

## CHAPTER EIGHT

1. When the right time came, **God** sent forth His **Son**, born of a woman, born subject to the law (Gal. 4:4); so we could receive this amazing testimony – the truth and evidence – eternal life is from God – life that is in His Son (1 John 5:11); Yes, when the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son (Gal 4:4), the last Adam, so my Beloved could become a Life-giving Spirit, restoring the dead to life (1 Cor. 15:45); and that we could positively know that nothing false (no deception, no lie) is of the Truth; so we would not remain ignorant, and not be able to perceive or know the Truth (1 John 2:21); the One I love, Jesus Christ, is the Way of the Truth, He is the Life – no one can come to the Father and receive Truth and Life unless they follow the Way God has forged, and that is through Jesus (John 14:6); the Word of God removes from us the ways of falsehood and unfaithfulness we have traveled; God graciously imparts His Word so we can discover and hopefully, ultimately choose the way of Truth and Faithfulness (Ps. 119:29–30); the way to Jesus and Holy Spirit so anyone and everyone can perceive this amazing truth – God considers us friends when we do what He tells us to do (John 15:14).
2. The Holy One has extended peace to you like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing river; you will be **nursed**; God will comfort you on the hip and bounce you on the knees; you will be comforted in Jerusalem; you will see this, and your heart will burst with joy; the hand of the Lord will be made known to His servants; it will become apparent that God is on your side and against His enemies; for see, the Lord will arrive like wild fire and with chariots like a tornado to pour out the fury of His anger, a rebuke fierce and fiery; for it's by fire and by His sword that God brings judgment; and many are under God's sentence of death (Isa 66:12–16).

3. However, we can rejoice and be glad in God's lovingkindness (Ps 31:7); because whoever does the will of the Father in heaven is brother and sister and mother to the One I love (Matt. 12:50); since, from the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him – and all along He knew who would – should be like His Son (Rom. 8:29); His cherished Son (Luke 20:13), Who He sent into the world He so loved (John 3:16); to carefully join those who believe and trust in Him together with my Beloved as parts of a beautiful, and constantly growing temple; we are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven; instead, we are members of God's very own **family**, citizens of God's country, and we belong in God's household with every other Christian; yes, in Christ Jesus we are being built together to become a dwelling in which God Himself lives by His Spirit (Eph. 2:19-22).
4. Those who keep God's command: to believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, abides in Him, and remains in fellowship with Him; God lives in us; and we know this by the Spirit Whom He has given us; so we can live deeply and surely in Him, and experience the deep and abiding presence of (1 John 22-24) God, Who created the heavens; He formed the earth and made it; He established it and did not create it to be a worthless **waste**; the Lord God, there is no one else, Who formed the earth to be inhabited (Isa. 45:18); yes, the One I love made the world and everything in it, and does not live in temples built by hands; He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all people life and breath and everything else (Acts 14:24-25); so we can stretch out our hands, and receive what we ask because we are doing what He said, doing what pleases Him (1 John 3:22a).

5. The One I love committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth; when insults were hurled at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats; instead, He entrusted Himself to God Who judges justly; Jesus agreed to bear our sins in His body on that tree, so we too might choose to die to sin, and live for righteousness; by the wounds of my Beloved we have been healed; Yes, like sheep we have all gone astray, but now **we have** returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls (1 Peter 2:22-25); a High Priest Who meets our needs – One Who is holy, blameless, pure, and set apart from sinners and exalted above the heavens (Heb. 7:26); God made my Beloved Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21); so that we could come close to God, for He desires to come close to us (James 4:8); so why allow complacency, which breeds self-satisfaction and denial, a self-imposed sense of contentment; instead, be deeply penitent and grieve; let there be tears for what you have done and are doing; let there be sorrow because your loyalty has been divided between God and the world; yes, let there be sadness instead of laughter; we must humble ourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt us and lift us up in honor (James 4:8-10).
6. My Beloved, Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior has dealt graciously with us, as evidenced by His wonderful act; the One I love has intervened for us with the most awe-inspiring miracle, so the enemy would withdraw from us (Jer. 21:2); Yes, God sent His Son to be the Door of the Sheep (John 10:7), His blood has been applied giving us entrance to heaven's Most Holy Place (Heb. 10:19); (the blood of God's atoning sacrifice) – shed by my Beloved, every drop has made manifest the love of God – not that we loved God, but that He first loved us (1 John 4:9-10); with a love so great, He restored and renewed our lives through His righteousness (Ps. 119:40), reviving us according to His Word (Ps. 119:107); Who became flesh, and dwelt among us (John 1:14); so we could see the glory of Him Who alone is God, Who saves us through Christ Jesus our Lord; yes, splendor and majesty, all power and authority are His from the beginning; His they are and His they evermore shall be; it is the Beloved of heaven, Who is able to keep us from slipping and falling away, and bring us into God's glorious presence **without** fault and with great and everlasting joy (Jude 24).

7. So **kiss** the Son, pay homage to Him in purity, for soon shall His wrath be kindled, and many will perish in the way; however, everyone who seeks refuge and puts their trust in my Beloved are blessed (Ps. 2:12); yes, what blessings there are for those disciplined by the One I love, for those He instructs in His word; giving them power to stay calm in the days of adversity, until the pit of corruption is dug for the wicked; for **neither** will He abandon His special possession; nor will the Lord ever walk away from or **spurn** His people; justice will return and bring fairness; and those who want to do right will be there to see it (Ps. 94:12-15).
8. In His kindness, my heavenly Father spared my life (Ps. 119:88a); **and in** His unfailing love He revived me so I could obey His Word (Ps. 119:88b); sending the Spirit of Truth to guide me into all truth (John 16:13), to teach me all things, and remind me of everything the Word of God has said (John 14:25); helping me to remember Christ's patient endurance, **bringing** me into an ever deeper understanding of the love of God; for it is necessary for me to live a godly life, and withdraw from those who are slack in the performance of duty and disorderly, living as shirkers refusing to follow the teachings of God's Word (2 Thess. 3:5); their doom has been predicted from long ago; ungodly people, who have set themselves against God because they deny Christ Jesus our only Master and Lord (Jude 4); they weave fabrications and plot maliciously (Jer. 48:45a), because they despise and trifle with the wealth of God's kindness and forbearance and His long-suffering patience, it means nothing to them; they are ignorant and can't see that God's kindness is intended to **lead** them to repentance (Rom. 2:4a); sadly, they will be devoured by fire with all the rebellious people of the land (Jer. 48:45b).
9. Many are spiritually impoverished, and return **to build** up the desolate places, making waste with their deeds of violence and destruction; however, God will tear and throw down; and they will be called the Wicked Country, the people against whom the Lord has indignation forever (Mal.1:4); because they have been duped by the author of confusion who stands at the **parting** of the way, at the fork of the two ways (peace with God or contention); he is using divination and sorcery to pierce, to wound, to abate and to bring in contempt and scorn, while consulting with images of idols is being done (Ezek. 21:21).

10. They are so spiritually impoverished they have no idea how dangerous it is, and how badly it will turn out for them because they keep kicking against the **goad** offering vