessing the required atonement on their behalf so that God may not destroy their land (Lev 9:7, Num 16:47, Eze 22:30)

- Wield your authority in the fear of the LORD to uphold God's commandments, even to the point of pronouncing death upon those who do presumptuously, so those that hear and fear will NOT make the same mistake (Deut 17:10-13)
- Be clear that it is indeed the LORD speaking through you because presumption will result in your death sentence (Deut 18:20)
- Command your subordinates to show favour and compassion on those whom God has chosen (Ruth 2:15)
- Be ready to offer divine solutions to demonically sourced problems (1 Sam 16:16)
- Do not use your position to exact revenge. Vengeance belongs to the LORD alone (2 Sam 13:28, Heb 10:30)
- Use our authority and resources to help the next generation fulfill their God-given destinies (1 Chron 22:2,17)
- Warn them that they not trespass against the LORD, so that wrath will not come upon you and your brethren (2 Chron 19:10)
- Strengthen your own walk with the LORD so you are not leaning on someone else's fear of the LORD to keep you on the straight and narrow path, less you forsake the LORD and His commandments when he dies and you lead your kingdom astray into bondage (2 Chron 24:15-22)
- Command the chambers of the house of the LORD to be cleansed of all filthiness and all uncleanness be removed (2 Chron 29:15, 31:11)
- Think not that your position will enable you to be passive and still escape judgment (Ester 4:13)
- Know the LORD's timing, when to command fasting and when to command the Jews to be ready to avenge themselves on their enemies (Est 4:16-17, 8:13)
- Discern when God is prophesying and when prophets are prophesying lies in the LORD's name so you know how to instruct the people (Jer 14:14, 23:32)
- Do not allow your emotions to overrule wisdom when it comes to giving commandments to others (Dan 2:12)
- Be not vain in flashing your authority around, less someone manipulate you into making a foolish decision before men that you can't pull out of without losing your reputation (Matt 14:9)
- Speak with authority and boldness, just like Jesus did (Lk 18:40)
- Do not use your authority to do evil (Jn 11:57)
- Recognize that all authority comes from the Heavenly Father and steward it as such (Jn 12:49)

WARNINGS:

- We are not to add to nor take away from the commandments of God (Deut 4:2)
- Do not use your God-given authority to make life burdensome for those under your care (Ex 5:6-9)

- Do not fall short in teaching the fear of the LORD to your family and those under your care. It could cost you your entire family line, like Eli (1 Sam 2:27-36)
- God's commandments that have been passed on through the mouth of God's messenger to another carry just as much weight as God's instructions received directly. Carefully discern when man is giving you a command and when man is giving you God's command because the consequences could cost you your life (Lev 10)
- God is the one who gives true authority. Do not try to usurp what is not rightfully yours and DO possess what is rightfully given to you with confidence (Num 17; Rom 13:1-5)
- Sometimes there is a window for obedience. Trying to obey AFTER God has shut the door will be treated as rebellious disobedience and receive consequences (Deut 1:41)
- Do not confuse OUR righteousness with HIS righteousness (Deut 6:25)
- Do not honour your sons above God, to enable them to get rich on the choicest offerings (1 Sam 12:14)
- You won't be able to use the fear of man as an excuse for breaking God's commandments. Rebellion will result in a demonic tormentor being assigned to you (1 Sam 15:24, Prov 17:11)
- Those with jealousy in their hearts will be out to destroy not only the obedient anointed ones but those who have helped them (1 Sam 21:2, 1 Sam 22:6-23)
- Guard your heart against corrupting justice just because you are connected emotionally or biologically to the guilty one (2 Sam 18:5)
- Enemy kings will target spiritual kings of Israel. We must not be ignorant of the devil's strategies (1 Kings 22:31)
- You cannot fear the LORD and at the same time serve graven images without consequences. God is a jealous God (2 Kings 17:32, 41; Ex 20:5)
- Do not lose your fervor for God and His commandments at the end of your life, after God has established your kingdom and given you riches and honour, like King Hezekiah and King Asa. (1 Kings 15, 2 Chron 15, 2 Chron 20:12-18)
- Do not build the house of the LORD with the mixed multitude, who will lead you into compromise and lusting after the flesh (Ezra 4:3, 9:14; Num 11:4)
- When we rise up to rebuild the house of the LORD in purity, anticipate that compromising leaders will do everything in their power to stop you. Do not be shaken but know that God will prosper you as you walk according to the word of the LORD (Ezra 4:21, 6:14)
- Commanding the word of the LORD in a season of judgment will have people wanting to kill you (Jer 26:8)
- Do not make the commandment of God of none effect by your traditions (Matt 15:6)
- Obedience without intimacy with the Heavenly Father or knowing our authority and identity will result in bitterness, phariseism & legalism (Lk 15:29, Acts 15:5)
- Refusal to surrender to the Holy Spirit's conviction through the preaching in the name of Jesus will cause religious people to get offended, try to silence you, and react violently (Acts 4:18, 5:40)

Repentance

Repentance is the rim of the Fear of the LORD wheel. The spokes are what connect repentance to the hub, where everything is grounded in the Fear of the LORD.

The mandate from the LORD is that we preach repentance and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem then spreading outward, and we shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the LORD. (Lk 24:47; Acts 2:38, Acts 3:19)

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the verb “Repent” has 2 definitions

- 1) To turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life.
- 2) To feel regret or contrition” and “to change one’s mind.

God does not repent according to the first definition (Num 23:19, 1 Sam 15:29) but He DOES repent according the second definition. ((Gen 6:6, Ex 32:12)

WHO SHOULD REPENT – TURN FROM SIN AND DEDICATE HIS LIFE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- The son of man (Num 23:19)
- Sinners (Matt 9:13)
- Mankind (Mark 6:12)
- Gentiles (Acts 11:18)
- Jews and Greeks (Acts 20:21)

WHAT SHOULD YOU REPENT OF?

- Not speaking right (Jer 8:6)
- Wickedness (Jer 8:6)
- Refusal to admit their sin (Jer 8:6)
- Walking in their own way (Jer 8:6)
- Forsaking the LORD and going backwards (Jer 15:6)
- Sin (Matt 9:13)
 - o Disobeying God’s commandments. Doing what He says NOT to do, and NOT doing what He says TO do.
- Unbelief (Matt 11:20)
- Not believing the gospel (Mark 1:15)
- Uncleaness, fornication, lewdness & lustfulness (2 Cor 12:21)
- Murder, sorceries, fornication, thefts (Rev 9:21)

WHY SHOULD YOU REPENT?

- For the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matt 3:2)
- Jesus commanded it (Matt 4:17)
- Jesus' disciples preached that men should repent (Mark 6:12)
- Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish (Lk 13:3,5)
- There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents (Lk 15:10)
- So that you may receive forgiveness (Lk 17:3)
- Because God has appointed a day, in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained (Acts 17:31)
- Repentance from dead works is the foundation and we are to move on to perfection (Heb 6:1)
- If they shall fall away, renew them again unto repentance (Heb 6:6)
- Repentance should be our response to God's love, rebuke, and chastening (Rev 3:19)
- To give Him glory (Rev 16:9)

WHAT CAN MOTIVATE A MAN TO REPENT?

- Fear (Ex 13:17)
- Being carried away as captives (1 Kings 8:47)
- The goodness of God leads to repentance (Rom 2:4)
- Rebukes from spiritual fathers and apostles (2 Cor 7:8-9)
- Godly sorrow (2 Cor 7:10)
- In meekness instruct those who oppose themselves, for God may give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth (2 Tim 2:25)
- The warning of judgment of having your candlestick removed (Rev 2:5)
- The warning of judgment of being fought against with the sword of the mouth (Rev 2:16)
- The warning of judgment of being cast into a bed and those that commit adultery with her into great tribulation (Rev 2:22)
- The warning of judgment of God coming on thee as a thief, not knowing what how He will come (Rev 3:3)
- The warning of judgments of plagues and woes upon those that did not repent of their deeds and those that belong to this world (all through Revelation)

HOW DOES ONE REPENT?

- Repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul (1 Kings 8:47-48)
- In dust and ashes (**a posture of public humility) (Job 42:6)
- Hearken and turn from their evil way (Jer 18:8, Jer 26:3)
- Amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God (Jer 26:13)

- Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin (Ez 18:30)
- The baptism of repentance for the remission of sins (Mark 1:4)
- Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil (Joel 2:13)
- Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance (Matt 3:8)

WHAT CAUSES GOD TO FEEL REGRET OR CONTRITION AND CHANGE HIS MIND?

- Intercession from His prophets (Ex 32:12-14)
- When God sees that His servants' power is gone and there is none shut up, nor left (Deut 32:36)
- Hearing their groanings by reason of them that oppressed and vexed them (Judges 2:18)
- When His judgment has reached its fullness (2 Sam 24:16)
- God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way (Jonah 3:10)
- He repented according to the multitude of His mercies (Ps 106:45)
- The sin of mankind (Gen 6:6-7)
- When His anointed king turns back from following Him nor performs His commandments (1 Sam 15:11)
- Idolatry in His servants (Ps 135:14-18)
- Failure to obey His voice will cause God to repent of the good He said he would benefit them (Deut 9:13-14)

Forgiveness

WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

- At the highest level, receiving the atonement for our sin (Lev 4:26)
 - o Atonement: reparation for a wrong or injury; the state of being at one or being reconciled
- The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) – one single day of atonement per year for ALL the congregation of the children of Israel, a sacrifice made by fire for their sin committed in ignorance. Prophetic symbol of Jesus Christ paying for the sins of the world (Num 15)

WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS?

- God (Mark 2:7)
- The son of man has the power on EARTH to forgive sin (Matt 9:6)

WHO / WHAT IS TO BE FORGIVEN?

- *Ourselves, others, and God – a breach in relationship will create dis-ease (Is 59:1-2, 3 Jn 1:2)
- The trespass of thy brethren and their sin, and when they repent, forgive them (Gen 50:17, Lk17:3)
- The trespass of the servants of God (Gen 50:17)
- Innocent blood being shed (Deut 21:8)
- The trespass of thy handmaid (1 Sam 25:28)
- All manner of sin and blasphemy against men shall be forgiven (Matt 12:31)
- Our church leaders (2 Cor 12:13)
- Any man that has a quarrel against you (Col 3:13)
- One another (Eph 4:32)
- Iniquity, transgression, & sin (Ex 34:7, 1 Kings 8:50)
 - o Iniquity – ‘avon. H5771. perversity, depravity, iniquity, guilt or punishment of iniquity; Original want of holiness or depravity.
 - o Transgression – pesha’ H6588 rebellion, guilt/punishment/offering for transgression; The act of passing over or beyond any Law or rule of moral duty. the violation of a Law or known principle of rectitude; breach of command
 - o Sin – chatta’ath, H2403 – sin. The voluntary departure of a moral agent from a known rule of rectitude or duty, prescribed by God.

WHAT WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN?

- Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. They are in danger of eternal damnation (Matt 12:31, Mk 3:29)
 - o **Blasphemy** is the act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence to a deity

WHY ARE WE TO FORGIVE OR SEEK FORGIVENESS?

- That we are able to entreat the LORD to lift the consequence of death/devouring off others (Ex 10:17)
- To bring us into the land God gave to our fathers (1 Kings 8:34)
- That God may teach us the good way wherein we should walk, give rain upon our land that He promised to give us for an inheritance (1 Kings 8:36)
- That we may receive inheritance among them (1 Kings 8:36)
- So God can give us compassion for those who carried us captive (1 Kings 8:50)
- Because God will render unto every man according unto all his ways (2 Chron 6:30)
- So that pride does not get a stronghold, blocking God from forgiving US (Isaiah 2:9, Matt 6:15)
- That God may be feared/reverenced (Ps 130:4)
- When they hear all the evil which God purposes to do unto them, that they may return every man from his evil way, that God may forgive their iniquity and their sin (Jer 36:3)
- God forgives for His own name sake (Dan 9:19)
- Those who are forgiven much can love much (Lk 7:47)
- We must forgive our debtors and those who trespass against us, that our own debts and trespasses be forgiven (Matt 6:12, 14)
- Because they have repented...therefore restore the relationship (Lk 17:4)
- Withholding forgiveness and comfort can cause them to be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow (2 Cor 2:7)
- It shows compassion to others, which is God's character (Ps 78:38)
- If anyone has ought against you, first leave your offering and go restore the relationship THEN come bring your offering (Matt 5:23-24)

HOW DO WE FORGIVE OR SEEK FORGIVENESS?

- Intercede for God to forgive the sins of others (Moses interceding for the stubborn Israelites) (Ex 32:32, Lev 4:31)
- Ask God to hear our supplication and that of thy people Israel, as we pray toward God's temple and His heavenly dwelling place (1 Kings 8:30)
- We must turn every man from his evil way (Jer 36:3)
- Beseech the LORD...implies the cry of the heart, not a blasé surface action (Num 12:11)

- Declare to the broken that their sins have been forgiven, that they may be healed! (Matt 9:2)
- Recognize that the son of man (like Daniel, Ezekiel, one who repents) has the power on EARTH to forgive sin (Matt 9:6)
- Forgiving the repeat sins of our brothers 70 x 7 ...Jesus is our older brother! (Matt 18:21-22)
- See & perceive, hear and understand, that we may be converted and our sins be forgiven (Mk 4:12)
- Repent of our wickedness & pray to God so that the THOUGHT of our hearts be forgiven (Acts 8:22)
- When the violated releases forgiveness, the rest of us should release forgiveness also in the name of Jesus Christ instead of holding bitterness for someone else's victimization (2 Cor 2:10)
- We have redemption of our sin through Jesus' blood (Col 1:14)
- Being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh (Col 2:13)
- We need to acknowledge and confess our sin, not hiding our iniquity (1 John 1:9, Ps 32:5)
- Be moved with compassion, loose him, and forgive him his debt (Matt 18:27)
- Do not withhold forgiveness even when they have nothing to pay (*in words or action) (Lk 7:42)

UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES:

- A husband / father has the legal authority to cancel a vow made by his wife or daughter ON THE DAY HE HEARD IT, and the LORD shall forgive her. Failure to cancel the vow in passivity will result in the vow and resulting judgment upon those women (Num 30)
- The activation of OUR faith can result in the sins of OTHERS being forgiven and healed (Lk 5:20)

THE CONSEQUENCES WHEN WE FAIL TO FORGIVE:

- Affliction & pain (Ps 25:18)
- Blocks supernatural healing (Ps 103:3)
- The curses listed in Deuteronomy 28 and Leviticus 26
- People will say, "I am sick." because they have not yet been forgiven of their iniquity (Is 33:24)
- God letting them be overthrown before Him; dealing with them in the time of His anger (Jer 18:23)
- Our heavenly Father will not forgive us (Matt 6:15)
- Being handed over to tormentors (demons) (Matt 18:34-35)

The Significance of a Name

Prov 22:1

- A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Matt 28:19 - 20

- Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to **observe all things** whatsoever I have **commanded** you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)
- 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, and teaching them to **obey everything** I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (NIV)

BRETHREN

Who are my brethren?

Matthew 12:48-50 - 48 But He answered and said unto him that told Him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? 49 And he stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! 50 For **whosoever shall do the will of my Father** which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

What is the Father's will?

Psalms 40:8 – I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy Law is within my heart.

Matt 7:21-23 - ²¹ Not every one that saith unto me, LORD, LORD, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me in that day, LORD, LORD, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew (ginosko – idiom for sexual intercourse, relational intimacy) you: **depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

1 John 3:23 ²³ And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

CHRISTIAN:

What does “Christian” mean?

- Originally a derogatory slur given to disciples by gentiles of Antioch
- Found 3 times in KJV – Acts 11:26, Acts 26:28, 1 Pe 4:16, never in a positive light.
- Denoted a religion
- Christian: G5546 – Christianos; Christian, a follower of Christ; from root Christos = The anointed one. So they’re followers of the anointing and NOT Jesus, the person (otherwise they would have been called Jesus-ites)!
- Merriam-Webster: *a* : one who **PROFESSES belief** in the teachings of Jesus [Christ](#)

What do Christians do?

- “Profess” belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ, verbally but may not be in their hearts.
- Follow the anointed one/ the anointing.
- Suffer “as a Christian”
- Followers are:
- Taught in parables (Matt 13:13)
- Do not have eyes to see, nor ears to hear
- Seasonal, leave when the going gets tough
- Did not receive the power & authority like the 12 and then the 70 but did receive the benefits of healing/deliverance (Matt 9:35) & miracles
- Regular attenders of the synagogue (church building) and heard teaching.
- Complacent with what they were given, their actions showed they were not hungry/thirsty for more.
- Jesus called them the multitude, the Pharisees, the Publicans, the people, followers.
- They were not commanded to fast, but rather Jesus multiplied the food for them.

DISCIPLE:

What does “Disciple” mean?

- Name Jesus gave to His students, His close followers
- Found 256 times from Isaiah (1), Matt – Acts (255) as per Biblegateway.com for KJV
- Denoted a close Relationship with Jesus Christ, a person, God come in the flesh.
- Disciple:
 - G3101 – mathetes; a learner, pupil, disciple
- Merriam-Webster: one who **accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines** of another,

a : one of the twelve in the inner circle of Christ's followers according to the Gospel accounts

b : a convinced adherent of a school or individual

What do Disciples do:

- Accept & assist in spreading the doctrines of Jesus Christ
- Convinced adherent of Jesus Christ (denotes faith & resolve)
- Assembled together & taught people
- Their testimony shall be bound, the Law sealed among them
- They pursue Jesus Christ (requires action on our part to respond & accept that relationship), denotes personal relationship & fellowship, intimacy, face-to-face encounters
- Look up to Jesus Christ as their master, their authority, their Saviour in times of trouble, source of power
- Hungering to learn, in a receiving posture & question His teachings to further understand them fully
- Given power to DO the healing and authority to cast out devils
- Stay in His presence, constantly following after Jesus' leading
- Pecking order – Disciple is not above His Master. Jesus is always the boss
- Be careful whose disciple you are - not a pastor, a church board, the Pope, denomination, Pharisees, or even John the Baptist
- They get to know the intimate details of the mysteries of the Kingdom (Matt 13:10-11) & the intimate knowledge of Jesus Christ (Matt 13:16)
- Have eyes to see, ears to hear (Matt 13:16)
- Requires sacrifice, putting Jesus above all else (Matt 8:21-22) even to our own hurt
- Can turn away from Jesus (John 6:66) when the going gets hard (Lk 22:61). Must resolve daily to stay in His presence
- Requires that he be as His master, taking on His mannerisms & character qualities, representing His affairs and not our own
- Rewards that come in the name of a disciple (Matt 10:42)
- Must submit to the master's commandments, obeying immediately
- Jesus will come to their cities (Matt 11:1) after disciples prepare the hearts of the people by signs & wonders
- Expect accusations from "Pharisees" (legalists) when traditional customs are not followed
- Jesus considers them family (mother/brethren)
- Take responsibility for the needs of their brethren & master
- Honouring them even through the details of their funerals

- Commanded to fast. Informed the reason they could not remove the deaf & dumb spirit was because of their lack of faith & this kind comes out only by prayer & fasting. (Mk 9:19,29)

Marks of Disciples:

- Disciples will rise to servant leadership positions over the multitudes. Jesus gives to the disciples, then they give to others
- Fleeting doubts, fears, & innocent screw-ups & full out failures due to lack of faith, & reading the motivations wrong, falling asleep for a short period do not remove one's station as a disciple because a disciple will humbly keep pursuing & keep growing, desiring not to make the same mistake twice
- Will be faced with the unknown as Jesus begins to move in His power through them. Hang on for the ride!
- Their behavior & words will offend the "elders", must guard their own hearts not to become offended by the offended which would allow a root of bitterness to grow (Heb 12:15)
- The 3 most intimate disciples got to see the glory cloud descend upon Jesus/Moses/Elijah, so there are various levels of disciples
- There will be face-to-face 2 way conversation where our questions are answered clearly
- Were usually sent 2 by 2. Unity & fellowship is critical. Judas, the son of perdition was the primary exception, being sent alone
- Will have the privilege of seeing miracles that the multitude will not see, and receive intimate instruction on how to do those same miracles themselves
- We are to fear God, not man, with such purposefulness that others will recognize it
- Kept the feasts (Apostle Paul did also, decades later)
- They had the privilege of physical communion (bread & wine)
- Allowed to be rich (cf: Prov 22:4)
- They were the first to know about Jesus' resurrection
- Got to see & hear angels
- They worshipped Him prostrate at His feet
- Fellowshipped with publicans & sinners without becoming one of them (they influence others instead of sinners influencing them)
- Going to draw multitudes
- Expect people to find fault
- Will hearken to the voice of the LORD
- The LORD has a right to rebuke them

MAN vs SON OF MAN COMPARISON CHART

196 references to the phrase “son of man”

Verse	Man	Son of Man
Hebrew word	‘iysh (H376); ‘enowsh (H82) *First mention Eve, the woman, was taken out of man, just like the bride of Christ was taken out of the world	ben (H1121) ‘adam (H120) *First mention Gen 1:27, man created in the image of God
Num 23:19	He should lie	He should repent
Job 25:6	That is a “worm” – decay, maggot	Which is a “worm” – type of worm that creates scarlet dye
Job 35:8	Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art	Thy righteousness may profit the son of man
Ps 8:4, Heb 2:6	God is mindful of him	God visits him
Ps 80:17	Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand	Whom thou madest strong for thyself.
Ps 144:3	Takest knowledge of him	Thou makest account of him
Is 51:12	Shall die	Shall be made as grass
Is 56:2	Blessed is the man that doeth this (keep sabbath, keep hand from doing evil)	The son of man that layeth hold on it.
Jer 49:18	No man shall abide there (Edom)	Neither shall a son of man dwell in it (Edom)
Jer 49:33	Shall no man abide there, (Hazor)	Nor any son of man dwell in it. (Hazor)
Jer 50:40	Shall no man abide there, (Chaldeans & Babylon)	Neither shall any son of man dwell therein (Chaldeans & Babylon)
Jer 51:43	No man dwelleth	No son of man pass thereby
Eze 2:1	--	I {God} will speak unto thee
Ezekiel		**Son of man, mentioned 93 times in this book alone, refers to Ezekiel, a prophet sent with judgment against Israel’s

		abominations, having a form of religion but no worship of the true God.
Dan 7:13	--	One like the son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before Him.
Dan 8:17	--	Understand, O son of man (referring to Daniel) for at the time of the end shall be the vision
Matt 8:20; Lk 9:58	--	Son of man hath nowhere to lay His head
Matt 9:6, Mark 2:28, Lk 5:24	--	The son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins
Matt 10:23	--	Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.
Matt 11:19, Lk 7:34	--	Son of man came eating & drinking.; Behold a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of publicans & sinners! Wisdom justified by her children
Matt 12:8, Mark 2:28, Lk 6:5	--	Son of man is lord (Kyrios) even of the Sabbath day.
Matt 12:32, Lk 12:10	--	Word speaketh against the Son of man will be forgiven him
Matt 12:40	--	Son of man be 3 days & 3 nights in heart of the earth
Matt 13:37	--	He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man
Math 16:13	--	Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
Matt 16:27, Mark 8:38	--	The Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; then He shall reward every man according to his works.
Matt 16:28	--	There be some standing here, which taste not death till they see the Son of man coming in His kingdom.

Matt 17:9, Mark 9:9	--	Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.
Matt 17:12, Mark 8:31	--	[Just like the prophets] shall also the son of man suffer of them.
Matt 18:11; Lk 19:10	--	Son of man is come to save that which was lost.
Matt 19:28	--	Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory.
Matt 20:18; Mark 8:31; Mark 10:33; Lk 9:22	--	Son of man shall be betrayed to the chief priests/scribes, and condemned to death; be killed and in 3 days rise again.
Matt 20:28; Mark 10:45	--	Even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many.
Matt 24:27; Luk 17:24	--	As lightning cometh out of the east, & shineth even unto the west, also the coming of the Son of man be.
Matt 24:30, Mk 13:26, Mk 14:62, Lk 21:27, Lk 22:69	--	Appear the sign of Son of man in heaven: see the son of man sitting on the right hand of power, coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
Matt 24:37; Lk 17:26	--	But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be
Matt 24:39	--	And knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
Matt 24:44; Lk 12:40	--	Therefore be ye ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
Matt 25:13	--	Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh
Mark 8:38, Lk 9:26		Whoever shall be ashamed of {Jesus} and of His words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of Him also shall the son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in His own glory, and the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

Mark 9:12	--	Elias (Elijah) verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; how it is written of the son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.
Mark 9:31;		The son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill Him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.
Mark 13:34		Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left His house, and gave authority to His servants, and to every man His work, and commanded the porter to watch.
Mark 14:21		Son of man indeeth goeth, as it is written of him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! Good were it for that man if he had never been born.
Mark 14:41; Lk 9:44		The son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
Lk 9:56		Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives
Lk 11:30		For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.
Lk 12:8		Whoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.
Lk 17:30		Even thus shall be in the day when the Son of man is revealed
Lk 18:8		{God} will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?
Lk 21:36		Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.
Lk 22:22		Truly the son of man goeth, as it was determined:

Luke 22:48		Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?
John 1:51		Hereafter ye shall see the heavens open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.
John 3:13		No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, the son of man which is in heaven.
John 3:14		As moyses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
John 5:27		Hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the son of man
John 6:27		Labour not for the meat which perisheth but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.
John 6:53		Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you.
John 6:62		What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?
John 8:28		When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me I speak these things
John 12:23		The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.
John 12:24		We have heard out of the Law that Christ abideth for ever and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man?
Acts 7:56		Behold I see the heavens opened and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God

Rev 1:13		In the midst of the 7 candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
Rev 14:14		Behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

Humility

WHAT IS HUMILITY?

Humility vs Pride – Humility is recognizing and acknowledging my total dependence upon the LORD and seeking His will for every decision. (The Power of True Success – How to Build Character in Your Life, Published by The Institute in Basic Life Principles, Inc., ©2001, pg 113)

“Some believe that calling out greatness in people promotes pride. True humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less. The truth of God’s grace humbles people without degrading them and exalts people without inflating them.” (Kris Vallotton, Basic Training for the Prophetic Ministry Expanded Edition)

HOW IS HUMILITY RELATED TO THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

2 Chronicles 7:14 - ¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Joshua 3:7 - ⁷ And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

Joshua 4:14 - ¹⁴ On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life. *** Joshua didn't need to puff up in pride. God would do the exalting and magnifying of Joshua, who would simply get in line and obey and then continue to give God the glory.*

We can chose to humble ourselves or be humbled by God. It's up to us how much it hurts. It's up to us whether the process brings increase or decrease to our future.

PERSONAL EVALUATION – HOW HUMBLE ARE YOU?

- When people disagree with you, do you argue to defend your position?
- Do you tend to cut off those who ignore you?
- Are you hurt when those whom you dislike are honoured?
- Do you find it difficult to admit you are wrong?
- Do you inwardly react when people criticize you?
- Do you give your opinions before being asked for them?
- Do you enjoy sharing about your accomplishments?
- Do you talk more than you listen?
- Are you more concerned about your reputation or God's?
- Do you give the impression that you have no problems?
- Do you seek ways to humble yourself?
- Do you do things for praise and compliments?

- Do you accept praise rather than deflecting it?
- Are you quick to correct others when they make mistakes?
- Do you react when you do not receive credit you are due?
- Do you feel important?
- Do you compare yourself to others rather than God?

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BLESSINGS FROM HUMILITY:

- Opens the door for honour (Prov 15:33; Prov 18:12; Prov 22:4)
- When coupled with Fear of the LORD, opens the door to riches, honour, and life (Prov 22:4)
- Judgment & God's wrath upon leaders & those under their authority can be delayed, reduced, or removed (1 Kings 21:29, 2 Chron 12:7,12)
- God does not forget the cry of the humble (Ps 9:12)
- God hears the desire of the humble (Ps 10:17)
- God will prepare their heart and cause their ear to hear (Ps 10:17)
- Honour shall uphold the humble in spirit (Prov 29:23)
- God dwells in the high & holy place with him that is of a contrite and humble spirit (Is 57:15)
- God revives the spirit of the humble and the heart of the contrite ones (Is 57:15)
- Greatest in the kingdom of heaven for those who humble themselves as a little child (Matt 18:4)
- Those who humble themselves shall be exalted in due time (Matt 23:12, 1 Pet 5:6)
- God gives grace to the humble (James 4:6)
- They shall eat and be satisfied (Ps 22:26)
- God will guide the meek in judgment and teach His way (Ps 25:9)
- Beautify the meek with salvation (Ps 149:4)
- Increase their joy in the LORD (Is 29:19)
- Be hid in the day of the LORD's anger (Zeph 2:3)
- They shall inherit the earth (Matt 5:5)
- Hear the preaching of good tidings (Is 61:1)
- God views a meek & quiet spirit a great price and incorruptible (1 Pet 3:4)
- God will hide them in the secret of His presence from the pride of man and kept in a pavilion from the strife of tongues (Ps 31:20)
- Wisdom and the preservation it brings (Prov 11:2, 13:10, 14:3)

CHARACTERISTICS:

- Humility of mind (Acts 20:19)
- Be clothed with humility (1 Peter 5:5, Col 3:12)
- Hearts be humbled (Lev 26:41)
- Willing to accept the punishment for their iniquity (Lev 26:41)
- God will humble you through the wilderness and testings to test our loyalty (Deut 8:2-3)
- A tender heart (2 Kings 22:19, 2 Chron 34:27)
- Humble ourselves before the LORD (2 Kings 22:19, 2 Chron 33:12)
- Produces action, not just talk (2 Chron 30:11)
- Submission to God's commandments (2 Chron 33:23)
- Humble people will be glad when they hear boasting in the LORD instead of intimidated or jealous (Ps 34:2)
- Participates with fasting (Ps 35:13)
- The heart shall live that seeks God (Ps 22:26, 69:32)
- Humility will lead to fearing the LORD, walking in His Law and statutes. (2 Chron 33:23)
- Humble yourself in the sight of the LORD, not for the sight of man (James 4:10)
- They shall praise the LORD that seek Him (Ps 22:26)
- Rejoice in the Holy One of Israel (Is 29:19)
- Meek, like King Jesus (Matt 21:5)
- Humble leaders will influence others to walk in humility (2 Chron 32:26)

WARNINGS ABOUT PRIDE:

- False humility will rob you of your reward (Col 2:18)
- Using humility as a religious show fails to bring freedom from a person's evil desires (Col 2:23)
- Refusing to humble oneself results in the punishment for their iniquity (Lev 26:41, Hos 5:5)
- People trying to humble (step on, push down, afflict, trouble, mishandle, weaken) others will end up hurting themselves. (Deut 21:14; Deut 22:24)
- Humility focused towards idols instead of the one true God will prevent God from forgiving you (Is 2:8-9)
- Mean men, mighty men, the high ones of stature (high levels of influence), haughty, lofty looks of man will be painfully humbled by God if they don't voluntarily humble themselves before God. (Is 2:9, 2:11, 5:15, 10:33)
- Whoever shall exalt himself shall be abased & brought low (Matt 23:12, Lk 14:11, Lk 18:14, Prov 29:23))
- God resists the proud (James 4:6, 1 Pet 5:5)
- He casts the wicked down to the ground (**Humiliation) (Ps 147:6)
- The breath of His lips shall slay the wicked (Is 11:4)
- Pride of your power will be broken, heaven & earth will be fruitless (Lev 26:19)

- The walls we build to keep people out are pride (Job 41:15)
- Will be brought into bondage under Leviathan (Job 41:34) - <http://deliverancerevolution.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Prayer-For-Deliverance-From-The-Spirit-Of-Leviathan.pdf>
- Will be taken in the devices they have imagined for others (Ps 10:2)
- The sin of their mouth, cursing & lying words of their lips will overtake them (1 Sam 2:3, Ps 59:12)
- Pride will encircle them as a chain of bondage (Ps 73:6)
- Pride is evil and God hates pride (Prov 8:13)
- Pride brings shame, contention, stubbornness, dull ears refusing not to hear God's Laws, a lying tongue, breeding ignorance, strife, railings, evil surmising (1 Tim 6:4, Prov 11:2, Prov 13:10, Neh 9:16, Ps 119:69)
- In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride (Prov 14:3)
- Brings destruction and a fall (Prov 16:18)
- The LORD shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hand (Is 25:11)
- Pride & alcoholism will bring woe (Is 28:1)
- Pride will release God's judgment upon one's life (Jer 13:9, 13:17, 48:29)
- Pride is connected with sodomy, fullness of bread, abundance of idleness, refusing to strengthen the hand of the poor and needy (Ez 16:49)
- Pride will harden one's mind and lift up one's heart resulting in lost authority/influence & glory (Dan 5:20)
- Pride inhibits true repentance & seeking the LORD (Hos 7:10)
- Pride in one's heart causes deception (Obadiah 1:3)
- Pride will cause you to reproach and magnify yourself against the people of God (Zeph 2:10)
- Pride will harden your conscience from feeling shame for your sins (Zeph 3:11)
- Pride defiles a man, prohibiting him from participating in priestly duties that require him to be ceremonially clean (entering into the secret place of the LORD's presence, intercession, leadership, receiving God's blessing & fellowship associated with ministry) (Mark 7:20-23)
- Pride causes a person to fall into the condemnation of the devil (1 Tim 3:6, Rom 8:1 KJV)
- Pride is of the world, not of the Heavenly Father (1 John 2:16)
- Pride & wickedness connected with being enclosed in one's fat (**being overweight "cheleb") (Ps 17:9-10)
- Proud people will not obey God's commandments, bringing rebuke and curses upon themselves (Ps 119:21)
- The house (generational line) of the proud will be destroyed (Prov 15:25)
- Children behaving proudly against their elders is a curse manifesting upon that land (Is 3:5)
- Pride is ultimately a sin against the LORD and therefore breaking the 1st & 2nd commandments (Jer 50:29)

- The proud shall stumble & fall, none shall raise him up, God will kindle a fire that shall devour all around him. (Jer 50:32)

Chart next page by Don Schwager.

- See helpful article: [Attaining True Greatness – Humility versus Pride](https://www.swordofthespirit.net/bulwark/april2011p12.htm). -
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Distinguishing True Humility from Its Two Extremes: False Humility and Pride

False Humility [thinking poorly of oneself, low self-esteem, feeling inferior]	True Humility [lowly of heart – not arrogant or boastful, ready to serve, teachable]	Pride [vainglory, being conceited, feeling superior, arrogant]
Self-defeating mind-set and poor self-image, evaluating oneself too negatively – <i>I'm a failure, I'm worthless, I can't do anything right, no one likes me.</i>	Self-forgetfulness, selflessness, not self-centered, not fearful about what others think of you, or preoccupied with self concerns	Self-conceited – thinking too highly of oneself – an exaggerated opinion or exalted view of oneself
Tendency to be self-despising or to belittle oneself, to be self-deprecating around others, excessively modest, due to feeling inferior, useless, or unworthy	Balanced view of self and good understanding of personal strengths and weaknesses, and one's role and position in the wider community and society	Vanity and vainglory – excessive display, and boasting in one's appearance, qualities, abilities, and achievements
Preoccupied with anxious concern for oneself, can't focus on others	Self-giving and self-sacrificing for the sake of others in order to help, encourage, serve, and care for others	Self-centered, self-seeking, and selfish, concerned chiefly or only with yourself and your advantage, to the exclusion of others
People pleaser – does whatever others want regardless of what is the prudent or right thing to do	Lowly of heart – treats everyone with respect, care, and concern, regardless of their status, position, or worthiness, not playing favourites	Selfish ambition and the drive to get ahead of others at their expense
Timid or insecure – lacking in self-assurance, afraid to take initiative, afraid to speak up or be assertive when needed	Other-focused, mindful of others' interests and concerns, and ready to put aside personal preferences to serve others	Domineering and over-bearing, too demanding, too opinionated, too outspoken, too assertive
Overly dependent on what others think – lacks prudence to think and judge rightly	Servant-hearted, ready to serve others wholly for their good without seeking personal gain	Treats others as inferiors or unworthy of your care and concern
Fearful of correction and feedback because of low self-worth or poor self-image	Teachable, receptive to receiving correction, training, and feedback	Unteachable, refuses correction, resists feedback

Honour

WHAT IS HONOUR?

- A heart attitude of sincere reverence & high esteem birthed out of love shown by the humbling of oneself in the presence of a God-given authority and expressing one's devotion with an appropriate gift by reacting to the position and not the personality. (Adapted from "The Power of True Success", 1 Thess 5:12-13)
- Highly esteemed, regard with great respect.
- Honour is given, it is not earned. No one ever truly deserves honour but in spite of that, it is given to show a humble heart. Honour & Humility must go together or else the person will be destroyed. Honour without humility will result in pride and the honour destroying them. Humility without honour will crush a person's spirit, slipping into worthlessness.
- Opposite of Honour = Disrespect, disgrace, dishonour, shame, criticism, disobedience.
- Diane Lake on May 22, 2016 Elijah List prophetic word— "My husband is my biggest cheerleader and supporter because he understands the principle of glorification. Remember when Jesus said in John 17:1, "Father...glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You." My husband understands that as he releases me—and honours, respects and lifts me up in the LORD—he himself is exalted" - http://elijahlist.com/words/display_word.html?ID=16111
- You honour others, not because they deserve it, but because you are honourable.

3 ASPECTS OF HONOUR:

1. Fear of punishment – All people should have this level of fear.
2. Fear of causing shame – This is fear that motivates Godly action.
3. Fear of losing intimacy – This fear is a dread of losing an intimate relationship with God.

HOW DO YOU DEVELOP HONOUR?

- Seek after, exalt, and embrace wisdom & understanding (Prov 3:13-16, 4:8, 2 Chr 1:12)
- Call upon the LORD (Ps 91:15)
- Regard reproof (Prov 13:18)
- Seek honour from God only, and not from men (John 5:44, 8:54)

WHOM IS HONOUR DUE?

- Ultimately, honour comes from the LORD (1 Chron 29:12)
- Those who do the morally right thing in spite of personal pain (Gen 34:19, Ps 15:4)
- Your father & mother (Ex 20:12, Prov 20:30)

- Covenant marriage partner, wives to their husbands, husbands to weaker vessel (Gen 2:24, Est 1:20, 1 Pet 3:7)
- God's holy people (Deut 26:19)
- God, the Father (Jg 9:9, Ps 96:6, 1 Tim 1:17)
- The LORD Jesus Christ (John 1:3)
- The Holy Spirit (Jn 16:8, Rom 8:16)
- The Name of the LORD (Ps 8:9, Ps 105:3, Ex 20:7)
- Those who bring the word of the LORD (Jg 13:17)
- Prophets who all that they say come to pass (1 Sam 9:6)
- Faithful & obedient servants who have received a good name (1 Sam 22:14)
- Whole hearted worshipers of the LORD (2 Sam 6:22)
- The memory of deceased & families of those who have shown kindness to us (2 Sam 10:1-3, 2 Chron 32:33)
- Those who are valiant and bold for the LORD's work. (2 Sam 23, 2 Kings 5:1)
- Those in authority over us - spiritual leaders, government, employers, king (Rom 13:3-4, Heb 13:17, Eph 4:11-12, 6:5-7, 1 Peter 2:17)
- The sabbath (Ex 20:8-11)
- The elderly (Job 12:12, Lev 19:32)
- All believers (Rom 12:5, 1 Peter 2:17)
- All people (Phil 2:3)
- Those who call on the God of Israel (1 Cor 4:9-10)
- Those bold enough to ask for God's blessing upon themselves (1 Cor 4:9-10)
- Those who dwell in the presence of the LORD. (1 Chron 16:27)
- Those who esteem wisdom & knowledge above all else (2 Chron 1:11-12)
- One who is established by the LORD (2 Chron 17:5)
- Royalty (Ester 1:4, 2 Chron 32:27, Prov 14:28)
- Those who save others' lives (Esther 6)
- Those who ask life of God & glory greatly in salvation (Ps 21:5)
- Being a King's daughter and a bride of the king (Ps 45:9)
- Those who call upon the LORD in time of trouble and are delivered (Ps 91:15)
- A gracious woman (Prov 11:16)
- Those who regard reproof (Prov 13:18)
- Humility & fear of the LORD must come first before honour (Prov 15:33, 18:12, 22:4)
- Those who cease from strife (Prov 20:3)
- Those who follow after righteousness & mercy (Prov 21:21)
- To kings who search out a matter (Prov 25:2)
- One who waits upon his master (Prov 27:18)
- The humble in spirit (Prov 29:23)
- A virtuous woman (Prov 31:25)
- To those who release the interpretations of dreams accurately (Joseph – Gen 41:38-45, Daniel – Dan 2:6)

- Widows that are widows indeed, not just husbandless (1 Tim 5:3-10)
- Elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they that labour in the word and doctrine (1 Tim 5:17)
- Those who build the house receive more honour than the house itself (Heb 3:3)

HOW DO YOU GIVE HONOUR?

- Rise up & show deference to the elderly (Lev 19:32)
- Respect the elderly (Lev 19:32)
- Fear the LORD as evidenced by our actions (Lev 19:32, Phil 2:10-11)
- Give presents (2 Chron 17:5)
- Show respect by your actions in spite of their actions (1 Sam 15:30)
- Elevating them into a position of authority when appropriate (2 Sam 23:19,23)
- Acknowledge their names and deeds publicly in writing (2 Sam 23:8-39)
- Obey & submit to those who have rule over you (Heb 13:17, Rom 13:1,7)
- Love the presence of the LORD (Ps 26:8)
- Sing & speak forth the honour of the LORD's name from your soul and make His praise glorious (Ps. 66:2, 71:8, 104:1, 145:5)
- Tithe on all your substance and all your increase (Prov 3:9)
- Have mercy on the poor (Prov 14:31)
- Give respect & recognition to the dead (2 Chr 32:33)
- Showcase publicly the person due honour, with nice apparel & fine transportation (Est 6:9,11)
- Increasing the multitude of the King's people (Prov 14:28)
- Give honour to those which we THINK to be less honourable & less comely (1 Cor 12:23-26)

BENEFITS OF HONOUR:

- It may go well with you (Deut 5:16)
- Your days shall be prolonged (Deut 5:16)
- Recognition, position & responsibility (2 Sam 23, 1 Kings 3:13)
- Joyful & profitable leaders over us (Heb 13:17)
- Those you represent will also receive honour (Esther 8:15-17)
- To execute upon the heathen & their kings & nobles the judgment written (Ps 149:9)
- Riches often go together with honour (2 Chr 1:12)

HOW DO YOU PROTECT YOUR HONOUR?

- Keeping your heart from being compromised & united with wicked schemes (Gen 49:6, 2 Chron 18)
- By refusing man's honour in order to receive God's honour (Num 22:15-17)
- Boldly obey the voice of the LORD without excuses (Judges 4:9)

- Never lift up your heart against the LORD (2 Chron 26:16)
- Never usurp authority that God has given to another (2 Chron 26:16-21)
- Guard your heart from pride and using your gain for self-centered reasons (2 Chron 32:27-31)
- Transgression & iniquity will keep honour that has been given from reaching you (Job 14:17-21)
- Never reward evil to those that were at peace or deliver one without cause (Ps 7:5)
- Do not backbite, nor do evil to your neighbor, nor take up a reproach (expression of disapproval/disappointment) against your neighbor (Ps 15:4)
- Do not focus on the natural world and its material gains, thinking that your honour will remain forever (Ps 49:11-12,20)
- Understand when you are receiving honour (Ps 49:20)
- Stay far from immorality, nakedness, iniquity (Prov 5:9, Lam 1:8, 2 Tim 2:21)
- Never honour yourself (Prov 12:9)
- A little folly will ruin one's honour (Ecc 10:1)
- Keep the land from falling under God's judgment, which will result in the honourable man being taken away from the land (Is 3:3)
- Regard the work of the LORD and consider the operation of His hands (Is 5:12-13)
- Do not forget knowledge (Is 5:13)
- Honour with your lips AND heart (Is 29:13)
- Magnify the Law & make it honourable (Is 42:21)
- Honour the Sabbath (Is 43:13)

WHY DO WE SHOW HONOUR?

- Because the LORD is God (1 Kings 8:60)

WHEN / WHO SHOULD YOU NOT HONOUR?

- Righteous judgment supercedes honouring people's positions (1 Sam 15:32-33)
- Never honour the LORD's servants over the LORD Himself (1 Sam 2:29-30)
- Do not give honour to a fool or one who honours himself (Prov 12:9, 26:1, 26:8)

Righteousness

DEFINITIONS

Righteous = H6662 Tsaddiyq. Just, lawful, righteous in conduct & character, as justified and vindicated by God

Definition as per Merriam-Webster

1 : acting in accord with divine or moral Law : free from guilt or sin

2 a : morally right or justifiable, a righteous decision

 b : arising from an outraged sense of justice or morality, righteous indignation

3: slang : genuine, excellent

SO WHAT IS SIN?

Westminster Shorter Catechism #14 – “A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the Law of God.”

Lev 5:17 - ¹⁷ And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.

James 4:17 - ¹⁷ Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

1 John 3:4 - ⁴ Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the Law: for sin is the transgression of the Law.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

- New Covenant
 - Ez 36:25-27 - 25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.²⁷ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.
 - Jeremiah 31:32-34 - Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the

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

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

- Nicodemus
 - John 3:5 - Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- Peter
 - Acts 2:38 - Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
 - Acts 16:31 - And they said, Believe on the LORD Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
 - Mark 16:16 - He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
- Philip, Peter & John
 - Acts 8:12 - But when they (the Samaritans) believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
 - Acts 8:14-17 - 14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the LORD Jesus.) 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
 - ****Note that Philip only told them of Jesus but Peter & John didn't see the job complete until AFTER the Samaritans received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.**
- Paul
 - Acts 19:2-6 - 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on

Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the LORD Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

- Acts 20:21 - Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our LORD Jesus Christ.
- Paul to the Romans
 - Romans 10:9-10 - 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the LORD Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- Jesus
 - Matthew 4:17 - From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
 - Mark 2:17 - When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
 - Luke 13:3 - ³ I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

RIGHTEOUSNESS & THE 2 DITCHES:

- Religious works that produces self-righteousness vs. Hypergrace / “The Law has been done away with!” doctrine. Both treat lightly the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.
- Job was self-righteous, thinking his own obedience to the Law could protect his children in spite of THEIR sin. (Job 1:5; 32:1) His inner heart motive, not his outward disobedience, is what opened him up to be judged. (Job 1:9-11)
- Heb 10: 26-31 - For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' Law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the LORD. And again, The LORD shall judge His people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
- Heb 2:3-4 - 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the LORD, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him; 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?

- 2 Peter 2:21 - For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.
- Romans 4:20-22 - 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.
- Romans 6:16, 19 - Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?... I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.
- Romans 8:4 - That the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 1 John 3:3-9 - 3 And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure. 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the Law: for sin is the transgression of the Law. 5 And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in Him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
- True Righteousness is a person – Jesus Christ! (Jer 23:6) To fully comprehend perfect righteousness, it requires intimacy with Jesus Christ.
- Faith AND Works together = James 2:18, 24 – 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.... 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

CHARACTERISTICS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:

- Righteousness can be seen (Gen 7:1)
- Believing in the LORD is counted as righteousness (Gen 15:6)
- Distinction between the righteous and the wicked (Gen 18:23)
- Judge their neighbor righteously, without favouritism (Lev 19:15)
- When practiced as a whole, sets the nation apart from others (Deut 4:8)
- Observing to do all the commandments of the LORD our God as He has commanded shall be our righteousness (Deut 6:25)
- Willing to sacrifice in order to obey God's commandments (Deut 33:19, Ps 4:5)

- Able to be measured against others (more or less righteous than others) (1 Sam 24:17, 1 Ki 2:32)
- Rewarded and recompensed according to our righteousness (2 Sam 22:21, 25; 1 Ki 8:32, 2 Chr 6:23)
- God is righteous, upholding His own covenant (Ez 9:15, Neh 9:8)
- Clothe yourself with righteousness (Job 29:14)
- Righteousness may profit the son of man (Job 35:8)
- Sinners will not stand in the congregation of the righteous (Ps 1:5)
- The LORD knoweth the way of the righteous (Ps 1:6)
- God tries the hearts and reins (Ps 7:9, 11:5)
- God judges the righteous (Ps 7:11)
- God loves righteousness (Ps 11:7)
- Rejoice & be glad in the LORD, shout for joy, for praise is comely (Ps 32:11, 33:1, 68:3)
- Tongue shall speak of God's righteousness, wisdom, & judgment (Ps 35:28, 37:30, 58:10)
- The LORD upholds the righteous (Ps 37:17)
- The righteous shows mercy, and gives whereas the wicked borrows without paying back (Ps 37:21)
- Salvation of the righteous is of the LORD (Ps 37:39)
- Preached righteousness in the great congregation, not hiding in my heart (Ps 40:9-10)
- God will sustain the righteous and not suffer them to be moved (Ps 55:22)
- In thy righteousness shall they be exalted (Ps 89:16)
- The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, growing like a cedar in Lebanon (Ps 92:12)
- Judgment shall return unto righteousness (Ps 94:15)
- His righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen (Ps 98:2)
- He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor (Ps 112:9)
- I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments (Ps 119:7)
- Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness (Ps 132:9)
- The righteous shall give thanks unto thy name & upright shall dwell in thy presence (Ps 140:13)
- His secret is with the righteous (Prov 3:32)
- The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed (Ps 103:6)
- I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness (Ps 119:40)
- The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life (Prov 10:11)
- The labour of the righteous tendeth to life (Prov 10:16)
- The lips of the righteous feed many, know what is acceptable, & delight of kings (Prov 10:21, 16:13)
- When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth (Prov 11:10)
- The root of the righteous shall not be moved (Prov 12:3)
- Thoughts of the righteous are right (Prov 12:5)
- A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast (Prov 12:10)

- The root of the righteous yieldeth fruit (Prov 12:12)
- He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness (Prov 12:17)
- A righteous man hateth lying (Prov 13:5)
- Righteousness exalteth a nation (Prov 14:34)
- In the house of the righteous is much treasure (Prov 15:6)
- God loves him that follows after righteousness (Prov 15:9)
- The way of the righteous is made plain (Prov 15:19)
- The heart of the righteous studieth to answer (Prov 15:28)
- The throne is established by righteousness (Prov 16:12)
- The righteous run to the name of the LORD and are safe (Prov 18:10)
- The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked (Prov 21:12)
- He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour (Prov 21:21)
- The righteous giveth and spareth not (Prov 21:26)
- The righteous are bold as a lion (Prov 28:1)
- When the wicked perish, the righteous increase (Prov 28:28)
- When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice (Prov 29:2)
- When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness (Is 26:9)
- The work of righteousness shall be peace, and effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever (Is 32:17)
- The LORD has called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles (Is 42:6)
- They seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God (Is 58:2)
- His righteousness sustained him (Is 59:16)
- God hath covered me with the robe of righteousness (Is 61:10)
- Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father (Matt 13:43)
- And they (Zachariah & Elizabeth) were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the LORD blameless. (Lk 1:6)
- But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him (Acts 10:35)
- Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the Law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? (Romans 2:26)
- For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Rom 10:10)
- (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) (Eph 5:9)
- Armour of God - breastplate of righteousness (Eph 6:14)
- Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ (Phil 1:11)

- And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: (Phil 3:9)
- But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness (1 Tim 6:11)
- All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (2 Tim 3:16)
- Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world (Titus 2:12)
- And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace (James 3:18)
- Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16)
- Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed (1 Peter 2:24)
- If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him. (1 John 2:29)

BLESSINGS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:

- Spared while the wicked are destroyed (Gen 7:1, 18:23-26)
- Our righteousness shall bear testimony on our behalf (Gen 30:33, 38:26)
- God instructs not to slay the righteous. Those that do will not be justified (Ex 23:7)
- Enjoy the death of the righteous (Numb 23:10)
- God will cast out the wicked before us that we may possess the land (Deut 9:4)
- Suck the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand (Deut 33:19)
- God will make the habitation of the righteous prosperous (Job 8:6)
- The right to make supplication to the judge and expect a favourable result (Job 9:15)
- Brings pleasure to the Almighty (Job 22:3)
- God fills their houses with good things and they are glad (Job 22:17-20)
- God will be favourable unto his prayers and see his face with joy (Job 33:26)
- God withdraws not His eyes from the righteous, they are established and exalted (Job 36:7)
- God will bless the righteous and surround him with favour as a shield (Ps 5:12)
- God will lead us in His righteousness (Ps 5:8, 23:3)
- God is in the generation of the righteous (Ps 14:5)
- Righteousness rewarded and recompensed (Ps 18:20, Ps 18:24)
- The righteous shall not be forsaken, nor their seed found begging bread (Ps 37:25)
- The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell therein forever (Ps 37:29)
- God has anointed those that love righteousness with the oil of gladness above thy brethren (Ps 45:7)
- The heavens shall declare His righteousness (Ps 50:6)
- The righteous shall see the destruction of their enemies and laugh at them (Ps 52:5-6)

- God shall sustain thee and never suffer the righteous to be moved (Ps 55:22)
- The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance (Ps 58:10)
- There is a reward for the righteous (Ps 58:11)
- The righteous shall be glad in the LORD (Ps 64:10, 68:3)
- Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape (Ps 71:2)
- Horns of the righteous shall be exalted (Ps 75:10)
- Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart (Ps 97:11)
- Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times (Ps 106:3)
- Wealth & riches shall be in his house (Ps 112:3)
- God layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous. He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly (Prov 2:7)
- Righteousness delivereth from death (Prov 10:2, 11:4)
- The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish (Prov 10:3)
- The desire of the righteous is only good & shall be granted (Prov 10:24, Prov 11:23)
- The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way (Prov 11:5)
- The righteous is delivered out of trouble (Prov 11:8)
- To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward (Prov 11:18)
- The seed of the righteous shall be delivered (Prov 11:21)
- Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way (Prov 13:6)
- Among the righteous there is favour (Prov 14:9)
- The righteous good shall be repayed (Prov 13:21)
- The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul (Prov 13:25)
- The evil bow before the good, the wicked at the gates of the righteous (Prov 14:19)
- God heareth the prayer of the righteous (Prov 15:29)
- It shall be well with the righteous for they shall eat the fruit of their doings (Is 3:10)
- Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength, even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him be ashamed (Is 45:24)
- In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee (Is 54:14)
- No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD (Is 54:17)
- Thy light break forth as the morning, thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward (Is 58:8)
- God's people shall be all righteous, inherit the land forever that He may be glorified (Is 60:21)
- Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings (Mal 4:2)
- Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. (Matt 5:6)

- He that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward (Matt 10:41)
- But the righteous into life eternal (Matt 25:46)
- Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness (2 Cor 9:10)
- Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows (Heb 1:9)
- For the eyes of the LORD are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the LORD is against them that do evil (1 Peter 3:12)

POWER OF THE RIGHTEOUS:

- Has the opportunity to intercede and spare the city they live in (Gen 18:23-26)
- Our actions will convict sinners (Ex 9:27)
- To judge righteousness in the land (Deut 25:1)
- Able to abide in the tabernacle and dwell in His holy hill, with all the perks that brings (Ps 15:1-2)

WARNINGS TO THE RIGHTEOUS:

- Do not take bribes, for it blinds the wise and perverts the words of the righteous (Ex 23:8, Deut 16:19)
- Do not assume it is our righteousness that enables us to possess the land, but the wickedness of those nations that the LORD drives them out before us (Deut 9:4)
- Beware that your righteous acts don't blind you from self-righteousness & religious pride (Job 1:5)
- Guard your heart motives behind your righteous acts lest they give the devil a right to torment you (Job 1:9)
- Hold fast to your righteousness and do not let it go (Job 27:6)
- Beware of becoming righteous in your own eyes (Job 32:1, Job 35:2)
- Beware of trusting in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others (Lk 18:9)
- Expect grievous things to be spoken proudly & contemptuously against the righteous (Ps 31:18)
- Many are the afflictions of the righteous (Ps 34:19)
- A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked (Ps 37:16)
- The wicked watch the righteous and seek to slay him (Ps 37:32)
- Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but NOT in truth, nor in righteousness... ¹⁸ O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea (Is 48:1,18)

- Our righteousness is as filthy rags (Is 64:6)
- Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul (Ez 3:20-21)
- But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die... When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die (Ez 18:24,26)
- When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it (Ez 33:13)
- We do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies (Dan 9:18)
- And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness (Mal 3:3)
- Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity (Matt 23:28)
- And when Jesus is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (Jn 16:8)
- ⁵ But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man) (Rom 3:5)
- ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the Law is the knowledge of sin... ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the Law... ³¹ Do we then make void the Law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the Law. (Rom 3:20,28, 31)
- For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth (Rom 10:3-4)
- Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame (1 Cor 15:34)
- I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the Law, then Christ is dead in vain (Gal 2;21)
- For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe (Heb 5:13)

Holiness

DEFINITIONS:

Holy = H6944 Kodesh (noun); apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness

1. apartness, sacredness, holiness
 - of God
 - of places
 - of things

2. set-apartness, separateness

From root word, H6942 Kadesh (verb)

- 1) to consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate, be hallowed, be holy, be sanctified, be separate
 - A) to be set apart, be consecrated, to be hallowed, consecrated, tabooed
 - B) to show oneself sacred or majestic, to be honoured, be treated as sacred, to be holy
 - C) to set apart as sacred, consecrate, dedicate, to observe as holy, keep sacred, to honour as sacred, hallow, to consecrate
 - D) to be consecrated, consecrated, dedicated
 - E) to set apart, devote, consecrate, to regard or treat as sacred or hallow, to consecrate
 - F) to keep oneself apart or separate, to cause himself to be hallowed (of God), to be observed as holy, to consecrate oneself

WHY SHOULD WE PURSUE HOLINESS?

- God has called us unto holiness (1 Thess 4:7)
- I am the LORD your God; ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy for I (God) am holy; neither shall ye defile yourself with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth (Lev 11:44)

WHAT DOES GOD CALL HOLY?

- His throne (Ps 47:8)
- His mountain of holiness (Ps 48:1, Jer 31:23)
- What God speaks in His holiness (Ps 60:6, Ps 108:7)
- God swears by His holiness (Ps 89:35)
- The way of holiness – the unclean shall not pass over it (Is 35:8)
- The courts of His holiness (Is 62:9)
- The habitation of His Holiness (Is 63:15, Ex 15:13)
- The people of His holiness (Is 63:18)
- Israel was holiness unto the LORD (Jer 2:3)
- His Holy Spirit (Rom 1:4, Ps 51:11)
- The tabernacle, which is called the Holiest of all (Heb 9:3)
- Ground where His presence is (Ex 3:5, Josh 5:15)

- The children of Israel shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (Ex 19:6, Ex 22:31)
- The holy place & the most holy (Ex 26:33)
- Holy priestly garments (Ex 28:4)
- Tyre's merchandise & hire after 70 yrs of harlotry to be given to those that dwell before the LORD for them to eat sufficiently and for durable clothing (Is 23:18)
- Bells of the horses "Holiness unto the LORD" (Zech 14:20)
- Every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts (Zech 14:21)
- Our true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water (Heb 10:19-22)
- The altar and whatever toucheth the altar (Ex 29:37)
- The holy things which the High Priest may bear the iniquity of (Ex 28:38)
- Holy gifts from the children of Israel (Ex 28:38)
- Holy crown upon the priest's mitre (Ex 29:6)
- Eat those things wherein the atonement was made (representing Jesus' flesh and blood) (Ex 29:33)
- The altar and whatever toucheth the altar (Ex 29:37)
- Holy anointing oil (Ex 30:25)
- Tabernacle, ark of testimony, the table, candlestick & His vessels, altar of incense, altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and laver and his foot – and anything that touches them shall be holy (Ex 30:25 – 29)
- Holy incense that is put before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation (Ex 30:36-37)
- The remnant of the meat offering shall be Aaron's & his sons – a most holy offering of the LORD made by fire (Lev 2:10)
- Burnt offering, sin offering, trespass offering, wave offering, heave offering (Lev 6:25, 7:1, 23:20, Num 18:19)
- Whatsoever touch the flesh of the sin offering shall be holy (Lev 6:26-27)
- All the fruit of the trees therefore in the 4th year (Lev 19:24)
- His Holy name (Lev 22:2)
- An animal as an offering to the LORD (Lev 27:9-10)
- A sanctified house (Lev 27:14)
- The devoted field, when it goeth out in the Jubilee, the possession of the priest (Lev 27:21)
- Every devoted thing is most holy unto the LORD (Lev 27:28)
- All the tithe of the land, whether the seed or the fruit of the tree (Lev 27:30)
- The tithe of the herd, or the flock, or whatsoever passeth under the rod (Lev 27:32)
- Holy water (Num 5:17)
- Those under a Nazaritic vow (Num 6)
- All the congregation are holy (Num 16:3)
- The man that the LORD doth choose (Num 16:7)

- The firstlings of cattle (Num 18:17)
- Holy instruments (Num 31:6)
- The vessels (weapons) of David's young men (1 Sam 21:5)
- Holy man of God (2 Kings 4:9)
- God Himself, the Holy One of Israel (2 Kings 19:22)
- His holy dwelling place, even unto heaven (2 Chron 31:6)
- Holy human seed (Ez 9:2)
- Jerusalem the holy city (Neh 11:1)
- Holy hill of Zion (Ps 2:6)
- Holy flock (Ez 36:38)
- Holy chambers (Ez 42:13)
- The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary (Ez 45:4)
- His holy prophets (Lk 1:70)
- Holy angels (Lk 9:26)
- Holy Father (Jn 17:11)
- Holy scriptures (Rom 1:2)
- The Law & the commandments (Rom 7:12)
- The firstfruits & therefore the whole lump, the root & therefore the branches (Rom 11:6)
- Our bodies, which is God's temple, presented as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service (Rom 12:1, 1 Cor 6:19)
- Holy kiss (Rom 16:16, 1 Cor 16:20, 2 Cor 13:12)
- Church should be holy & without blemish (Eph 5:27)
- Lift up holy hands (1 Tim 2:8)
- Called us with a holy calling according to His own purpose and grace (2 Tim 1:9)
- A bishop/overseer must be holy (Tit 1:8)
- Holy women (1 Pet 3:5)
- The sabbaths & feast days He has decreed: (*<https://www.hebcal.com/>)
 - 14th day of the first month (Abib/Nissan), 1st and 7th day shall be holy convocation (Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread) – no work shall be done in them. (Ex 12:16)
 - The 7th day of the week, His Sabbath (Ex 16:23, Ex 20:8) those who don't shall be cut off from among His people, shall be put to death (Ex 31:14)
 - Day after the Sabbath after reaping firstfruits harvest - Pentecost (Lev 23:10-14)
 - 1st day of the 7th month – Feast of Trumpets (Lev 23:24)
 - 10th day of 7th month – Day of Atonement, day of fasting (Lev 23:27)
 - 1st and 8th day of the Feast of Tabernacles, do no servile work (Lev 23:36-37)
 - Shemitah (7th) year a year of rest for the land & forgive outstanding debts – (Lev 25:2)

- Jubilee Year – 7 cycles of 7, 50th year to return land to original owners & every man to his family (Lev 25:8-13)

RESULTS OF HOLINESS:

- Glorious in holiness (Ex 15:11)
- Victory over our enemies (2 Chron 20)
- Holiness makes thine house beautiful, comely, befitting (Ps 93:5)
- Those who gather shall eat and praise the LORD instead of their enemies & strangers enjoying the fruits of their labours (Is 62:8-9)
- All that devour Israel shall offend, evil shall come upon them (Jer 2:3)
- House of Jacob shall possess their possessions (Oba 1:17)
- No more Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts (Zech 14:21)
- Ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life (Rom 6:22)
- He may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God (1 Thess 3:13)
- The woman shall be saved in childbearing, IF they continue in faith, charity, holiness with sobriety (1 Tim 2:15)
- For our profit, we might be partakers of His holiness (Heb 12:10)
- Men shall see the LORD when we pursue holiness (Heb 12:14)
- Your soul shall be preserved (Ps 86:2)

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

- Praise the beauty of holiness (2 Chron 20:21)
- The Priests and Levites, in their set office, should sanctify themselves in holiness (2 Chron 31:18)
- Give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness (Ps 97:12)
- Do not profane the Holiness of the LORD which He loved, nor marry the daughter of a strange god (Mal 2:11)
- Yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness instead of uncleanness and iniquity (Rom 6:19)
- Drink no wine nor strong drink when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, and put difference between holy & unholy, clean & unclean (Lev 10:9-10)
- When God delivers us out of the hand of our enemies, we should serve Him without fear (terror), in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life (Lk 1:74-75)
- Cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Cor 7:1)
- Put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness (Eph 4:24)
- The aged women should have holy behavior as mentors and examples to the younger women (Titus 2:3-5)
- Put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place (Ex 26:34)

- Eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them. BUT a stranger shall not eat thereof because they are holy (Ex 29:33)
- Priests are not to take a wife that is a whore or profane, neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband (divorced); for he is holy unto his God (Lev 21:7)
- Put a ribband (tassle) of blue upon the borders of our garments to visually remind us of God's commandments and to do them, that we seek not after our own heart and our own eyes, after which we used to go a whoring (Num 15:38-40)
- In the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD for a drink offering every day (Num 28:2-7)
- Levites are to sanctify themselves and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. (2 Chron 29:5)
- Worship toward His holy temple (Ps 138:2, Jonah 2:4, Daniel 6:10)
- Seek after the knowledge of the holy (Prov 9:10)
- Be ye holy in all manner of conduct (1 Pet 1:15)

WARNINGS:

- Do not think that by your holiness you can work miracles (Acts 3:12)
- A rebellious "Holier than thou" attitude, which is a smoky stench in God's nostrils, a fire that burneth all the day...will result in God recompensing them into their bosom (Is 65:5-6)
- Do not pour the holy anointing oil upon man's flesh or upon a stranger, lest you be cut off from God's people (Ex 30:31-32)
- If you trespass & sin through ignorance in the holy things of LORD, he must bring a blood offering (Jesus' blood) and money, adding 20% to give to the priests, to make amends for the harm you have done in the holy thing (Lev 5:15-16)
- God will set His face against that man and cut him off from His people that gives his seed unto Molech, to defile My sanctuary, and profane My holy name (Lev 20:3)
- Strangers, sojourners of the priests, hired servants, or priest's daughters married to strangers are not to eat of the holy things (Lev 22:10)
- If a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, he shall put the fifth part (20%) thereof unto it and give it unto the priest with the holy tithe (Lev 22:14)
- Do not pollute the holy things of the children of Israel, lest ye die (Num 18:32)
- It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make inquiry (Prov 20:25)
- Do not give that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn against and rend you (Matt 7:6)
- Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men, neither in this world, neither in the world to come (Matt 12:31-2)
- Do not defile the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is our bodies, lest God destroy you (1 Cor 3:17)

Glory

WHAT IS GLORY?

- H3519 kabowd – Glory, honour, abundance, riches, splendor, dignity, reputation, reverence
- G1391 Doxa – Good opinion of someone resulting in praise, honour, and glory; magnificence, excellence, preeminence, a thing belonging to God and to Christ; the absolutely perfect inward or personal excellency of Christ; the kingly majesty which belongs to Him as supreme ruler, majesty in the sense of the absolute perfection of the deity.

Merriam Webster Online Dictionary:

- 1** **a** : praise, honour, or distinction extended by common consent : RENOWN
 b : worshipful praise, honour, and thanksgiving giving *glory* to God
- 2** **a** : something that secures praise or renown the *glory* of a brilliant career
 b : a distinguished quality or asset The *glory* of the city is its Gothic cathedral.
- 3** **a** (1) : great beauty and splendor : MAGNIFICENCE the *glory* that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome —E. A. Poe
 (2) : something marked by beauty or resplendence a perfect *glory* of a day
 b : the splendor and beatific happiness of heaven; *broadly* : ETERNITY
- 4** **a** : a state of great gratification or exaltation when she's acting she's in her *glory*
 b : a height of prosperity or achievement ancient Rome in its *glory*

WHO RECEIVES GLORY?

- Aaron, who wore the holy garments for glory & beauty (Ex 28:2)
- All the earth shall see His glory (Num 14:21)
- The poor and the beggar shall be lifted up and receive the throne of glory (1 Sam 2:8)
- The LORD (1 Chron 16:28-29)
- The son of man who has been crowned with glory and honour (Ps 8:5)
- The king's glory is great in His salvation: honour and majesty has thou laid upon Him (Ps 21:5)
- The King of Glory – the LORD strong & mighty in battle, the LORD of hosts (Ps 24:8,10)
- The wise shall inherit a crown of glory (Prov 3:35, Prov 4:9)
- The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness (Prov 16:31)
- The Father is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever, Amen (Matt 6:13)
- Jesus shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels (Lk 9:26)

- Israelites, to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the Law, and the service of God, and the promises; (Rom 9:4)
- The vessels of mercy, which He had afore prepared unto glory to know the riches of His glory (Rom 9:23)
- We shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not when the chief Shepherd appears (1 Peter 5:4)
- Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing (Rev 5:12)
- Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne (who is different than the Lamb!) (Rev 5:13)

WHO GIVES GLORY?

- Moses demanded Pharaoh glory over him to plead that the frogs be destroyed. (Ex 8:9)
- Achan was to give glory to God through confession of stealing the firstfruits offering of Jericho (Joshua 7:19)
- The Philistine lords were to give glory to God of Israel who wanted the plague of emerods & mice lifted, and send the ark of the Covenant back to Israel (1 Sam 6:4-21)
- Those who seek the LORD should glory in His holy name (1 Chron 16:10)
- The kindreds of the people are commanded to give unto the LORD glory and strength due to His name (1 Chron 16:28-29)
- Those God delivers from the heathen may glory in His praise (1 Chron 16:35)
- The heavens declare the glory of God (Ps 19:1)
- We are to give the LORD glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts (Ps 29:2, Ps 96:8)
- The LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly (Ps 84:11)
- All the seed of Israel that are justified in the LORD shall glory (Is 45:25)
- The glory of the LORD shall be thy reward (Is 58:8)
- The proud should humble themselves and give glory to the LORD your God (Jer 13:16)
- The LORD will save the tents of Judah first so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah (Zech 12:7)
- He that glorieth, let him glory in the LORD (1 Cor 1:31)

WHAT DOES GLORY LOOK LIKE?

- Jacob's wealth that he got from Laban (Gen 31:1)
- Joseph's second only to Pharaoh position and prosperity (Gen 45:13)
- The firstling of the bullock (Deut 33:17)
- God's glory is visible
 - o In the form of supernatural provision (Ex 16:7)
 - o In the midst of the cloud (Ex 16:10, Ex 24:16)
 - o Like a devouring fire on the top of the mount (Ex 24:17)
 - o God's back parts (Ex 33:23)
 - o All the people see His glory (Ps 97:6)
 - o Glory shall be a defense, a cloud and smoke by day, and shining of a flaming fire by night (Isaiah 4:5)
 - o His glory shall be seen upon thee (Is 60:2)
 - o All nations & tongues shall come and see My glory (Is 66:18)
 - o The appearance of the rainbow (Ez 1:28)
 - o The earth shined with His glory (Ez 43:2)
 - o The glory of the LORD shone around about the shepherds (Lk 2:9)
 - o The glory of God did lighten the city (New Jerusalem), and the Lamb is the light thereof (Rev 21:23)
- The house of the LORD was to be exceeding magnificent, of fame, and of glory throughout all countries (1 Chron 22:5)
- Haman told them of the glory of his riches, the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes & servants of the king (Esther 5:11)
- The glory of a horse's nostrils is terrible (Job 39:20)
- The LORD is my glory and the lifter of mine head (Ps 3:3)
- The LORD has set His glory above the heavens (Ps 8:1)
- The LORD shall appear in His glory when the LORD builds up Zion (Ps 102:16)
- The glory of children are their fathers (Prov 17:6)
- It is a man's glory to pass over a transgression (Prov 19:11)
- Jesus Christ is the glory of thy people Israel (Lk 2:32)
- The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head (Prov 20:29)
- It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter (Prov 25:2)
- The one who has the Key of David and shall be a glorious throne for His Father's house will have the glory of His father's house hang upon him, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons (Is 22:22-24)

- The LORD of hosts shall be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of His people (Is 28:5)
- Every one that is called by the LORD's name was created for His glory (Is 43:7)
- Israel, my glory (Is 46:13)
- The glory of Lebanon was in its forestry economy (Is 60:13)
- We shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of our God (Is 62:3)
- The whole house of Israel and whole house of Judah was to be unto the LORD for a people, and for a name and for a praise and for a glory (Jer 13:11)
- Flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands (Ez 20:6)
- The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former (Hag 2:9)
- Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these lilies (Matt 6:29)
- The son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with His angels (Matt 16:27, Mk 8:38)
- The son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory (Matt 19:28)
- The son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (Matt 24:30)
- Moses and Elijah appeared in glory to Jesus on the mount of transfiguration (Lk 9:31)
- We beheld Jesus' glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father (Jn 1:14)
- Different for the sun, the moon, and from one star to the next, for the celestial and for the terrestrial (1 Cor 15:40-41)

WHAT DOES GLORY DO?

- God's glory sanctifies the tabernacle (Ex 29:43)
- We cannot see God's glorious face and live (Ex 33:20)
- God's glory and man cannot occupy the same space and time (Ex 40:35)
- God's all-consuming fire will consume the burnt offering (Lev 9:24)
- His glory, when wrath is kindled, will destroy the complainers and rebellious (Num 11:1)
- Provoke fear in those who see it that are not ready for it (Deut 5:24-25)
- The priests could not stand to minister or enter into the house of the LORD for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD (1 Kings 8:11, 2 Chron 5:14, 2 Chron 7:3)
- Your own glory can cause your heart to be lifted up in pride, putting you and your kingdom in danger of falling (2 Kings 14:10)
- Glory brings favour & influence, causing people to listen & be refreshed (Job 29:20 – 23)
- My glory rejoiceth because I have set the LORD always before me (Ps 16:8-9)
- God of glory thundereth (Ps 29:3)
- My glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent (Ps 30:12)

- Wake up! (Ps 57:8)
- Glory may dwell in our land for those who fear Him (Ps 85:9)
- The chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy LORD's house (Is 22:18)
- The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together (Is 40:5)
- The glory of the LORD is risen upon thee (Is 60:1)
- The gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory (Is 62:2)
- The glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar (Ez 3:23)
- The glory of the LORD can move around, from the cherub to the threshold of the house then stood over the cherubims, from the midst of the city and stood upon the mountain, came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east (Ez 9:3, 10:18, 11:23, 43:4)
- This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God that the Son of God might be glorified thereby (Jn 11:4)
- The God of glory appeared unto Abraham before he moved to Charran (Acts 7:2)
- The glory of the Father raised Jesus Christ from the dead (Rom 6:4, 1 Cor 15:43)

HOW SHALL WE GLORY?

- Rejoice in God and every one that sweareth by Him shall glory (Ps 63:11)
- The upright in heart shall glory (Ps 64:10)
- Give praise with my glory (Ps 108:1)
- Exalt God above the heavens and His glory above all the earth (Ps 108:5)
- Give God's name glory (Ps 115:1)
- Glory in the fact that you understand and know Him (Jer 9:24)
- Give glory unto God's name, lest He send a curse upon you and curse your blessings (Mal 2:2)
- Give glory to God for what He has done in our lives (Lk 17:18)
- Glory in tribulation, knowing that it produces patience (Rom 5:3)
- Whether we eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31)
- Give others occasion to glory on your behalf, and not commend yourself, so that they may answer those who glory in appearance and not in heart (2 Cor 5:12, 7:4)
- Glory not in our flesh but in the cross of our LORD Jesus Christ (Gal 6:13-14)

WARNINGS ABOUT OUR GLORY:

- God can strip you of your glory and take away the crown from your head as judgment for disobedience (Job 19:9)
- Beware of thinking our glory is our own doing, thereby our pride kindling God's wrath (Job 40:10)
- Sons of men, who love vanity & lies, can turn our glory into shame (Ps 4:2)

- Be not afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased, for when he dies, he cannot take it with him (Ps 49:16-17)
- God will deliver our strength into captivity and our glory into the enemy's hand if we forsake His testimonies (Ps 78)
- God will make our glory cease and cast our throne down to the ground if we forsake His commandments (Ps 89:44)
- Men searching for their own glory is not glory (Prov 25:27)
- Hell will enlarge herself and our glory descend into it if we lack knowledge (Isaiah 5:14)
- God will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks (Is 10:12)
- Our glory will be kindled like a burning fire & destroyed if we boast about doing things by the strength of OUR hands (Is 10:13-16)
- The glory of wicked kingdoms shall be as when God overthrew Sodom & Gomorrah (Is 13:19)
- Do not trade your glory for that which does not profit (Jer 2:11)
- Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches (Jer 9:23)
- They sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame (Hos 4:7)
- Warning about publicizing your alms in order to get glory from men, that's all the reward they'll get (Matt 6:2)
- He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory, but he that seeketh His glory that sent Him, the same is true and no unrighteousness is in him (John 7:18)
- The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom 8:18)
- Warning not to desire to glory in how God uses us lest we become proud and start thinking it was by our own strength, for God's power works best in our weakness (2 Cor 12:6-9)
- Warning not to desire vain glory = glorying without reason, conceited, vain glorious, eager for empty glory (Gal 5:26)
- Warning of using their glory to feed the god of their appetite, whose glory is their shame, who focus on earthly things instead of heavenly (Phil 3:19)

WHAT MUST YOU DO TO SEE GOD'S GLORY?

- Ask, like Moses did (Ex 33:18)
- Give God the offerings He's asking for (Lev 9, 1 Kings 8)
- Go to the door of the tabernacle and adopt a posture of reverence and adoration (Num 20:6)
- Early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee. My flesh longeth for thee (Ps 63:1-2)

- When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory (Prov 28:12)
- Believe and you shall see the glory of God (Jn 11:40)
- Ask God to glorify us with His glory (Jn 17:5)
- Seek after God's glory, honour, and eternal life by patient continuance in well doing (Rom 2:7)
- All have sinned and come short of the glory of God, so we must FIRST deal with our sin (Rom 3:23)
- Rejoice in hope of the glory of God, standing strong in faith, giving glory to God (Rom 4:20, 5:2)
- Be filled with the Spirit of God, so the wisdom of God spoken in a mystery to our glory will be understood (1 Cor 2:7-10)
- Remove the veil over our hearts by turning our hearts to the LORD, so that the blindness of our minds will be removed and we understand when the Law of Moses is read (2 Cor 3:7-16)

WHERE IS GOD'S GLORY?

- Glory & honour are in His presence (1 Chron 16:27)
- Let the whole earth be filled with His glory (Ps 72:19, Is 6:3)
- I will set My glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see My judgment that I have executed, and My hand that I have laid upon them (Ez 39:21)
- The glory the Father gave to Jesus has been given to His disciples that they may be one, that they may behold Jesus' glory (Jn 17:22-24)
- We are to reflect God's glory, when the veil has been removed from our minds and hearts (2 Cor 3:18)

WHERE IS OUR GLORY?

- In God is our salvation and our glory (Ps 63:2)
- Sometimes in the riches of the gentiles that we will get to boast ourselves in (Is 61:6)
- The woman is the glory of the man (1 Cor 11:7)
- Long hair is a glory to a woman (1 Cor 11:15)
- Paul's disciples in Thessalonica were his glory (1 Thess 2:20)

WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH HIS GLORY?

- Declare His glory among the heathen (1 Chron 16:24, Ps 96:3)
- In His temple doth every one speak of His glory (Ps 29:9)
- They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power (Ps 145:11)
- Let the saints be joyful in glory: Let them sing aloud upon their beds (Ps 149:5)
- Be delighted with the abundance of her glory (Is 66:11)
- The miracle of Jesus in Cana turning water into wine manifested forth His glory (Jn 2:11)

- We are walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory (1 Thess 2:12)
- Obtain the glory and salvation of our LORD Jesus Christ by Paul's gospel (2 Thess 2:14, 2 Tim 2:10)

DANGERS OF GOD'S GLORY:

- Demanding like petulant children that OUR wants be met (quail), then when God grants not just enough for one day but gives a whole month's supply, God's wrath will be kindled and judgment metted out if we consume His provision on our lust (Num 11:33)
- Refuse God's gifts in fear, threatening to stone God's anointed kindles His wrath (Num 14:10-12)
- The Israelites saw His glory & miracles yet still tempted God 10 times & didn't hearken to His voice = banned from the promised land (Num 14:21-23)
- Trying to usurp authority not given to you will end up resulting in God destroying you and those that support you in your rebellion (Num 16:19-35)
- Accuse the man of God (Moses & Aaron) unjustly will provoke God's wrath, releasing His plagues (Num 16:42-46)
- Glory of God can depart when the ark is removed and the spiritual authority over a family line is cursed for failing to reverence His tabernacle and His commandments (1 Sam 4:21)
- Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of His majesty (Is 2:10, 2:19)
- Tongues and doings that are against the LORD will provoke the eyes of His glory (Is 3:8)
- God's glory will He not give to another, neither His praise to graven images for His name to be polluted (Is 42:8, 48:11)
- Do not give up God's glory when the devil tempts you with the glory of the kingdoms of the world (Lk 4:6)
- Give glory to God for what He has given you lest the angel of the LORD smite you with worms like Herod (Acts 12:21-23)
- Do not try to array the incorruptible glory of God into an image made like to corruptible man, birds, 4 footed beasts, and creeping things (Rom 1:23)
- No flesh should glory in His presence (1 Cor 1:29)
- We are to fear God and give glory to Him and worship Him. Those who fail to do so will be judged harshly with the plagues in Revelation (Rev 11:13, 14:7, 15:8, 16:9, 18:1, 21:24)

Wisdom

DEFINITION OF WISDOM:

Strong's Concordance H2451 – Chokmah

Wisdom

- skill (in war)
 - wisdom (in administration)
 - shrewdness, wisdom
 - wisdom, prudence (in religious affairs)
 - wisdom (ethical and religious)
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- 2 kinds of wisdom – wisdom of the Egyptians vs wisdom & knowledge of God (Acts 7:22, Rom 11:33) God's wisdom exceeds man's wisdom (1 Kings 4:30) Eve was chasing the wrong kind of wisdom with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Proverbs is the Book of Wisdom.

WHAT IS THE OPPOSITE OF WISDOM?

- Fools despise wisdom & instruction (Prov 1:7)
- Fools die for want of wisdom (Prov 10:21)
- The sluggard (Prov 6:6)

WHO IS WISDOM?

- The Holy Spirit is in essence the Spirit of Wisdom (Eph 1:17)
- The Spirit of God is manifested through wisdom, understanding, & knowledge, counsel & might, and of the fear of the LORD (Ex 35:31, Isa 11:2)
- God established the world by His wisdom (Jer 51:15)
- Jesus is greater than Solomon in wisdom (Matt 12:42)
- Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory, and blessing (Rev 5:12)

HOW DO YOU SHOW WISDOM?

- Keep and do God's commandments for this is your wisdom and understanding in the sight of the nations (Deut 4:6)
- By confronting your pursuers with solutions (2 Sam 20:22)
- To do judgment (1 Kings 3:28)

- A virtuous woman opens her mouth with wisdom & in her tongue is the Law of kindness (Prov 31:26)
- Displayed through your labour (Ecc 2:21)
- They will find light, understanding, and excellent wisdom in you, noting that the spirit of the gods is found in you (Dan 5:11,14)

HOW DO YOU LEARN AND RECEIVE WISDOM?

- God fills the wise-hearted with the spirit of wisdom in the inward parts (Ex 28:3, 1 Kings 10:24, Job 38:36)
- Through impartation – Moses laid his hands on Joshua. (Deut 34:9)
- From angels (2 Sam 14:20)
- Ask God for wisdom (2 Chron 1:10, James 1:5)
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom and to depart from evil is understanding (Job 28:28, Ps 111:10)
- Be teachable (Job 33:33)
- God makes us to know wisdom in the hidden part (Ps 51:6)
- Apply our hearts unto wisdom (Ps 90:12)
- Receive the instruction of wisdom (Prov 1:3)
- Incline thine ear unto wisdom (Prov 2:2)
- The LORD layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous (Prov 2:7)
- Wisdom is before him that hath understand and knowledge of the holy is understanding (Prov 17:24, Prov 9:10)
- The rod and reproof give wisdom (Prov 29:15)
- God gives to man that is good in His sight wisdom and knowledge and joy (Ecc 2:26)
- As a child grows and waxes strong in spirit, he is to increase in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and man (Lk 2:40, 52)
- Through the prayers of those in authority over you (Col 1:9)
- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom (Col 3:16)
- The Law of the LORD makes wise the simple (Ps 19:7)
- Whoso is wise shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD (Ps 107:43)
- Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser (Prov 9:9)
- When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge (Prov 21:11)
- God giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding (Dan 2:21)

WHY ARE WE GIVEN WISDOM?

- So that we may know how to create all manner of work that God has commanded (Ex 28:3, 31:6, Ex 36:1)
- So that we may keep the Law of the LORD thy God (1 Chron 22:12)
- That we may judge God's people, over whom He has put us in authority (2 Chron 1:11)
- To teach those who do not know God's Laws (Ezra 7:25)
- Through wisdom is an house built; and by understanding it is established (Prov 24:3)
- To represent our God in a foreign land, showing His wisdom excels above man's wisdom (Dan 1:17, 20)
- Wisdom will produce mighty works (miracles) (Mark 6:2)
- To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the LORD (Lk 1:17)
- I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist (Lk 21:15)
- To have favour in the sight of wicked rulers and rise to positions of influence in pagan lands (Acts 7:10)
- One of the nine gifts of the Spirit is the word of wisdom to profit withal (1 Cor 12:7-8)
- To display the manifold wisdom of God to the principalities and powers in heavenly places (Eph 3:10)
- To teach every man in all wisdom (Col 1:28)
- Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time (Col 4:5)
- To be wiser than our enemies (Ps 119:98)
- To make our father glad (Prov 10:1)
- And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever (Dan 12:3)

CHARACTERISTICS OF WISDOM:

- It can be heard (1 Kings 4:34)
- It can be seen (1 Kings 10:4)
- It goes before you into the ears of kings (1 Kings 4:34)
- It brings prosperity and fame (1 Kings 10:7)
- Makes those near and under your authority happy (1 Kings 10:8)
- It is measurable – more or less than others (2 Chron 9:22)
- It attracts people to hear it (2 Chron 9:23)
- The secrets of wisdom will be shown unto you (Job 11:6)
- The price of wisdom is above rubies (Job 28:18)
- The mouth of the righteous speak wisdom and his tongue judgment (Ps 37:30)
- Happy is the man that findeth wisdom (Prov 3:13)
- Wisdom dwells with prudence & finds out knowledge of witty inventions (Prov 8:12)

- Wisdom builds her house and hews out her seven pillars (Prov 9:1)
- With the lowly (humble) is wisdom (Prov 11:2)
- Holds his peace instead of despising his neighbour (Prov 11:12)
- A man shall be commended according to his wisdom (Prov 12:8)
- With the well advised is wisdom (Prov 13:10)
- The wisdom of the prudent is to understand His way (Prov 14:8)
- The wellspring of wisdom is as a flowing brook (Prov 18:4)
- He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul (Prov 19:8)
- Wisdom is too high for a fool (Prov 24:7)
- Finding knowledge of wisdom will result in a reward (Prov 24:14)
- Those who love wisdom rejoiceth his father (Prov 29:3)
- Wisdom excelleth folly (Ecc 2:13)
- Wisdom is good with an inheritance (Ecc 7:11)
- Wisdom is a defense, giving life to them that have it (Ecc 7:12)
- Wisdom strengthens the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city (Ecc 7:19)
- Wisdom can deliver a city (Ecc 9:15)
- Wisdom is better than strength and weapons of war (Ecc 9:16, 18)
- Wisdom is profitable to give success (Ecc 10:10)
- Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times and strength of the salvation: the fear of the LORD is His treasure. (Is 33:6, cross ref: Matt 6:21)
- Wisdom is justified by her children (Matt 11:19)
- We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory (1 Cor 2:7)
- The treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hid in God the Father and Jesus Christ (Col 2:2-3)
- A wise man shows by his conduct his works with meekness of wisdom (James 3:13)
- But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy (James 3:17)
- Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man and his number is 666 (Rev 13:18)
- Here is the mind that hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth (Rev 17:9)
- The wise shall be elevated to positions of authority (Deut 1:15)
- One shall behave himself wisely (1 Sam 18:5)
- A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels (Ps 1:5)
- The wise shall inherit glory (Prov 3:35)
- Rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee (Prov 9:8)
- The wise in heart will receive commandments & lay-up knowledge (Prov 10:8, 14)
- He that refraineth his lips is wise (Prov 10:19)

- He that winneth souls is wise (Prov 11:30)
- The tongue of the wise is health (Prov 12:18)
- He that walketh with wise men shall be wise (Prov 13:20)
- The Law of the wise is a fountain of life (Prov 13:14)
- Every wise woman buildeth her house (Prov 14:1)
- A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: (Prov 14:16)
- The crown of the wise is their riches (Prov 14:24)
- The king's favour is toward a wise servant (Prov 14:35)
- Scorners will not go unto the wise (Prov 15:12)
- The wise man will pacify the wrath of a king (Prov 16:14)
- The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth (Prov 16:23)
- There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise (Prov 21:20)
- A wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment (Ecc 8:5)
- A wise man builds his house upon the rock by hearing and doing God's sayings (Matt 7:24)
- Wise as serpents, harmless as doves (Matt 10:16)
- Let a wise man shew out of a good conversation (conduct) his works with meekness of wisdom (James 3:13)

WARNINGS FOR WISDOM:

- It can be driven from you if you forsake the fear of the Almighty (Job 6:13-14)
- God can deprive the proud of wisdom (Job 39:13-18)
- A scorner will not be able to find wisdom (Prov 14:6)
- There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD (Prov 21:30)
- Cease from thine own (worldly) wisdom (Prov 23:4)
- Speak not in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of thy words (Prov 23:9)
- Buy truth and sell it not: also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding (Prov 23:23)
- In much wisdom is much grief (Ecc 1:18)
- A poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard (Ecc 9:16)
- The proud think that by their wisdom they have removed the bonds of the people and robbed their treasures, putting down the inhabitants like a valiant man (Is 10:12-14)
- For those who teach the fear of the LORD by the precepts of men, who draw near with their lips but their hearts are far from me, The wisdom of the wise men shall perish and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid (Isa 29:13-14)
- Man's wisdom and knowledge will pervert you (Is 47:10)
- Those who reject the word of LORD have no wisdom in them (Jer 8:9)
- Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom (Jer 9:23)
- Thinking that it was YOUR wisdom and YOUR understanding, setting in your heart as the heart of God, that you gained wealth, you will bring devourers upon yourself (Ez 28:4-8)
- You can corrupt your wisdom by reason of your splendor (Ez 28:17)

- God will destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent, making foolish the wisdom of this world (1 Cor 1:19-20)
- Greeks (Gnostics) see after worldly wisdom (1 Cor 1:22)
- Warning not to be preaching with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of Spirit and of power, that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God (1 Cor 2:5)
- Beware of the doctrines of men that indeed have a shew of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body (Col 2:22-23)
- God's wisdom from above cannot cohabitate with bitter envying and strife (James 3:14-15)
- The gift blindeth the wise and perverted the words of the righteous (Ex 23:8)
- Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment (Job 32:9)
- A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren (Prov 17:2)
- Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise (Prov 20:1)
- If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest (Prov 29:9)
- The children of this world are wiser than the children of light (Luke 16:8)
- Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools (Rom 1:22)
- Be not wise in your own conceits (Rom 12:16)
- I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil (Rom 16:19)
- They measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise (2 Corinthians 10:12)

Knowledge

DEFINITIONS AND VARIATIONS OF KNOWLEDGE:

- Da'ath (H1847) - knowledge
 - o knowledge, perception, skill
 - o discernment, understanding, wisdom
 - o (In the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil)
- Yada' (H3045) – to know
 - o Learn to know, perceive, know by experience, be perceived
 - o To know a person carnally/intimately
 - o A deeper level of knowing than Da'ath
 - o (When they have knowledge of their ignorance of God's commandments)
- Nakar (H5234) - to know
 - o To acknowledge, respect, discern
 - o To pay attention to, notice, recognize
- De'ah (H1844) – The knowledge of Jehovah
- Madda' (H4093) – knowledge of thought, science (what Solomon asked for)
- Sekel (H7922) – understanding
 - o prudence, insight, understanding, good sense
 - o cunning, craft (bad sense)
- Dea' (H1843) – opinion, knowledge

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE KNOWLEDGE?

- Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge (Prov 1:7)
- The Levites are to teach the good knowledge (sekel) of the LORD (2 Chron 30:22)
- Those who believe His commandments will be taught good judgment and knowledge (Ps 119:66)
- The Proverbs give knowledge and discretion to the young man (Prov 1:4)
- The LORD gives wisdom and out of His mouth comes knowledge & understanding (Prov 2:6)
- Hide God's commandments inside of you, listen to wisdom, apply your heart to understanding, cry after knowledge and ask for understanding, searching for it, then you will understand the Fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God (Prov 2:1-5)
- Start with wisdom because Wisdom dwells with prudence and finds out knowledge of witty inventions (Prov 8:12)
- Those who love instruction love knowledge (Prov 12:1)

- Reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge (Prov 19:25)
- When the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge (Prov 21:11)
- Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge (Prov 23:12)
- A wise preacher will teach the people knowledge (Ecc 12:9)
- God will teach those weaned from milk knowledge and make them understand doctrine (Is 28:9)
- God gave them (Daniel & his 3 friends) knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom (Dan 1:17)
- God gives knowledge to them that know understanding (Dan 2:21)
- God, the Father of Glory, may give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (Eph 1:17)
- The 5-fold ministry are tasked with bringing us to the knowledge of the Son of God (Eph 4:11-13)

BENEFITS OF KNOWLEDGE:

- The tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen 2:9)
- People can be filled with the spirit of God in knowledge to fulfill their destinies (Ex 31:3)
- Sin can come to one's knowledge (awareness), individually or congregationally, so it can be dealt with (Lev 4:23, Num 15:24)
- Knowing the knowledge of the Most High God, like Prophet Balaam of Beor (Num 24:16)
- The Israelites, despite not intimately knowing/discerning between good and evil, possessed the promise land (Deut 1:39)
- God is a God of knowledge and by Him actions are weighed (1 Sam 2:3)
- Wise men will have "Yada" knowledge (Job 34:2)
- God who is perfect in knowledge is with us (Job 36:4)
- Knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul (Prov 2:10)
- By His knowledge, the depths are broken up (Prov 3:20)
- Listen to wisdom, regard discretion and thy lips shall keep knowledge (Prov 5:1-2)
- Words in righteousness are right to them that find knowledge (Prov 8:8-9)
- Knowledge of the holy is understanding (Prov 9:10)
- Wise men lay-up knowledge (Prov 10:14)
- Through knowledge the just shall be delivered (Prov 11:9)
- A prudent man concealeth and dealeth knowledge (Prov 12:23, 13:16)
- Knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth (Prov 14:6)
- The prudent are crowned with knowledge (Prov 14:18)
- The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright. (Prov 15:2)
- The lips of the wise disperse knowledge (Prov 15:7)
- The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge (Prov 15:14)

- He that hath knowledge spareth his words (Prov 17:27)
- The lips of knowledge are a precious jewel (Prov 20:15)
- The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and He overthrows the words of the transgressor (Prov 22:12)
- A man of knowledge increaseth strength (Prov 24:5)
- So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off (Prov 24:14)
- By a man of understanding and knowledge the state of a land thereof shall be prolonged (Prov 28:2)
- For God giveth to a man that is good in His sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy (Ecc 2:26)
- And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is His treasure (Is 33:6)
- My righteous servant shall justify many by His knowledge (Is 53:11)
- It is by the Law that we have the knowledge of sin (Rom 3:20)
- Ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another (Rom 15:14)
- That in every thing we are enriched by Jesus Christ, in all utterance, and in all knowledge (1 Cor 1:5)
- Our love may abound more and more in knowledge and judgment (Phil 1:9)
- The new man is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him (Col 3:10)
- The knowledge of God will multiply grace and peace unto you (2 Pet 1:2)

WARNINGS ABOUT KNOWLEDGE:

- Knowledge can be used for evil – Saul searching out David to kill him (1 Sam 23:23)
- Knowledge (da'ath) can be vain (Job 15:2)
- Dangerous to not desire the knowledge of thy God (Job 21:14)
- Opinions are a form of knowledge (Job 36:3)
- Those who do not open their ear to discipline and obey God's commandments to turn from iniquity, they shall perish by the sword and die without knowledge (Job 36:9-12)
- It is possible to darken counsel by words without knowledge (Job 38:2)
- Workers of iniquity have no "Yada" knowledge (Ps 14:4)
- Fools hate knowledge (Prov 1:22)
- Those who do not choose the Fear of the LORD hate knowledge (therefore they are fools) (Prov 1:29)
- Receive knowledge rather than choice gold (meaning that there may be a decision to make, one or the other) (Prov 8:10)
- Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceives not in him the lips of knowledge (Prov 14:7)

- The souls of those without knowledge are not good. (Prov 19:2)
- Stop listening to instruction that causes you to stray from the words of knowledge (Prov 19:27)
- Increasing knowledge increases sorrow (Ecc 1:18)
- People are gone into captivity because they have no knowledge. Their honourable men are famished and their multitude are dried up with thirst. (no living water) (Is 5:13)
- Those who make and pray to idols have no knowledge (Is 45:20)
- My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the Law of thy God, I will also forget thy children (Hos 4:6)
- For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings (Hos 6:6)
- For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the Law at His mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts (Malachi 2:7)
- Those who tithe but don't love God (by keeping His commandments) or do judgment (deliverance) will steal the Key of Knowledge (Luke 11:39-52)
- Those who do not like to retain God in their knowledge will be given over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient (Rom 1:28)
- You can have a zeal of God but not according to knowledge, because you failed to submit to the righteousness of God, instead establishing your own righteousness (Rom 10:2-3)
- Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame (1 Cor 15:34)
- Beware of ever learning, but never coming to the knowledge of the truth, because of resisting the Law of Moses, which will corrupt your mind (2 Tim 3:7-8)
- For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation (Heb 10:26-27)
- Husbands must dwell with their wives according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife (1 Pet 3:7)
- For those who have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ then get entangled again therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning (2 Pet 2:20)

Understanding

DEFINITIONS OF UNDERSTAND(ING):

Shama' (H8085) – to hear, understand, listen to obey

Tabuwn (H8394) – understanding, intelligence, the act or skill of understanding, the object of knowledge

Yada' (H3045) – to know, perceive, be revealed, distinguish

Biyn (H995) – to perceive, discern, give heed to, insight, understanding

PURPOSE OF UNDERSTANDING:

- To understand one another's speech (Gen 11:7)
- To interpret dreams & understand visions of God (Gen 41:15, 2 Chron 26:5, Dan 1:17)
- To create all manner of workmanship (Ex 31:3)
- To judge God's people, discerning between good and bad (1 Kings 3:9)
- To understand the times, to know what Israel ought to do (1 Chron 12:32)
- To cause others to understand the Law (Neh 8:8)
- To smite the proud (Job 26:12)
- To sing praises to God with understanding (Ps 47:7)
- In order to keep and learn God's Law, to observe it with our whole heart (Ps 119:34)
- The Spirit of the LORD shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD (Is 11:3)
- Make those to understand doctrine who have been weaned from the milk and drawn from the breasts (Is 28:9)
- To love God with all the heart, and with all the understanding and with all the soul and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:33)

HOW DO YOU DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING?

- Keep God's commandments and do them (Deut 4:6, Ps 111:10)
- Ask God for it (1 Kings 3:12)
- If thou seek Him, He will be found of thee (1 Chron 28:9)
- The LORD made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern (1 Chron 28:19)
- Be endued by God with prudence and understanding (2 Chron 2:12)
- Separate yourself unto the Law of God (Neh 10:28)
- Teach me, and I will hold my tongue, cause me to understand wherein I have erred (Job 6:24)

- The inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding (Job 32:8)
- God gives understanding to the heart (Job 38:36)
- Through thy precepts I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way (Ps 119:104)
- Through the Proverbs that help us perceive the words of understanding (Prov 1:2)
- Attain unto wise counsel (Prov 1:5)
- Apply thine heart to understanding (Prov 2:2)
- Lift up thy voice for understanding (Prov 2:3)
- Out of God's mouth come knowledge and understanding (Prov 2:6)
- Listen to the instruction of a father and attend to know understanding (Prov 4:1)
- Forsake the foolish and go in the way of understanding (Prov 9:6)
- He that heareth reproof getteth understanding (Prov 15:32)
- A man of understanding is of an excellent spirit (Prov 17:27)
- Buy understanding and sell it not (Prov 23:23)
- An angel can give you understanding, like Gabriel gave Daniel (Dan 9:21-22)
- God can open their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures (Lk 24:45)
- Through impartation – Paul imparted to the Ephesians eyes of their understanding being enlightened (Eph 1:18)

WHO DOES NOT HAVE UNDERSTANDING?

- The nation of a froward generation, children in whom is no faith (Deut 32:20, 28-29)
- The aged who do not understand judgment (Job 32:9)
- Those who do not seek God (Ps 14:2)
- Fools without understanding have eyes that do not see & ears that do not hear (Ps 92:6, Jer 5:21)
- Those who commit adultery. He destroys his own soul (Prov 6:32)
- The simple ones (Prov 7:7)
- Those who strike hands and become a surety in the presence of his friend (co-signing) (Prov 17:18)
- Those who are not converted and do not have their sins forgiven (Mark 4:12)
- Those who do not love the truth nor retain God in their knowledge (Rom 1:25-32)
- Those who are ignorant and have blindness of their heart (Eph 4:18)

WHAT SHOULD WE UNDERSTAND?

- That the LORD thy God is He which goeth over before thee to destroy our enemies (Deut 9:3)
- That the LORD thy God didn't give you this good land due to your righteousness (Deut 9:6)
- We should consider our latter end (Deut 32:29)
- That the LORD sees and hears everything, including our thoughts, and will hold us accountable (Ps 94:7-11)

- The LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts (1 Chron 28:9)
- The Law of God (Nehemiah 8:2)
- The lovingkindness of the LORD (Ps 107:43)
- The Fear of the LORD (Prov 2:5)
- The heavens were established by understanding (Prov 3:19)
- Knowledge of the holy is understanding (Prov 9:10)
- Wisdom of the prudent is to understand His way (Prov 14:8)
- The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge (Prov 15:14)
- He that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding (Prov 17:28)
- A house is established by understanding (Prov 24:3)
- He that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days (Prov 28:16)
- Understand that the hand of the LORD hath done signs and wonders (Is 41:20)
- Understand that I am the LORD (Is 43:10)
- Whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him (Mark 7:18)
- No man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the LORD, but by the Holy Ghost (1 Cor 12:3)
- Understand all mysteries (1 Cor 13:2)
- Understand what is the will of the LORD (Eph 5:17)

BENEFITS OF UNDERSTANDING:

- Being made rulers over the tribes (Deut 1:13)
- Being protected from attack, like how Abigail's good understanding spared David's retaliation (1 Sam 25:3)
- Length of days (Job 12:12)
- Getting to work for kings (1 Kings 7:14)
- Spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer (Job 20:3)
- Understanding what God is saying to us (Job 23:5)
- God's word gives understanding to the simple (Ps 119:130)
- Gives life (Ps 119:144)
- Shall keep thee (Prov 2:11)
- Finding favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man (Prov 3:4)
- Makes him happy (Prov 3:13)
- A man of understanding has wisdom (Prov 10:23, Prov 14:33)
- A man of understanding holds his peace (Prov 11:12)
- Good understanding gives favour (Prov 13:15)
- Knowledge is easy unto him that understands (Prov 14:6)
- He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding (Prov 14:29)
- A man of understanding walketh uprightly (Prov 15:21)
- Understanding is better than silver! (Prov 16:16)

- A wellspring of life (Prov 16:22)
- He that keepeth understanding shall find good (Prov 19:8)
- Reprove one that hath understanding and he will understand knowledge (Prov 19:25)
- A man of understanding will draw counsel out of the heart of man (Prov 20:5)
- They that seek the LORD understand all things (Prov 28:5)
- The poor that have understanding will search out a rich man's conceit (Prov 28:11)
- Understand with your heart, and convert, and be healed (Isaiah 6:10)
- God will give us pastors that feed us with knowledge and understanding (Jer 3:15)
- With wisdom and understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures (Ez 28:4)
- God gives knowledge to them that know understanding (Dan 2:21)
- Understanding dark sentences (Daniel 8:23)
- Those who understand shall instruct many (Dan 11:33)
- Those who understand the word of God will bear fruit (Matt 13:23)
- Pray/Sing in the spirit AND with understanding also (1 Cor 14:14-15)

WARNINGS ABOUT UNDERSTANDING:

- God can use a nation without understanding attacking His people as a form of chastening (Deut 28:49, 32:28)
- The understanding can be taken away from the aged (Job 12:20)
- God can hide their hearts from understanding (Job 17:4, Is 6:9)
- God can withhold understanding (Job 39:17)
- Those who fail to understand they are receiving honour will perish (Ps 49:20)
- It is possible for your teachers to have less understanding than you because they don't keep His precepts so choose wisely (Ps 119:99-100)
- The rod is for the back of those who are void of understanding (Prov 10:13)
- Lean not on our own understanding (Prov 3:5)
- He that followeth vain persons is void of understanding (Prov 12:11)
- A scorner will seek wisdom and findeth it not (Prov 14:6)
- A man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead (Prov 21:16)
- The prince that lacks understanding is also a great oppressor (Prov 28:16)
- A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer (Prov 29:19)
- The understanding of their prudent men shall be hid from those who honour with their lips but their hearts are far from God and their fear toward God is taught by the precepts of men (Is 29:13-14)
- God will shut the hearts from understanding of those who make graven images and worship them (Is 44:17-18)

- Shepherds who cannot understand are those that are greedy, look to their own way, every one for his own gain (Jer 3:15)
- My people are foolish, they have not known me: they are sottish children and they have none understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge (Jer 4:22)
- God took away King Nebuchadnezzar's understanding as judgment upon him for pride (Dan 4:34)
- The people that doth not understand shall fall (Hos 4:14)
- Jesus will speak to those without understanding in parables instead of plain speech (Matt 13:13)
- Be not children in understanding, but be like mature men (1 Cor 14:20)
- Do not desire to be teachers of the Law, understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. The Law is good, if a man use it lawfully (1 Tim 1:6-8)
- Natural brute beasts speak evil of the things they understand not, and shall utterly perish in their own corruption (2 Pet 2:12)

Obedience

“When I became serious with God, He became serious with me.” (quoted by unnamed man whose son died in car accident, Releasing God’s Anointing, Mel Bond, pg 18)

“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken the fat of rams” – 1 Sam 15:22

“²⁹ Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, “We ought to obey God rather than men.” – Acts 5:29

WHOM OR WHAT DO WE OBEY?

- God (Gen 22:18)
- Both father and mother (Gen 27:8, Gen 28:7)
- Authorities over us when it does not contradict God’s commandments (Acts 5:29, Titus 3:1)
- God’s ordained prophets & kings (1 Sam 8:19, 1 Chron 29:23)
- Teachers (Prov 5:13)
- The gospel (Rom 10:16, 1 Pet 4:17)
- The truth (Gal 3:1)
- God’s word (2 Thess 3:14)
- Principalities & powers (Titus 3:1)

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE TO OBEY?

- Governmental leaders must obey God’s commandments (Ex 5:2)
- Children must obey their parents (Eph 6:1)
- Those under spiritual authority must obey God-ordained men of God (1 Sam 8:19)
- Students (Prov 5:13)
- The wind and the sea must obey God (Matt 8:27)
- Unclean spirits must obey God’s authority (Mark 1:27)
- Nature (like the fig tree withering, the sycamine tree being plucked up & planted in the sea, the horse with the bit in its mouth) (Lk 17:6, Matt 21:19, James 3:3)
- The spiritual heads of the homes (Acts 7:39)
- Servants (Rom 6:16)
- Those who hear the truth (Gal 3:1)
- Wives must obey their husbands (1 Pet 3:1)
- Jesus must obey His Heavenly Father (Phil 2:8)
- Your imagination, thoughts, and any high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (2 Cor 10:5-6)

BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE:

- See Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28

CONSEQUENCES OF DISOBEDIENCE:

- See Leviticus 26 & Deuteronomy 28
- Walking in the wilderness aimlessly, never reaching your God-ordained destiny (Josh 5:6)
- Not getting into heaven (1 Cor 6:9, Rev 22:15, Eph 5:5, Gal 5:19-21, Heb 5:9)
 - Fornicators
 - Idolaters
 - Homosexuals
 - Sodomites
 - Thieves
 - Covetous persons
 - Drunkards
 - Revilers
 - Greedy persons
 - Dogs – denotes what is mean, degenerate, worthless, one looked upon with contempt & reproach, male practicing anal sex.
 - Sorcerers & those practicing witchcraft
 - Sexually immoral
 - Whoever loves & makes a lie
 - Those who practice obscenity
 - Foolish talkers (jesting)
 - Ridiculers
 - Any unclean man
 - Lewdness
 - Enmities
 - Strife
 - Jealousy
 - Anger
 - Rivalries
 - Divisions
 - Sects
 - Envyings
 - And things like these!
- **Faith without works is dead. A true relationship with the true Jesus (versus “another Jesus”) will produce transformation and positive fruit of the Holy Spirit.

WHY DO PEOPLE DISOBEY WHEN THERE ARE SUCH DIRE CONSEQUENCES?

- Fear of man (1 Sam 15:24)
- Desire for immediate gratification (1 Sam 15:19)
- Stiffnecked & rebellious (2 Kings 18:12, Neh 9:17)
- It's easy to walk by the flesh instead of by the spirit (Romans 8:1)
- Despise authority (Prov 30:17)
- Hate instruction & correction (Jer 7:28, Jer 17:23)

HOW SHOULD WE OBEY?

- With all our heart, souls, mind, and strength and not just with our lips (Luke 10:27, Is 29:13)
- In every area of our lives. Obedience is a form of worship and should not be separated from or in contradiction to the praise from our lips (2 Kings 18)
- Joyfully with a submissive heart birthed out of love instead of grudgingly, legalistically, obeying to manipulate (John 14:15)

WARNINGS FOR OBEDIENCE:

- Obedience 99% of the way with 1% disobedience, under the guise of submitting to an older prophet with more experience, resulted in a nameless prophet being killed (1 Kings 13:26)
- Danger of giving lip service with hearts far from God is still considered disobedience by God (Isaiah 29, Hosea 4)
 - o Lose our wise men
 - o Lose discernment & understanding in our men & leaders
 - o Rejected as His priests
 - o Our children will be ignored by God
 - o Glory will be turned into shame
- Obedience must be birthed out of love to avoid the many snares the devil has waiting for us.
- Obedience does not mean it will be easy or painless, free from suffering. It's usually the exact opposite initially but rewards will come in due time.
- Obedience to God's commandments is proof that we have declared the God of Israel to be our God and that we are His people.
- Simply saying we're Christians without obedience to His Laws is deceiving our own selves and being put under a strong delusion (James 1, 2 Thes 2)
- The wind, sea, and demons obey God yet we have the audacity to think we don't need to obey because "We have Jesus!" The danger of free will combined with an attitude of entitlement.
- Where does Jesus fit into all of this?
 - o Jesus obeyed the Father, even unto death (Phil 2:8)

- He paid the penalty for sin, not removing the definition or consequences of sin. (Gal 3:13)
- He was sinless, obeying the commandments 100% so He could be our righteousness and provide a way to the Father. This does NOT give us the excuse to continue to live contrary to His commandments. We are required to obey to the best of our ability and understanding.
- We are to be like Jesus as best as we can = aiming for 100% obedience, but receiving grace when we fall short.
- Matt 5:17-20 – those who do and teach commandments to others will be greatest in the Kingdom of God, so it is not “just old covenant.”
- God’s instruction to obey His commandments in both old and new testaments is more than 100 times.

Submission

DEFINITION OF SUBMISSION:

- The action or fact of accepting or yielding to a superior force or to the will or authority of another person. "they were forced into submission"
- Synonyms: yielding, capitulation, acceptance, consent, compliance "submission to authority"
- Biblical submission is a VOLUNTARY surrender of our right to free will and choosing to do the will of those in Biblical authority over us. True submission will require surrendering our fleshly desires and walking by and in the Spirit, therefore it cannot be achieved without the POWER of the Holy Spirit flowing through us. It starts first with an attitude that results in an action. Trying to submit with just our flesh will cause chafing in our spirits and will give rise to anger, bitterness, victim mindset, and self-pity among others.
- Submission & Authority go hand in hand.

You can obey without submitting your will but it is impossible to submit your will WITHOUT obedience. Like the rebellious child who told his mother, "I may be sitting down on the outside but I'm standing up on the inside!"

"The alternative to submission and humility to God is always arrogance and pride. And where arrogance and pride are alive and active, no true discipleship can develop. No intimacy with God, no friendship, and no increasing levels of trust can grow. Without submission and humility, the exercise of the other disciplines – prayer, worship, simplicity, sacrifice, fasting, chastity, celebration, service, and the rest – will be nothing more than chores performed in the spirit of the Pharisees. They will be wearying tasks yielding nothing but futility and disappointment, or a delusional sense of power and grandeur." Intimate Faith: A Woman's Guide to the Spiritual Disciplines by Jan Winebrenner

"I know that I am struggling with [submission] when I am critical, impatient, defiant, and "snarky" toward my husband—when I refuse to cooperate and am unresponsive to input, when I rush in and take control, when I fail to "provide space" to allow my husband the opportunity to be a man and provide godly oversight for our family." – Mary Kassian -

<https://www.marykassian.com/7-misconceptions-about-submission/>

BOUNDARIES FOR SUBMISSION:

- Submission is not gender or age specific. Men & elders are required to submit to their authorities, too. It cannot be demanded. It must be freely given.
- When submission is “forced upon” someone, it is no longer submission but domination and control of a person through fear, manipulation, deception, etc. = witchcraft and is a form of abuse.
- We are to submit to God’s word and His standards. We ought to obey God rather than man, if they ever disagree.
- Wives are to submit to their husbands first and foremost, above their pastors, their in-laws, their friends, their children, etc. Husbands are to rise up and lead their wives in true biblical authority birthed out of holy love.
- “Along with submitting to her husband, a Christian wife also has the responsibility to be transparent, speak truth, confront sin, and challenge her husband to ever increasing levels of holiness.” Mary Kassian

WHAT DOES SUBMISSION LOOK LIKE?

- Not necessarily easy or pain-free. Hagar was commanded by an angel to return and submit to a jealous Sarah. (Gen 16:9) Disobedience would have forfeited her son’s God-given blessing and inheritance that would come in time.
- As soon as they hear, they shall obey (2 Sam 22:45)
- Even those with high levels of authority are still required to submit to higher authority. Submission is not just for weak or powerless people (1 Chron 29:24)
- God’s enemies must submit themselves to Him. (Ps 66:3) **This is key to understand for deliverance.**
- Submitting oneself with pieces of silver. Tithe is an example of submission (Ps 68:30)
- We always have a choice to submit to the LORD or not, but the consequences of failure are steep (Ps 81:15)

HOW ARE WE TO SUBMIT?

- Submit ourselves unto the righteousness of God (Rom 10:3)
- Submit yourselves one to another in the Fear of God (Eph 5:21)
- Submit yourselves to spiritual authorities that are bearing visible spiritual fruit in their lives (1 Cor 16:16)
- Wives submit yourselves unto your OWN husbands, as unto the LORD and as it is fit in the LORD. No excuse here to disobey God’s commandments in the name of “submitting” to your husband! (Eph 5:22, Col 3:18)
- Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves (Heb 13:17)

- Submit yourselves therefore to God (by obeying His commandments). Then resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7)
- Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the LORD's sake (1 Peter 2:13)
- The younger is to submit to the elder, as all of you are subject one to another, clothed in humility and not with a proud attitude (1 Peter 5:5)

Angelic Partnership

WHAT ARE ANGELS?

- Ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them that shall inherit salvation (Heb 1:14)
- “Angel” mentioned 283 times, “Cherub” 69 times, “Seraphim” twice, “spirit” unknown times
- They are created to serve God and subject to Jesus Christ, which also means serving us as per the scriptures.
- Hebrew H4397 – Mal’ak = angel, messenger, ambassadors

HOW DO THEY MANIFEST?

- Sometimes temporarily in male human form, sometimes being entertained unawares (Gen 19; Heb 2:16; Heb 13:2)
- Appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush (Ex 3:2)
- Animals can sometimes see them when humans don’t...like Balaam’s donkey (Num 22:23)
- Standing with a sword drawn in his hand (Num 22:23)
- Standing between heaven and earth, having a drawn sword stretched over Jerusalem (1 Chron 21:16)
- With a myriad of chariots, and a company of angels all under one leader (Ps 68:17)
- A flaming fire (Ps 104:4)
- The glory of the LORD shone around about them (Luke 2:9)
- Their voice can sound like thunder (John 12:29)
- Appear and disappear just as suddenly (Acts 12:7,10)
- Mighty angels, not cute little babies playing harps (2 Thess 1:7)
- Cherubims are tasked with covering the mercy seat where God dwells with their wings (Ex 37:9, 2 Sam 6:2)
- The sound of the cherubims’ wings were heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when He speaks (Ez 10:5)
- A cherub’s face is not the same as a man’s face, referred to as a “living creature” (beast, living thing, referring to something alive & active like plants or running water) (Ez 10:15)
- A seraphim has 6 wings – 2 to cover his face, 2 to cover his feet, and 2 to fly.

WHAT DO ANGELS DO?

- Ultimately, they do God’s command or the command of those operating in God’s authority. (Ps 103:20)
- They bring messages, judgment, protection, provide transport (lifting Ezekiel by his hair- Eze 8:3, Elijah in a fiery chariot – 2 King 2:11, Peter out of prison past the guards- Acts 12:7)

- Find us when we are lost and out of God's will (Gen 16:7)
- They talk to us:
 - o Giving instructions face to face (Gen 16:9, Jdg 6:22)
 - o Prophesying the future (Gen 16:10, Jdg 13:3)
 - o Give names for babies yet to be born (Gen 16:11, Lk 2:21)
 - o Answer questions (Gen 16)
 - o Tell us to hurry up, warning of impending judgment (Gen 19:15, Matt 1:24)
 - o Speak to us from heaven (Gen 21:17, 22:11, 22:15)
 - o Speak in our dreams (Gen 31:11, Matt 1:20)
 - o Tell us HOW to give acceptable offerings (Jdg 6:20)
 - o Tell us what to prophesy to kings (2 Kings 1:3)
 - o Give us instructions of what to do to protect our families (Matt 2:13)
- Travel:
 - o Sometimes on foot in human form for all to see (Gen 19:1)
 - o Ascending and descending on the ladder to heaven (Gen 28:12)
 - o Go before and behind us (Ex 14:19)
 - o Pillar of cloud went with them (Ex 14:19)
 - o Ascending in the flame of the altar (Jdg 13:20)
 - o God rides upon a cherub, flying upon the wings of the wind (2 Sam 22:11)
 - o The chariot of the cherubim (1 Chron 28:18)
- Receive hospitality by staying in people's homes & eating food (Gen 19:3)
- Release judgment against those coming against God's will, people, or plans:
 - o Eyes of the sodomites blinded trying to enter Lot's home (Gen 19:11)
 - o Angel stretched out his hand to destroy Jerusalem, smiting the people with a plague (2 Sam 24:17)
 - o Killed 185,000 Assyrians, cutting off all the mighty men of valour and the leaders and captains (2 Kings 19:35, 2 Chron 32:21)
 - o Silenced Zachariah until he obeyed and named his son John (Luke 1)
 - o Smote Herod with worms for not giving God the glory, resulting in death (Acts 12:23)
- Intervene in the nick of time when our blind obedience would actually cause harm (Gen 22:12)
- Go where God sends them (Gen 24:7)
- Meet us in times of difficulty & release blessings (Gen 32:1,24, Gen 48:16)
- Redeem us from all evil (Gen 48:16)
- Go before us, to keep us in the way, and to bring us into the place which God has prepared, which is in the presence of our enemies (Ex 23:23)
- Stand in our way as an adversary when we are disobeying God's commands (Num 22:22,34)
- Sometimes provoke repentance when they show themselves (Num 22:34)
- Release curses (Jdg 5:23)

- Are open to conversation and answering our biblical requests when we seek after it like Samson's parents (Jdg 13:9-15)
- Discern good and bad (2 Sam 14:17)
- Have wisdom (2 Sam 14:20)
- Wake us up and deliver physical food to eat (1 Kings 19:5)
- Chase and persecute those that strive with God's anointed (Ps 35:5-6)
- Man did eat angel's food (manna!) (Ps 78:25)
- Praise the LORD and worship Him (Ps 148:2, Heb 1:6)
- The angel of His presence saved them (Is 63:9)
- Shut lions' mouths and open prison doors (Dan 6:22, Acts 5:19)
- Interpret visions of the night / dreams and give direction (Zech 1:8-21)
- Minister to us after the devil leaves off tormenting us (Matt 4:11)
- They reap souls in the end-time harvest (Matt 13:39)
- They shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity, severing the wicked from among the just, gathering His elect (Matt 13:41, 49, Mark 13:27)
- The son of man shall come in the glory of his father with his angels (Matt 16:27)
- Children's angels behold the face of God the Father which is in heaven (Matt 18:10)
- Rejoice in the presence of God over one sinner repenting (Luke 15:10)
- Carry some of the deceased into Abraham's bosom while others go to hell (Luke 16:22)
- Show up in designated places at designated times to release healing to those who respond in faith like the pool of Bethesda (John 5:4)
- Transport the God of Israel (Ez 10:19, Ps 18:10)

WHAT DO THEY NOT DO?

- Receive worship (Col 2:18)
- Violate the scriptures in any way. Those who do lose their status as angels of God (like Satan) and are cast out of heaven, reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day (Jude 1:6)
- Marry or procreate (Matt 22:30)
- Do not have physical bodies as they are spirits (Heb 1:14)
- Tell their names, seeing it is secret. (Judges 13:18) Michael, Gabriel, & Lucifer are the exceptions but they are/were also arch-angels/covering cherub.
- Give contradictory words from the LORD (1 Kings 13:18)
- They do not know the day or hour that Jesus Christ is returning (Matt 24:36)
- They cannot separate us from the love of God (Rom 8:38-9)

KEYS TO PARTNERING WITH ANGELS:

- Man is a little lower than the angels, which means they have more authority / rank than we do (Ps 8:5)
- We must fear God if we want to be surrounded by the angel of the LORD and deliverance (Ps 34:7)
- They have charge (appointed authority) over us, to keep us (guard, protect, have charge of) in all our ways (Ps 91:11)
- Do not say before an angel that your actions were an error, lest God get angry and destroy the work of your hands (Ecc 5:6)
- Prophets referred to angels as “my lord”, a title inferring higher authority, honour, general recognition of superiority (Zech 4:5)
- We shall judge angels after the resurrection (1 Cor 6:3)
- A woman (Bride of Christ) ought to have power on her head because of the angels (1 Cor 11:10)
 - o Power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases
 - o The ability or strength with which one is endowed, which he either possesses or exercises
 - o The power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege)
 - o A sign of the husband's authority over His wife**Jesus is our husband and we the church, His bride, carry His authority!
 - o The sign of regal authority, a crown
- Tongues of angels (1 Cor 13:1)
- Angels are greater in power and might, yet still do not bring railing accusation against dignitaries (2 Peter 2:11)
- We are to partner with them as fellow servants but NOT worship them. God only deserves our worship (Rev 22:8-9)
- The LORD sitteth and dwelleth between the cherubims (Ps 99:1, Is 37:16)
- When we pray for protection, we shouldn't just be thinking of “God, protect me and my stuff”
 - o Paul = but because of the presence of a righteous man, God protect this ship (Paul & the 276 saved),
 - o Abraham = “protect this city” (Abraham's intercession for Lot & Sodom)

SOME SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES:

- Angel hooked up Peter & Cornelius...the first gentiles were filled w the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:3,22)
- Angel got Gideon off his self-pity, victim mentality and into his calling to be mighty man of valour & saviour to Israel (Jdg 6:12)
- Heavenly Host was with David when he confronted Goliath (1 Sam 17:45)
- Heavenly Host announced Jesus birth to the shepherds (Lk 2:13)

- An angel smote Peter awake, told him to get dressed and broke him out of prison all while he thought he was sleepwalking (Acts 12:7)
- The angel of the LORD encampeth around those who fear the LORD and delivereth them (Ps 34:7)
- Satan / Lucifer was an anointed covering cherub before his pride got him kicked out of Heaven (Ez 28:14,16)
- We are to discern angelic presence and engage with them to bring about their and our assignments. We can miss the opportunity before us if we don't intentionally grab a hold of it (Gen 19:3)

Saviour vs. Master

Is God merely our saviour to continually bail us out of our troubles or have we surrendered our free will back to Him, making Him master over every area of our lives? If we desire friendship with God, we must first become an excellent servant.

John 15:15 - ¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what His LORD doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

SAVIOUR:

- Webster dictionary: one that saves from danger or destruction
- Strong's Concordance for H3467 yasha': save (149x), saviour (15x), deliver (13x), help (12x), preserved (5x), salvation (3x), avenging (2x), at all (1x), avenged (1x), defend (1x), rescue (1x), safe (1x), victory (1x)
- We are the on the RECEIVING end of this relationship.

MASTER:

- Webster's dictionary:
 - o a man who has people working for him, especially servants or slaves
 - o a man in charge of an organization or group
- Strong's Concordance for H113 'adown: LORD (197x), master(s) (105x), LORD (31x), owner (1x), sir (1x)
- We are on the GIVING end of this relationship.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SAVIOUR:

- Save from violence (2 Sam 22:3)
- Save them out of the hand of their enemies (Neh 9:27)
- Saviour in times of trouble (Jeremiah 14:8)
- To give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins (Acts 5:31)

DANGERS OF SAVIOUR RELATIONSHIPS:

- They forgot God their ultimate Saviour, who gave Israel human saviours (Ps 106:21, Neh 9:27)

HOW TO ACTIVATE GOD TO SEND A SAVIOUR:

- When they cried unto God in their distress, because of their oppressors (Neh 9:27, Is 19:20)
- Recognize that beside the LORD, there is no saviour (Is 43:11)
- Our spirit shall rejoice in God our saviour (Lk 1:47)
- Believe that the living God is the saviour of all men (1 Tim 4:10)

WHY DOES GOD SAVE US?

- We shall suck the milk of the gentiles and suck the breast of kings in order for God to be known as our saviour and redeemer (Is 60:16)
- So all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy saviour and thy redeemer (Is 49:26)

SOME BIBLICAL SAVIOURS IN THE SCRIPTURES:

- Moses
- Othniel
- Ehud
- Shamgar
- Deborah
- Gideon
- Jephthah
- Samson
- "Saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau." (Obadiah 1:21)
- David
- Jesus Christ

CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTERS:

- Delegate authority to their servants (Gen 24:9)
- Expect vows to be kept (Gen 24:9)
- Display God's abundant blessings materially and positionally (Gen 24:35)
- Masters have sons that receive inheritance (Gen 24:44)
- Have the authority to bring them before the judges (Ex 21:6) and put servants into bondage (Gen 39:20)
- Masters of the house can be brought before judges to answer for stolen goods if thieves are not found (Ex 22:8)
- Masters have no legal right to demand runaway servants be returned (Deut 23:15)
- Masters are responsible for those under their protection (Jdg 19:23)
- Masters get the final say in decisions (Jdg 19:12)
- Do not touch the LORD's anointed, for He is the one that puts leaders in their positions (1 Sam 24:6)
- It is possible to have foolish masters, sons of Belial that a man cannot speak to them, which cause destruction to all those under them (1 Sam 25:17)
- Judgment triggered by a master's actions will fall upon the entire house of the master (King Ahab – 2 Kings 9:7, Achan – Josh 7:24, 22:20)
- Servants can retaliate and slay their oppressive masters (2 Kings 9:31)
- Can be masters over a variety of things – people, eunuchs, finances, property, songs, magicians (1 Chron 15:27, Dan 1:3 & 4:9)
- God and Mammon are two masters but you can only serve one and hate the other (Matt 6:24)

- The LORD will cut off the master who profanes the holiness of the LORD and marries the daughter of a strange god (Mal 2:11-12)
- The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord (Matt 10:24)
- Master [Jesus], we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men (Matt 22:16)
- For one is your master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren (Matt 23:8)
- Draws the needy, the tormented and oppressed, the hungry & tricksters with questions, and the religious ire of positional leaders who have no spiritual authority (Luke 19:39, Lk 21:7)
- It is possible to be a master of Israel and still not know about being born again (Jn 3:10)
- If I then, your LORD and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet (John 13:14)
- Masters have more finances than their servants (Acts 16:16; Acts 27:11)
- Apostles should be wise master builders, laying the foundation which upon others build (1 Cor 3:10)
- Show goodwill toward those under your authority, not using threatening or abusive words, because God is both your and their true master (Eph 6:9)
- Give unto your servants that which is just and equal (Col 4:1)
- Be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation (James 3:1)

CHARACTERSTICS OF SERVANTS:

- Faithful, diligent servants will be given more authority than other servants (Gen 24:9)
- Potential to have all the master's goods in his hand (Gen 24:10, Joseph as 2nd in command)
- Serving the God of their masters, and receiving the same favour and kindness (Gen 24:12-14)
- Having the desires of their masters' front and center in all that they do (Gen 24:12-14)
- Recognize their masters, even from a distance, when others don't (Gen 24:65)
- The LORD can be with them, making them prosperous in their master's house. (Gen 39:2)
- Must chose the master over the master's family (Gen 39:8)
- A servant's wife and children belong to the master (Ex 21:4)
- If she does not please her master, she can be redeemed but cannot be sold to a foreign nation because he is the one dealing deceitfully (Ex 21:8)
- Servants do not have to be returned to masters that they run away from (Deut 23:15)
- Until they have matured, sons are treated like servants even though they own everything (Gal 4:1-2)
- Servants have a right to voice recommendations to their masters (Jdg 19:11)
- Those who do not protect their master, the LORD's anointed, regardless of the master's obedience to the Most High God (like Saul) are worthy of death (1 Sam 26:16)
- Servants can be discarded when they lose their value to the master (1 Sam 30:13)

- Servants can be handed from one generation to the next, enjoying the privileges of the wealth they steward, but never becoming the owner (2 Sam 9:9)
- Servants can have servants, so merely having those under you is not an indication that you are the true master (2 Sam 9:10 Saul's servant Ziba, 2 Kings 5:20 Elisha, servant of God)
- It is possible to have one's master removed from his place in authority and the faithful servant be made the master (Elijah -> Elisha, due to promotion) (2 Kings 2)
- Faithful servants refresh the souls of their masters (Prov 25:13)
- The eyes of the servant should look unto the hand of their masters (Ps 123:2)
- Those who wait upon their master shall be honoured (Prov 27:18)
- Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee and thou be found guilty (Prov 30:10)
- Servants can prophesy unto their masters (Jer 27:4)
- Servants that order about their masters (aka wives that order about their husbands) will end up with judgment upon their heads (Amos 4:1)
- Punishment upon those who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit (Zeph 1:9)
- Even the dogs get to eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table (Matt 15:27)
- Be watchful, for you know not when the master of the house cometh. State of alertness (Mark 13:35)
- The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master (Luke 6:40)
- Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand (Rom 14:4)
- Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ (Eph 6:5)
- Those who are under the yoke should count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and His doctrine be not blasphemed (1 Tim 6:1)
- Do not despise believing masters because they are brethren (1 Tim 6:2)
- Servants need to purge themselves of iniquity so they may be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work (2 Tim 2:21)
- Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again (Titus 2:9)
- Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the forward (1 Peter 2:18)

CONSEQUENCES OF NO MASTER:

- Scattered as sheep that have no shepherd, no protector or provider (1 Kings 22:17)

WARNING:

- Do not call someone master with your lips but mean something else in your heart (Matt 8:19, Matt 12:38)

Trust

DEFINITION OF TRUST:

H2620: chacah, verb - to seek refuge, flee for protection, to put trust in (God), confide or hope in (God)

H982: batach, verb - to trust, trust in, to have confidence, be confident to be bold, to be secure, to cause to trust, make secure, to feel safe, be careless

H539: 'anam, verb. to support, confirm, be faithful, to support, confirm, be faithful, uphold, nourish foster-father (subst.), foster-mother, nurse, pillars, supporters of the door, to be established, be faithful, be carried, make firm, to be carried by a nurse, made firm, sure, lasting, confirmed, established, sure verified, confirmed, reliable, faithful, trusty, to stand firm, to trust, to be certain, to believe in, stand firm trust, believe (Job 15:31)

H4009: mibtach, noun. trust, confidence, refuge, act of confiding object of confidence. state of confidence, security (Job 8:14)

Merriam Webster - assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something. One in which confidence is placed.

WHAT SHOULD YOU PUT YOUR TRUST IN?

- The LORD's wings (kanaph), which represents His covenant (Ruth 2:12)
- The God of my rock (2 Sam 22:3)
- The LORD our God (2 Kings 18:22)
- In His holy name (Ps 33:21)
- Jesus Christ (2 Cor 3:4, Eph 1:12)
- The Living God (1 Tim 4:10)

BENEFIT OF TRUSTING IN GOD:

- The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee (Ruth 2:12)
- He is our shield, refuge, saviour, saving us from violence (2 Sam 22:3)
- Victory over stronger human armies (2 Kings 18)
- How great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men (Ps 31:19)
- Being blessed (Ps 34:8)

WHAT SHOULD YOU NOT PUT TRUST IN?

- Your gates, high & fenced walls (Deut 28:52)
- False gods (Deut 32:37)
- Liers in wait - ambushes (Jdg 20:36)
- Counsel & strength for war (2 Kings 18:20)
- Pharaoh King of Egypt, his shadow, nor his chariots or horsemen (2 Kings 18:21,24, Is 30:2)
- The speech of the trusty & the understanding of the aged (Job 13:15)

- Bow or sword (Ps 44:6)
- Wealth & riches (Ps 49:6)
- Princes, nor in the son of man (Ps 146:3)
- Trusting in your own heart (Pr 28:26)
- Vanity (unreality, emptiness, confusion, formlessness, place of chaos, wilderness) (Is 59:4)
- Lying words that say "The temple of the LORD"...don't put your trust in church buildings (Jer 7:3-4)
- Your brother (Jer 9:4)
- Falsehood (Jer 13:25)
- Cursed be the man that trusteth in man (Jer 17:5)
- Prophets who teach rebellion against the LORD (Jer 28)
- Works & treasures (Jer 48:7)
- Thine own beauty (Ez 16:15)
- His own righteousness (Ez 33:13)
- Trust ye not in a friend, nor confidence in a guide (Mic 7:5)
- The Law of Moses, because it accuses you (*phariseeism) (Jn 5:45)

SOME BEHAVIOURS / RESULTS OF TRUST:

- Removing the high places, tearing down places of false worship (2 Kings 18:4)
- Cleaving to the LORD and not departing from following His commandments that He gave Moses (2 Kings 18:6)
- Rebelling against ruling ungodly kings and taking our rightful authority (2 Kings 18:7)
- Prospering withersoever he went forth (2 Kings 18:7)
- Enemies will try to shake your trust in God with threats and bribes (2 Kings 18:28-30)
- Offering sacrifices of righteousness (Ps 4:5)
- Rejoicing & heart filled with joy (Ps 5:11)
- Walking in integrity (Ps 26:1)
- Doing good (Ps 37:3)
- Declaring all of God's works in our lives (Ps 73:28)
- The mind that is stayed on God will be in perfect peace (Is 26:3)
- Call for justice, plead for truth (Is 59:4)

SOME BEHAVIOURS / RESULTS OF LACK OF TRUST IN GOD:

- Failing to obey God's commandments (2 Kings 18:12)
- Being besieged and taken away by your enemies (2 Kings 18:10-11)
- Causing fear to arise in others (Judah) due to your punishment/defeat (Israel) (2 Kings 18:13-14)
- Loss of finances, robbing from God (2 Kings 18:14-16)
- They do not KNOW God's name (Ps 9:10)
- Respecting the proud, turning aside to lies (Ps 40:4)
- Being afraid of evil tidings (Ps 112:7)
- Making idols and worshipping them (Ps 115:8, Is 42:17)
- Fear of man bringeth a snare (Pr 29:25)

- Shame, confusion, oppression, perverseness (Is 30:3-4)
- Obeyed not the voice, received not correction, drew not near to her God (Zeph 3:2)
- Trust in themselves that they were righteous, and despise others (Lk 18:9)

WARNING:

- Do not fall away from trusting God after a season of good times. Two good kings ended up losing their focus and started trusting in their wealth, assuming God's mercy would continually preserve them as in the past.
 - o King Asa (1 Kings 15, 2 Chron 16)
 - o King Hezekiah (2 Kings 18, 2 Chron 29)

Favour

DEFINITION OF FAVOUR:

Dictionary:

1. (noun) approval, support, or liking for someone or something (benevolence)
2. (noun) an act of kindness beyond what is due or usual (kindness, courtesy)
1. (verb) feel or show approval or preference for
2. (verb) (often used in polite requests) give someone (something that they want)

Hebrew:

1. Chen H2580 - grace (38x), favour (26x), gracious (2x), pleasant (1x), precious (1x), wellfavoured (with H2896) (1x).
2. Mar'eh H4758 - appearance (35x), sight (18x), countenance (11x), vision (11x), favoured (7x), look upon (4x), fair (with H2896) (2x), miscellaneous (15x). (Referring to Rachel & Joseph)
 - a. sight, appearance, vision
 - b. sight, phenomenon, spectacle, appearance, vision
 - c. what is seen
 - d. a vision (supernatural)
 - e. sight, vision (power of seeing)
3. Ratsah H7521 - accept (22x), please (6x), pleasure (6x), delight (5x), enjoy (4x), favourable (3x), acceptable (1x), accomplish (1x), affection (1x), approve (1x), miscellaneous (7x)

Greek:

1. Charis G5485 (noun) - grace (130x), favour (6x), thanks (4x), thank (4x), thank (with G2192) (3x), pleasure (2x), miscellaneous (7x)
 - a. grace
 - i. that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness: grace of speech
 - b. good will, loving-kindness, favour
 - i. of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting His holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues
 - c. what is due to grace
 - i. the spiritual condition of one governed by the power of divine grace
 - ii. the token or proof of grace, benefit
 1. a gift of grace
 2. benefit, bounty
 - d. thanks, (for benefits, services, favours), recompense, reward

EXAMPLES OF FAVOUR BEING TRANSLATED AS GRACE:

- Acts 15:11 - But we believe that through the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.
- Rom 6:14 - For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the Law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the Law, but under grace? God forbid.
- 1 Cor 1:4 - I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

WHO GIVES FAVOUR?

- The LORD (Ex 12:36)
- A good man (Ps 112:5)
- The king (Prov 14:35)

TYPES OF FAVOUR:

- Favour in God's sight (Gen 18:3, Lk 2:52)
- Favour in the sight of man (Gen 39:21, Ex 3:21, Lk 2:52)
- Responsibility put upon you (Num 11:11)
- In the eyes of your husband (Deut 24:1)
- Upon children (1 Sam 2:26)
- Favour in the eyes of your kinsmen redeemer (Ruth 2:13)
- Favour of rulers (Prov 29:26)
- Favour with all the people (Acts 2:47)

WHAT DOES FAVOUR LOOK LIKE?

- God's presence staying with you (Gen 18:3)
- Others giving you what you ask for (Gen 30:27)
- Being blessed with natural beauty, healthy appearance (Gen 29:17, Gen 41:4)
- Being given such things as they require (Ex 12:36)
- Being put in leadership over people, that sometimes feels like a curse (Num 11:11)
- Others liking you and promoting you (Gen 39:21)
- Being considered great in the land, honoured, great reputation (Ex 11:3)
- Sometimes so overwhelming to the point of wanting to die from the responsibility (Num 11:15)
- Satisfied & full with the blessing of the LORD (Deut 33:23)
- Being spoken to kindly, being comforted, being accepted outside of social parameters (Ruth 2:13)
- Getting to SEE God's presence and His habitation (2 Sam 15:25)
- People supporting your ventures (2 Sam 20:11)
- Being given or chosen as a wife of prominence (1 Kings 11:19, Esther 2:17)
- Being given mercy in the eyes of the judicial system (Esther 5:2)

- Favour acting like a shield (Ps 5:12)
- In His favour is life (Ps 30:7)
- Mine enemy does not triumph over me (Ps 41:11)
- Being given gifts by foreigners (Ps 45:12)
- Being visited with salvation (Ps 106:4)
- Someone lending to you (Ps 112:5)
- Finding a wife (Prov 18:22)
- Dew upon the grass → royal gentleness instead of a king's wrath (Prov 19:12)
- More valuable than silver or gold (Prov 22:1)
- The opportunity to stand before kings (Dan 1:4)
- Being brought into favour and tender love with those in authority over you (Dan 1:9)
- Being chosen by God to fulfill pivotal miracles that transform history and the spiritual landscape (Lk 1:28)

WHAT DOES A LACK OF FAVOUR LOOK LIKE?

- Sickly appearance (Gen 41:4)
- Losing one's husband (Deut 24:1)
- Lost opportunities/promotion (Gen 39:21)
- Enemy nations coming against the young and old, utterly destroying them (Deut 28:50, Josh 11:20)
- The ones who are refused favour getting bitter and trying to kill you (1 Sam 25:8:13)
- Your fatherless children being cursed and mercy withheld (Ps 109:12)
- The soul of the wicked desiring evil, no favour for his neighbors (Prov 21:10)
- Flattering with the tongue (Prov 28:23)
- The anger of the LORD dividing you (Lam 4:16)
- Being cast out of the land into a land filled with idolatry (Jer 16:13)

WHAT IMPACTS WHETHER FAVOUR IS GIVEN OR WITHHELD?

- Your obedience to God (Job 33:26, Ps 5:12)
- Praising God (Ps 35:27)
- Supporting God's plans and purposes (Ps 35:27)
- Kairos timing (Ps 102:13)
- Forget not His Law, keeping God's commandments in your heart, not forsaking mercy or truth (Prov 3:1-4)
- Diligently seeking good (Prov 11:27)
- Finding wisdom (Prov 8:35)
- Good understanding gives favour (Prov 13:15)
- Being righteous (Prov 14:9)
- He that rebukes a man afterwards shall find more favour than a flatterer (Prov 28:23)
- God's mercy (Is 60:10)

WARNING:

- Favour is deceitful (Prov 31:30)
- Favour will be shown to the wicked as a form of mercy leading to judgment if not recognized (Is 26:10)
- Failing to favour the person of the priests nor the elders will draw the anger of the LORD (Lam 4:16)
- Favour can be manipulated to cause others harm. (Acts 25:3)

Prosperity

DEFINITION OF PROSPERITY:

PROSPER'ITY, *noun* [Latin prosperitas.] Advance or gain in any thing good or desirable; successful progress in any business or enterprise; success; attainment of the object desired; as the *prosperity* of arts; agricultural or commercial prosperity; national *prosperity*. Our disposition to abuse the blessings of providence renders *prosperity* dangerous. (Noah Webster 1828 ed)

Prosperity. : the condition of being successful or thriving; especially : economic well-being.

Tsalach (H6743): to advance, prosper, make progress, succeed, be profitable, to prosper, to make prosperous, bring to successful issue, cause to prosper, to show or experience prosperity, prosper

WHY PROSPERITY?

- The LORD has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant. (Ps 35:27)

KEYS TO PROSPERING:

- Keep and do the words of God's covenant (Deut 29:9)
- Being strong and courageous to observe to do all the Law (Josh 1:7)
- Meditate on the Book of the Law day and night (Josh 1:8)
- Using your wealth to bless those that have helped you prosper (Judges 18)
- Seek the LORD that he may give you rest on every side (2 Chron 14:7)
- Believe in the LORD, Your God, so shall ye be established. Believe in His prophets, so shall ye prosper. (2 Chron 20:20)
- Prosper through the prophesying of the prophets (Ezra 6:14)
- Beseech the LORD and desire to fear His name (Neh 1:11)
- Delight in the Law of the LORD (Ps 1:2)
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and love thee (Ps 112:6)
- Beseech the LORD to send prosperity now (Ps 118:25)
- Sow your seed in morning and evening because you know not which one or both shall prosper (Ecc 11:6)
- Lay aside weekly a portion as God has prospered you (tithing) (1 Cor 16:2)
- Your health will prosper according to how your soul prospers (3 John 1:2)

GUARANTEES HOW NOT TO PROSPER:

- Transgress God's commandments (Num 14:41)
- Be an Ammonite or Moabite (Deut 23:6) (*2 nations conceived by incest)
- Refuse to hearken unto the voice of the LORD, to observe to do all His commandments (Deut 28:15,29)

- Fight against the LORD God of Israel (2 Chron 13:12)
- Forsake the LORD and He shall forsake you (2 Chron 24:20)
- Harden yourself against Him (Job 9:4)
- Hide your sins (Prov 28:13)
- Become a brutish pastor that does not seek the LORD (Jer 10:21)
- Refuse to listen in the midst of thy prosperity (Jer 22:21)

WHAT DOES PROSPERING LOOK LIKE?

- The LORD sending an angel with you (Gen 24:40)
- The LORD being with you (Gen 39:2)
- The LORD making everything prosper in your hand (Gen 39:3)
- Being given responsibility without micromanaging superiors because they trust you (Gen 39:23)
- Winning wars against your enemies (Judges 4:24)
- Those under your leadership will obey you (1 Chron 29:23)
- All that comes into your heart to create will be prosperously affected (2 Chron 7:11)
- This work goeth fast and prospereth in their hands (Ezra 5:8)
- For the pure and upright, He makes the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous (Job 8:6)
- He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper (Ps 1:3)
- No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; every tongue that rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD (Isaiah 54:17)

EXAMPLES OF PROSPEROUS PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE:

- Joseph, even as a slave (Gen 39:2)
- King Solomon, at the beginning of his reign (1 Kings 10:7)
- King Hezekiah (2 Kings 18:7)
- Daniel, a captive and eunuch (Dan 6:28)

WARNINGS:

- Prosperity isn't always an indication that you are obeying God's commandments (Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar)
- Example of priest for hire having idols in his possession, prospering through idolatry but resulted in his death (Jud 18:5-27)
- Prophetic words about prosperity can be from a lying spirit sent to destroy you. Guard your heart against covetousness & greed (1 Kings 22:12)
- In prosperity the destroyer shall come upon the wicked man (Job 15:7-8)
- Guard your heart against envying the foolish and the prosperity of the wicked (Ps 73:3)
- There are ungodly who prosper in the world (Ps 73:12)

- Your enemies will prosper for the LORD hath afflicted you for the multitude of your transgressions. Your children are gone into captivity before the enemy (Lam 1:5)
- The antichrist in the last days shall prosper, destroying the mighty and the holy people, until the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done (Dan 8:24, 11:36)

Faith

Rhema - In the process of knocking their lip service to grace over in order to magnify their fleshly rebellion, they also kill their ability to walk in faith and the benefits that come with it. Rebellion is birthed out of a lack of respect & reverence for Grace, because they never truly knew the person behind the name. *Cross reference: Heb 10:26-31 (Dream: Adam & Grace's gravestone, Jan 24, 2016)

DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS OF FAITH (FULNESS):

As per 1828 Webster Dictionary:

- **FAITH**, *noun* [Latin fides, fido, to trust; Gr. to persuade, to draw towards any thing, to conciliate; to believe, to obey. In the Greek Lexicon of Hederic it is said, the primitive signification of the verb is to bind and draw or lead, as signifies a rope or cable. But this remark is a little incorrect. The sense of the verb, from which that of rope and binding is derived, is to strain, to draw, and thus to bind or make fast. A rope or cable is that which makes fast. Heb.]
- **1.** Belief; the assent of the mind to the truth of what is declared by another, resting on his authority and veracity, without other evidence; the judgment that what another states or testifies is the truth. I have strong *faith* or no *faith* in the testimony of a witness, or in what a historian narrates.
- **2.** The assent of the mind to the truth of a proposition advanced by another; belief, or probable evidence of any kind.
- **3.** In theology, the assent of the mind or understanding to the truth of what God has revealed. Simple belief of the scriptures, of the being and perfections of God, and of the existence, character and doctrines of Christ, founded on the testimony of the sacred writers, is called historical or speculative faith; a *faith* little distinguished from the belief of the existence and achievements of Alexander or of Cesar.
- **4.** Evangelical, justifying, or saving *faith* is the assent of the mind to the truth of divine revelation, on the authority of God's testimony, accompanied with a cordial assent of the will or approbation of the heart; an entire confidence or trust in God's character and declarations, and in the character and doctrines of Christ, with an unreserved surrender of the will to His guidance, and dependence on His merits for salvation. In other words, that firm belief of God's testimony, and of the truth of the gospel, which influences the will, and leads to an entire reliance on Christ for salvation.
- Being justified by *faith* (Romans 5:1).

- Without *faith* it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:1)
- For we walk by *faith* and not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- With the heart man believeth to righteousness. (Romans 10:6)
- The *faith* of the gospel is that emotion of the mind, which is called trust or confidence, exercised towards the moral character of God, and particularly of the Saviour.
- **FAITH** is an affectionate practical confidence in the testimony of God.
- **FAITH** is a firm, cordial belief in the veracity of God, in all the declarations of His word; or a full and affectionate confidence in the certainty of those things which God has declared, and because he has declared them.
- **5.** The object of belief; a doctrine or system of doctrines believed; a system of revealed truths received by Christians.
- They heard only, that he who persecuted us in times past, now preacheth the *faith* which once he destroyed. (Galatians 1:23)
- **6.** The promises of God, or His truth and faithfulness.
- shall their unbelief make the *faith* of God without effect? Rom 3.
- **7.** An open profession of gospel truth.
- Your *faith* is spoken of throughout the whole world. Rom 1.
- **8.** A persuasion or belief of the Lawfulness of things indifferent.
- Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God. Rom 14.
- **9.** Faithfulness; fidelity; a strict adherence to duty and fulfillment of promises.
- Her failing, while her *faith* to me remains, I would conceal.
- Children in whom is no *faith* (Deuteronomy 32:20).
- **10.** Word or honour pledged; promise given; fidelity. He violated His plighted *faith*
- For you alone I broke my *faith* with injured Palamon.
- **11.** Sincerity; honesty; veracity; faithfulness. We ought in good *faith* to fulfill all our engagements.
- **12.** Credibility or truth. Unusual.]
- The *faith* of the foregoing narrative.

Faithful

FA'ITHFUL, *adjective*

1. Firm in adherence to the truth and to the duties of religion.

Be thou *faithful* unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

2. Firmly adhering to duty; of true fidelity; loyal; true to allegiance; as a *faithful* subject.

3. Constant in the performance of duties or services; exact in attending to commands; as a *faithful* servant.

4. Observant of compact, treaties, contracts, vows or other engagements; true to one's word. A government should be *faithful* to its treaties; individuals, to their word.

5. True; exact; in conformity to the letter and spirit; as a *faithful* execution of a will.

6. True to the marriage covenant; as a *faithful* wife or husband.

7. Conformable to truth; as a *faithful* narrative or representation.

8. Constant; not fickle; as a *faithful* lover or friend.

9. True; worthy of belief. (2 Timothy 2:2).

DEFINITION OF FAITH IN STRONG'S CONCORDANCE:

- H529 – 'emuwn. Faithfulness, trusting, trustworthiness.
- H530 – 'emuwnah. Firmness, fidelity. Steadfastness. Steadiness.
- G3640 – oligopistos – of little faith, trusting too little.
- G4102 – pistis - conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it

A. relating to God

1. the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ

B. relating to Christ

1. a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God

C. the religious beliefs of Christians

D. belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence) whether in God or in Christ, springing from faith in the same

1. fidelity, faithfulness

E. the character of one who can be relied on

WHY SHOULD WE BE FAITHFUL?

- God is Faithful and we are created in His image and likeness. It's part of our identity in Christ. (Deut 7:9)
- God will render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness (1 Sam 26:23)
- According to your faith be it unto you. (Matt 9:29)
- Faith establishes the Law (Rom 3:31)
- Our faith is counted for righteousness (Rom 4:5)
- That we be not broken off because of unbelief (Rom 11:20)
- Whatever is not of faith is sin (Rom 14:23)
- We walk by faith and not by sight. (2 Cor 5:7)
- We receive the Spirit by the hearing of faith. (Gal 3:2)
- Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. (Gal 3:7)
- The Law is not of faith: but, the man that doeth them shall live in them. (Gal 3:12)
- Faith is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22)
- Until we all come in the unity of the faith (Eph 4:13)
- Faith toward God and repentance from dead works is the foundation to build upon (Heb 6:1)
- Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)
- Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God. (Heb 11:3)
- Without faith, it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. (Heb 11:6)
- Through faith, we subdue kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtain promises, stop the mouths of lions (Heb 11:33)
- The trying of your faith worketh patience (James 1:3)

WHAT DOES GOD'S FAITHFULNESS LOOK LIKE?

- His faithfulness reaches unto the clouds. (Ps 36:5)
- God establishes His faithfulness in the very heavens. (Ps 89:2)
- His faithfulness never fails. (Ps 89:33)
- God keeps His covenant, even in judgment and affliction (Ps 119:75)

- God answering us when we call (Ps 143:1)
- God's counsels of old are faithfulness and truth (Is 25:1)
- The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us (Jer 42:5)
- I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD (Hosea 2:20)
- God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able (1 Cor 10:13)
- Shield & breastplate of faith, that quenches the fiery darts of the wicked (Eph 6:16; 1 Thess 5:8)

HOW ARE WE FAITHFUL?

- Keep His commandments (Deut 7:9)
- Do according to that which is in Mine heart and in My mind (1 Sam 2:35)
- Going at God's bidding and is honourable in His house (1 Sam 22:14)
- Do everything in the Fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart (2 Chron 19:9)
- Fear God above many (Neh 7:2)
- Keep your heart faithful before God (Neh 9:8)
- Declare God's faithfulness and salvation. Do not conceal His lovingkindness and truth from the congregation (Ps 40:10)
- Make known His faithfulness to all generations (Ps 89:1)
- Walk in a perfect way, serving God (Ps 101:6)
- Concealing a matter (as opposed to being a talebearer that reveals secrets) - (Prov 11:13)
- A faithful witness will not lie (Prov 14:5)
- Faithful are the wounds of a friend (Prov 27:6)
- Be a faithful witness (Is 8:2)
- Keep faithfulness as the girdle of your reins (Is 11:5)
- The prophet that has a dream and he that has My word, let him speak MY word faithfully (Jer 23:28) (**warning to those who prophesy false dreams that cause people to err by their lies and lightness...vs 32)
- The just shall live by faith, not lifting up his soul (Hab 2:4)
- Acting in authority, expecting results like the centurion with the sick servant (Matt 8:10)
- Taking action, like rebuking the wind instead of being afraid of the storm (Matt 8:26)
- Putting feet to our faith, standing in the promises and character of God and bringing others to Jesus (Matt 9:2)
- Be faithful over the few things, that you may be made ruler over many things in the future (Matt 25:21)
- Have faith in God (Mark 11:22)
- Ask the LORD to increase your faith (Lk 17:5)

- Obedient to the faith (Acts 6:7)
- Faith can be perceived and judged (Acts 14:9, 16:15)
- Exhort them to continue in the faith (Acts 14:22)
- Establish churches in the faith (not religion or man's works) (Acts 16:4)
- Obedience to the Faith among all nations, for His name (Rom 1:5)
- Others can speak of our faith (Rom 1:8)
- Live by the Law of faith (Rom 3:27)
- Stagger not at the promise of God through unbelief, but be strong in faith, giving glory to God (Rom 4:20)
- Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Rom 10:17)
- Think soberly according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith (Rom 12:3)
- Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that which thing He alloweth (Rom 14:22)
- Our faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God (1 Cor 2:5)
- Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, and be strong (1 Cor 16:13)
- Let us do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith (Gal 6:10)
- Faith grows exceedingly (2 Thess 1:3)
- Hold the mystery of faith in a pure conscience (1 Tim 3:9)
- Know the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim 3:15)
- Ask in faith, nothing wavering (James 1:6)
- Faith without works is dead (James 2:17)

BLESSINGS OF FAITHFULNESS:

- Superiors won't micromanage your work & finances (2 Kings 12:15)
- They will be given responsibility and resources to distribute to others (Neh 13:13)
- God preserves the faithful (Ps 31:23)
- God's faithfulness and mercy shall be with the godly, and in His name His horn shall be exalted (Ps 89:24)
- God's eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with Him (Ps 101:6)
- A faithful messenger refreshes the soul of his masters (Prov 25:13)
- A faithful man shall abound with blessings (Prov 28:20)
- A faithful king that judges the poor shall have His throne established forever (Prov 29:14)
- Thy faith has made thee whole (Matt 9:22)
- Physical healings for self and others you intercede for, spiritual deliverance (Matt 15:28)
- Being made ruler over His household, to give them meat in due season (Matt 24:45)
- Nature will obey your command (waves, wind, sycamore tree, fig tree) (Lk 17:6)

- The door of faith has been opened to the Gentiles (Acts 14:27)
- Our hearts are purified by faith. (Acts 15:9)
- Sanctified by faith (Acts 26:18)
- To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me. (Acts 26:18)
- The righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto and upon all them that believe. (Rom 3:22)
- Man is justified by faith without the deeds of the Law (Rom 3:28)
- We have peace with God through our LORD Jesus Christ (Rom 5:1)
- Access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Rom 5:2)
- For by grace are ye saved through faith – it is a gift of God. (Eph 2:8)
- Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith (Eph 3:17)
- Those who are counted faithful will be put into ministry (1 Tim 1:12)
- The communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus (Philemon 1:6)
- Followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises (Heb 6:12)
- Prayer of faith shall save the sick and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him (James 5:15)
- For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith (1 John 5:4)
- Build up yourselves on the most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost (Jude 1:20)
- Be faithful unto death and God will give you a crown of life (Rev 2:10)

WHAT DOES A LACK OF FAITH LOOK LIKE?

- There was no faithfulness in their mouth (Ps 5:9)
- Being a talebearer that reveals secrets (Prov 11:13)
- A false witness will utter lies (Prov 14:5)
- Proclaiming every one his own goodness (Prov 20:6)
- Loss of judgment and righteousness (Is 1:21)
- His soul which is lifted up is not upright in Him (Hab 2:4)
- Failing to trust in God for clothing (Matt 6:30)
- Being fearful (Matt 8:26)
- Full of doubt (Matt 14:31)
- Unbelief (Matt 17:20, John 20:27)
- Poor financial stewardship (Lk 16:11)
- Failure to provide for your own family (1 Tim 5:8)
- Resisting the truth, men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith (2 Tim 3:8)

- The word preached did not profit them, not mixed with faith in them that heard it. (Heb 4:2)

CONSEQUENCES OF LACK OF FAITH:

- God will hide His face from them (Deut 32:20)
- They are a froward generation, children in whom is no faith (Deut 32:20)
- Loss of true riches (souls) (Lk 16:11)
- Lose out on receiving things you own (like your own house, car, business, family, etc) and always working/caring for others and their things (Lk 16:12)
- Piercing yourself through with many sorrows (1 Tim 6:10)

WARNINGS:

- A faithful city can become an harlot because it lost judgment and righteousness, turning into murderers (Isaiah 1:21)
- Do not omit the weightier matters of the Law, judgment, mercy, and faith while obeying the little details like tithing (Matt 23:23)
- When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? (Lk 18:8)
- The devil will attack our faith and try to get it to fail. When we are converted, we must strengthen our brethren (Lk 22:32)
- Sorcerers will withstand them, seeking to turn them away from the faith (Acts 13:8)
- True faith cannot be present without love and hope, Faith worketh love (1 Cor 13:13, Gal 5:6)
- Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves (2 Cor 13:5)
- Putting away faith will shipwreck you (1 Tim 1:19)
- In the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils (1 Tim 4:1)

Divine Health

WHO GIVES & RESTORES HEALTH?

- The LORD – Yehovah, (YHWH) The proper name of the one true God (Deut 28:1, Ps 103:2-3)
 - o Jesus is Yehovah in the flesh (1 John 4:2, Is 40:3, Matt 3:3, Mark 1:2-11)
- Jesus Christ has already paid for our healing with every stripe of the whip (Is 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24)
- Jesus Christ healed EVERY sickness and EVERY disease, and is always willing (Matt 9:35, Matt 8:2-3)

WHAT IS DIVINE HEALTH?

- A reward of a merry & sound heart (Prov 14:30, 17:22)
- A physical blessing from God that accurately manifests a spiritual condition (Deut 28)
 - o A blessing that is given must be RECEIVED for it to do any good.
- A sickness / disease is the physical manifestation of a judgment from the LORD & a curse in action in one's life. (Deut 28, Prov 26:2, Jer 30:15, Rev 2:22-23)
- Medical healing is different than divine healing in that it is merely disease management, not disease eradication nor restoration of what disease has stolen (amputated limbs, surgically removed organs, etc. – Matt 15:30)
- Spiritual Justice when acted upon – enforcing payment by the blood of Jesus for the sins that have opened us up to curses.

WHO RECEIVES HEALTH?

- Those who listen to and obey the voice of the LORD and His commandments (Ex 15:26, Deut 7:12,15)
 - o Symbolism of woman with issue of blood touching Jesus "hem" or tzitzit (H3671 - Num 15:38-40, Deut 22:12, 1 King 6:27 – cherubim over the atonement seat, Ps 17:8, Ps 36:7, Ps 61:4, Mal 4:2. G2899 - Matt 9:20-22, Matt 14:36, Matt 23:5, Mark 6:56, Luk 8:44)
- Those who believe & put their faith into action (Matt 9:27-30, Mark 9:17-29)
- Those whose souls shall prosper (3 John 1:2)
- Those who have a circumcised heart (Deut 10:12-16, Deut 30, Jer 4:1-4, Col 2:8-15)
- Those who confess their sins from their hearts and pray for one another (James 5:16, Ps 6, Ps 30, Ps 41, Ps 103:3))
- Those that humble themselves & pray, seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways (2 Chron 7:14, 2 Chron 30:18-20, Matt 23:12, James 4:10)

- Those who see with their eyes, hear with their ears, & understand with their heart (Is 6:10)
- Those who speak life (Prov 18:21)
- Those who shall dwell in heaven (Rev 22:2)
- Those who forgive others as we have been forgiven (Matt 18:34-35)
- Those who accomplish the heart's desire (Prov 13:12, 13:19)
- Those who receive mercy, with the admonishment to sin no more lest a worse thing come upon them (John 5:14, Rom 9:15)

WHEN DO WE GET HEALTH?

- According to your faith so be it (Matt 9:29)
- Sometimes immediately upon obedience (Matt 8:2-3, 2 Kings 5:14)
- Sometimes as they worked out their obedience (Luke 17:14)
- Fear the LORD & depart from evil (Prov 3:8)
- Speedily when we pay attention to the words of the LORD & keep them in the midst of our heart (Prov 4:20-22)
- When the breach has been healed (Isaiah 30:26)
- When we have compassion & minister to those less fortunate than we are (Is 58:7-8)

HOW DO WE HEAL TODAY?

- Become a disciple of Jesus (Matt 10:1, Luke 9:1-2) with the anointing of the Spirit of the LORD upon you (Luke 4:18, Is 10:27, 11:2-3, Acts 10:38, 1 Cor 12:1-11, 27-31) & wield your God-given authority (Luke 10:19).
- Repent of unbelief (Mark 6:5-6, Mark 9:23-24)
- Lay believing hands on the sick and they shall recover (Mark 16:17-18)
 - o Example of JNK's 4" cranial artery laceration instantly closing.
- Sick commanded to go to the elders of the church for the prayer of faith, confess your faults, & be anointed with oil in the name of Jesus Christ (James 5:14-16)
 - o Example of JNK's umbilical hernia, took 7 days to shrink & disappear
 - o **Requires the elders to HAVE faith in the first place
- Cast out demons, sometimes with the aid of fasting. (Matt 12:22, Mark 9:14-29, Luke 8:27-36)
 - o Example of MK's SPD w/ Autistic behaviours instantly healed.
- Interceding with faith & compassion (Gen 20:17, Matt 8:13, 14:14, 15:21-28)
 - o Compassion - a feeling of deep sympathy for another ACCOMPANIED by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering. Action required.
 - o We can move the hand of the LORD on behalf of those who have prepared their hearts to seek God (2 Chron 30:18-20)
 - o Examples – Father with Dengue hemorrhagic fever & Hepatitis NonA/NonB raised from palliative bed. Julia's broken mind & broken back instantly healed.

- Beseech/Entreat the LORD in prayer to change His mind (Hezekiah – 2 Kings 20:1-11; Is 19:22, Matt 21:21-22)
- With a wise tongue & pleasant, life-giving words (Prov 12:18, Prov 16:24, Prov 18:21, Matt 8:16)
- Be wise shepherds, teaching the afflicted that poor health is chastisement for individual & generational iniquity & sin, as well as the rewards freely available for sincere repentance (Ex 20:5-6, Jer 23:1-4, 30:12-17, 50:4-6 Ez 33:1-5, Hos 5:15, Hos 6:1, Nahum 3:18-19)
- Build their faith by testimonies or actual examples (Acts 14:9, 28:8-9)

Heart Attitude

DEFINITIONS:

Attitude - a settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior.

Heart – where our spirit resides.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Deut 6:5** - And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart (spirit) and with all your soul (soul – mind/will/emotions) and with all your strength (physical body).
- **Matthew 12:34** - ³⁴ O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.
- **Prov 4:23** - ²³ Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.
- **Matthew 6:21** - For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- **Luke 6:45** - A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.
- **Luke 9:47** - And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by Him,
- **Philippians 4:7** - And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- **Colossians 3:15** - And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

GOD AND OUR HEARTS:

- God can give us another heart – a supernatural heart transplant! (Saul – 1 Sam 10:9)
- God can touch our hearts (1 Sam 10:26)
- God seeks for a man after His own heart (1 Sam 13:14)
- God can turn our hearts back to Him (1 Kings 18:37)
- God searches all hearts and tries our hearts (1 Chron 28:9, 29:17)
- God can prepare our hearts unto Him (1 Chron 29:18)
- God can place wisdom in our hearts (2 Chron 9:23)
- God can put such a thing in the King's heart (Ezra 7:27)
- God can take away the heart of the chief of people causing them to wander in a wilderness (Job 12:24)
- God can hide their heart from understanding (Job 17:4)
- We can ASK God to examine and prove our reins and our hearts (Ps 26:2)
- God shall strengthen thine heart (Ps 27:14)

- God can revive the heart of the contrite ones (Is 57:15)
- God will put His Law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts (Jer 31:33)
- God will put His fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from Him (Jer 32:40)
- God will give them one heart, and He will put a new spirit within you; and He will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh (Ez 11:19)
- The LORD direct your hearts into the love of God (2 Thess 3:5)

STATES OF THE HEART – POSITIVE:

- Integrity of my heart (Gen 20:5)
- Wise-hearted (Ex 25:2)
- A willing heart (Ex 35:5)
- Wisdom of heart (Ex 35:35)
- Humbled heart (Lev 26:41)
- Uprightness of heart (Deut 9:5)
- Heart to perceive (Deut 29:4)
- Circumcised heart (Deut 30:6)
- Heart of the corporate people (Josh 14:8) (***could be negative, depending on condition*)
- Heart towards a person (2 Sam 14:1) (***could be negative, depending on person*)
- Heart is as the heart of a lion (2 Sam 17:10)
- Understanding heart (1 Kings 3:9)
- Largeness of heart (1 Kings 4:29)
- Perfect heart (1 Kings 15:14)
- A right heart (2 Kings 10:15)
- Tender heart (2Chron 34:27)
- Whole heart (Ps 9:1)
- Pure heart (Ps 24:4)
- A broken heart (Ps 34:18)
- Thy Law is within my heart (Ps 40:8)
- A clean heart (Ps 51:10)
- A contrite heart (Ps 51:17)
- A deep heart (Ps 64:6)
- Established (Ps 112:8)
- A sound heart (Ps 119:80)
- Heart of the righteous (Prov 15:28)
- Prudent heart (Prov 18:15)
- Heart of kings is unsearchable (Prov 25:3)
- Meek & lowly in heart (Matt 11:29)
- Singleness of heart (Acts 2:46)
- True heart (Heb 10:22)

NEGATIVE STATES OF THE HEART:

- Uncircumcised hearts (Lev 26:41)
- Obstinate heart (Deut 2:30)
- Deceived heart (Deut 11:16)
- Wicked heart (Deut 15:9)
- Naughtiness of heart (1 Sam 17:28)
- Heart was not perfect with the LORD His God (1 Kings 11:4)
- Of a double heart (1 Chron 12:33)
- Pride of His heart (2 Chron 32:26)
- Soft heart (Job 23:16)
- Disquietness of my heart (Ps 38:8)
- Froward (Ps 101:4)
- Smitten heart (Ps 102:4)
- Heart as fat as grease (Ps 119:70)
- Haughty heart (Ps 131:1)
- Subtil of heart (Prov 7:10)
- Deceitful heart (Prov 12:20)
- Heart of fools (Prov 12:23)
- Backslider in heart (Prov 14:14)
- Hasty heart (Ecc 5:2)
- Vexation of heart (Ecc 2:22)
- Woman's heart of snares & nets (Ecc 7:26)
- Stoutness of heart (Is 9:9)
- Rebellious heart (Jer 5:23)
- Whorish heart (Ez 6:9)
- Divided heart (Hos 10:2)
- Their heart was exalted (Hos 13:6)
- Cut to the heart (Acts 5:33)
- Impenitent heart (Rom 2:5)
- Blindness of heart (Eph 4:18)
- Evil heart of unbelief (Heb 3:12)
- Bitter envying and strife in your hearts (James 3:14)

POSITIVE HEART ACTIONS:

- Spoke in His heart (Gen 8:21, Gen 17:17)
- Set His heart to do this (Ex 7:23) ***Could be negative too, depending on direction.*
- Giving willingly with His heart (Ex 25:2)
- God puts in His heart that he may teach (Ex 35:34)
- Seeking Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul (Deut 4:29)
- Consider in thine heart (Deut 4:39)

- Such a heart that they would fear God & keep all my commandments always (Deut 5:29)
- Know what was in thine heart (Deut 8:2)
- Everyone whose heart stirred him up (Ex 35:21)
- Love and serve and obey the LORD your God with all your heart (Deut 11:13, Deut 30:2)
- Lay up God's word in your heart (Deut 11:18)
- Incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel (Josh 24:23)
- Great searchings of heart (Judges 5:16)
- Comfort thine heart (Judg 19:5)
- Reign over all that thine heart desires (2 Sam 3:21)
- Find in His heart to pray (2 Sam 7:27)
- Thou didst well that it was in thine heart (1 Kings 8:18)
- Walk before Thee with all their heart (1 Kings 8:23)
- Follow God with all His heart (1 Kings 14:8)
- Went not mine heart with thee? (2 Kings 5:26) ***Spirit travel*
- Mine heart shall be knit unto you. (1 Chron 12:17)
- Prepare our hearts to seek the LORD (2 Chron 12:14)
- Speak truth in His heart (Ps 15:2)
- Meditation of my heart (Ps 19:14)
- My heart shall not fear (Ps 27:3)
- My heart trusted in Him (Ps 28:7)
- My heart is fixed (Ps 57:7)
- Pour out your heart before Him (Ps 62:8)
- Apply our hearts unto wisdom (Ps 90:12)
- Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD (Ps 105:3)
- My heart stands in awe of thy word (Ps 119:161)
- Heart keeps God's commandments (Prov 3:1)
- Let thine heart retain my words (Prov 4:4)
- Light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart (Prov 15:30)
- For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he (Prov 23:7)
- Guide thine heart in the way (Prov 23:19)
- Wash thine heart from wickedness (Jer 4:14)
- All my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart (Ez 3:10)
- Purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself (Dan 1:8)
- Kept the matter in my heart (Dan 7:28)
- Rend your hearts (Joel 2:13)
- To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children (Luke 1:17)
- The thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. (Luke 2:35)
- Believe with all thine heart (Acts 8:37)
- Purifying their hearts by faith (Acts 15:9)
- Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us (Rom 5:5)
- Obey from the heart (Rom 6:17)
- Make melody in your heart to the LORD (Eph 5:19)
- Purify your hearts (James 4:8)

- Sanctify the LORD God in your hearts (1 Peter 3:15)
- The day stay arise in your hearts (2 Pet 1:19)

NEGATIVE HEART ACTIONS:

- Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only continually evil (Gen 6:5)
- Harden his heart (Ex 4:21) ***you do it yourself or God do it to you.*
- All the plagues sent upon thine heart (Ex 9:14)
- Seeking after your own heart (Num 15:39)
- Lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life (Deut 4:9)
- Thine heart be lifted up (Deut 8:14)
- Turn your heart away (Deut 17:17)
- Bless himself in his heart (Deut 29:19)
- Great thoughts of heart (Judges 5:15)
- Told/shewed her all his heart (Samson) (Judg 16:17)
- Heart died within him (1 Sam 25:37)
- Despised him in her heart (2 Sam 6:16)
- Bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man (2 Sam 19:14)
- Devised [rebellion via creating unscriptural religious holidays] of his own heart (1 Kings 12:33)
- Presume in his heart to do something (Esther 7:5)
- Curse God in their hearts (Job 1:5)
- Heart can be secretly enticed (Job 31:27)
- Hypocrites in heart (Job 36:13)
- Mischief in their hearts (Ps 28:3)
- My heart panteth, my strength faileth (Ps 38:10)
- War was in His heart (Ps 55:21)
- Setting your heart on riches (Ps 62:10)
- Regarding iniquity in your heart (Ps 66:18)
- Tempting God in their heart (Ps 78:18)
- Bringing down their heart with labour (Ps 107:12)
- Hope deferred makes the heart sick (Prov 13:12)
- His heart fretted against the LORD (Prov 19:3)
- Heart envying sinners (Prov 23:17)
- Thine heart shall utter perverse things (Prov 23:33)
- Heart studying destruction (Prov 24:2)
- Removed their heart far from God (Is 29:13)
- Prophecy out of their own hearts (Ez 13:2)
- Set up idols in their heart (Ez 14:4)
- Their heart goeth after their covetousness (Ez 33:31)
- His heart shall be against the holy covenant (Dan 11:28)
- Imagine evil against His brother in your heart (Zech 7:10)

- Adultery in the heart (Matt 5:28)
- Reasoning in their hearts (Mark 2:6)
- Pricked in their hearts (Acts 2:37)
- Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost (Acts 5:3)
- Their hearts turned back again into Egypt (Act 7:39)

HEART EMOTIONS:

- Grieved (Gen 6:6)
- Comfort your heart (Gen 18:5)
- Heart failed them due to fear (Gen 42:28)
- Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed not the report about Joseph being alive (Gen 45:26)
- Gladness of heart (Ex 4:14, Deut 28:47)
- Hate in your heart (Lev 19:17)
- Sorrow of heart (Lev 26:16)
- Discouraged heart (Num 32:7, Deut 1:28)
- Hot heart (Deut 19:6)
- Astonishment of heart (Deut 28:28 – listed as a curse!)
- Trembling heart (Deut 28:65 – another curse!)
- Hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man (Joshua 2:11)
- Merry heart (Judg 16:25)
- My heart rejoices (1 Sam 2:1)
- David's heart smote him (2 Sam 24:10) (**conviction)
- Heart is overwhelmed (Ps 61:2)
- Lust (Ps 81:12)
- Wounded heart (Ps 109:22)
- Desolate heart (Ps 143:4)
- Heaviness of heart (Prov 12:25)
- Bitter heart (Prov 14:10)
- Heavy heart (Prov 25:20)
- Fearful heart (Is 35:4)

WARNINGS:

- Those who God has appeared to will be held accountable for the experience.
 - o [1 Kings 11:9](#) - And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice.
- It is possible to do what is right but without a perfect heart.
 - o [2 Chronicles 25:2](#) - And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.

Praise & Worship

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

- Worship - Shachah H7812: to bow down, prostrate oneself
- Praise – Yadah H3034:
 - o to shoot (arrows)
 - o to cast/cast down/throw down
 - o to give thanks, laud, praise
 - o to confess the name of God
 - o to confess sin
 - o to give thanks

WORSHIP:

- Is intentional (Gen 22:5)
- Requires separating oneself from those who are not worshipping and pursuing God in wholehearted obedience (Gen 22:5)
- Bowing our head and recognizing God is the head of everything (Gen 24:48)
- Is birthed in the heart then produces physical action (Gen 24:52)
- Varying degrees of intimacy available – afar off (Ex 24:1) or come near the LORD face to face (Ex 24:2, Ex 33:11)
- Should not be delayed (Ex 34:8)
- By faith (Heb 11:21)

FALSE WORSHIP:

- Turning aside from the way God commanded and bowing down under something/one else's rule (Ex 32:8)
- Sacrificing (time, money, resources, children) to something other than God (Ex 32:8)
- Giving praise where it is NOT due (i.e. your job when God is your provider) (Ex 32:8)
- Will feel driven (pressure) to worship them (Deut 4:19)
- Will feel compelled to serve them (leaders serving false gods; everyone else doing it; its the easier way) (Deut 4:19)
- Involves deception, clever counterfeits that take God's glory, enticement, spiritual deafness, and turning away of your heart (Deut 30:17; Ex 32:8)
- Obeying any other set of commandments other than the ones God has before us (1 Kings 9:6)

- Will have their own places, vestments, altars, music and gods of worship (2 Kings 10:22; 21:3, Dan 3:7)
- The idol's substance will have dual usage. Part of the idol's substance (wood, gold, concept, etc) will be used to make the idol and the other part to cook our food over (Is 44:15)
- Will somehow involve the works of our own hands (Jer 1:16)
- Vain worship, teaching the traditions and doctrines of men contrary to the Law (Matt 15:9; Acts 18:13)
- Worshiping the creature more than the Creator (Rom 1:25)
- False humility, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind (Col 2:18)
- Worshiping angels (Col 2:18)
- A show of wisdom in will worship, humility & neglecting the body (Col 2:23)
- They can have supernatural power for signs & wonders (Rev 13:12,15; Rev 19:20)

WHAT PROVOKES US TO WORSHIP THE LORD?

- Obedience, even when its hard (Gen 22:5; Ex 34:14)
- Hope of deliverance (Judges 7:15)
- Success of our delegated plans & purposes (Gen 24:48)
- Remembering the LORD and walking in His ways (Deut 8:19)
- Bringing our Firstfruits to the LORD and remembering all has given us (Deut 26:10)
- A heart to hear and obey His instructions (Josh 5:14)
- A repentant heart that recognizes God's supremacy in all things (2 Sam 12:20)
- We will one day be measured (Rev 11:1)
- Our names are in the book of life (Rev 13:8)

HOW SHOULD WE WORSHIP?

- In the beauty of holiness (1 Chr 16:29; Ps 29:2; Ps 96:9)
- By bowing our heads (submitting to His authority, humility, giving reverence) (1 Chr 29:20)
- Falling/prostrating onself before the LORD (2 Chron 20:18)
- With our voices & instruments & burnt offerings (2 Chron 29:28)
- Lifting our hands (Neh 8:6)
- During times of sorrow and grief (Job 1:20)
- In thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple (Ps 5:7)
- Sing unto to thee and thy name (Ps 66:4)
- Kneeling before the LORD our maker (Ps 95:6)
- Worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem (Is 27:13)
- Worship at the threshold and door of the gate and exit through the gate ahead of you, not turning back to retrace your steps (Ez 46:2,8)
- Enter in at the gates of the LORD's house to worship the LORD (Jer 7:2)
- By walking after the LORD, serving Him, and keeping His Law (Jer 16:11)
- Keep the Feast of Tabernacles, that we may receive rain (Zech 14:16, 17)

- In the fear of the LORD, not vainly by teaching the doctrines and commandments of men. (Matt 15:9)
- Confess our sins for God heareth not sinners (John 9:31)
- Do His will that He will hear (Jn 9:31)
- Observing God's ordained feasts (Acts 24:11, Zech 14:16)
- Believe all things which are written in the Law and in the prophets (Acts 24:14)
- Worship God in the spirit with a circumcised heart (Phil 3:3)

WHY SHOULD WE WORSHIP GOD?

- He commands it! (Matt 4:10)
- For He is holy (Ps 99:5)
- The LORD is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and He shall choose thee (Is 49:7)
- God is the one who can make us clean (Matt 8:2)
- He can make us live and live more abundantly! (Matt 9:18; John 10:10)
- He can help us (Matt 15:25)
- It gives us great joy (Lk 24:52)
- Worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the father seeks such to worship Him (John 4:23)

WHY SHOULD WE PRAISE?

- He is thy praise, and He is thy God, that has done these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen (Deut 10:21)
- The LORD is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies (2 Sam 22:4)
- Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods (1 Chron 16:25)
- Praise the LORD; for His mercy endureth forever (2 Chron 20:21)
- He inhabits the praises of Israel (Ps 22:3)
- God puts a new song of praise in my mouth (Ps 40:3)
- His praise endureth forever (Ps 111:10)
- He makes the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children (Ps 113:9)
- He hears us and has become my salvation (Ps 118:21)
- His name alone is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven (Ps 148:13)
- Replace the spirit of heaviness with a garment of praise (Is 61:3)

WHEN SHOULD WE PRAISE?

- When we deliver children (Gen 29:35)
- Harvesting the 4th year's fruit trees (Lev 19:24)
- Morning and evening (1 Chron 23:30)
- As God commands before going into battle (2 Chron 20:22)
- Day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the LORD during the feasts
- When we seek Him (Ps 22:26)
- Continually (Ps 34:1)
- When you keep Holydays (Ps 42:4) (**that is NOT a spelling error!)
- Even when our soul is cast down and disquieted within me (Ps 42:11)
- In the assembly of the elders, the upright, and in the congregation (Ps 107:32; 111:1)
- 7 times a day because of thy righteous judgments (Ps 119:164)
- When we have been taught His statutes (Ps 119:171)

HOW SHOULD WE PRAISE?

- By bringing the tree fruit of the 4th year's harvest (Lev 19:24)
- With singing (Judges 5:3)
- With instruments (1 Chron 23:5)
- Lifting up our voices (2 Chron 5:13)
- Praising His glorious name. (1 Chron 29:13)
- Standing up (2 Chron 20:19)
- Be taught to sing praise (2 Chron 23:13)
- With the words of minstrels, prophets, and seers (2 Chron 29:30)
- With gladness (2 Chron 29:30)
- Praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD (2 Chron 31:2)
- Praise Him according to His righteousness (Ps 7:17)
- By being upright (Ps 33:1)
- Sing with understanding (Ps 47:7)
- Praise His word (Ps 56:10)
- Sing unto thee among the nations (Ps 57:9)
- Shew forth thy praise to all generations (Ps 79:13)
- Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name (Ps 100:4)
- Praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! (Ps 107:8)
- With our whole hearts (Ps 111:1)
- All thy works shall praise thee (Ps 145:10)
- In the dance (Ps 149:3)

- With a two-edged sword in their hand (Ps 149:6)
- For His mighty acts (Ps 150:2)
- Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise (Matt 21:16)
- Love the praise of God more than the praise of men (John 12:43, Rom 2:29)

CONCLUSION

Congratulations on completing the study of The Fear of the LORD & Prosper! I trust as you have meditated on and applied what you have read, you have learned many new things and made the Most High God, the LORD God of Israel, your God. What was made confusing by man-made doctrines has hopefully been restored to its simplicity. If you have taken this teaching to heart, you will no longer doubt that you know that you know God intimately, evidenced by your obedience to His commandments. Your actions will declare your pure love for the LORD as you obey His commandments. You will grow in freedom, abundant life, blessings, power and authority as you abound in hearing His voice and obeying His commandments.

Once you have confessed your sin as you have discovered it, and started walking in repentance, the next step is to connect with the transformational power of the Holy Spirit. He is the axel that connects the individuals who fear the LORD together and start to move together in unity as the Body of Christ with Jesus Christ as our head. One can only build upon a solid foundation of Jesus Christ, the Word. All else will crumble in the storms of life. A truck without wheels and power is useless.

If you have not yet received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and been born again of the Spirit, you can ask Him for it right where you are and surrender your heart into His loving care. You don't need to wait for a Holy Spirit-filled person to lay hands on you like Paul did in Acts 19, although that is another valid option. I was in my car driving when I was filled with the Holy Spirit and started speaking in tongues on Dec 26, 2013 after I repented and asked for forgiveness of thinking speaking in tongues was demonic. I then asked God to give me whatever was His good and perfect gift and protect me from the counterfeit. When we ask the Heavenly Father for a good thing, He will not give us a bad thing.

Continue to daily feast on the word of God with the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth and revelation. A thorough study and application of WHAT God's commandments are will help you walk into the fullness of blessings that await the Bride of Christ, who is to be without spot or blemish.

An option would be to walk with me through the sequel to this course, "The Law through the Eyes of Jesus." As of the summer of 2019, it is in progress of being taught via FB live/YouTube – My Father's Witness - and links/notes are posted on my website – <http://myfatherswitness.com/my-blog/tag/theLawthroughtheeyesofjesus> and will eventually be made into another study manual.

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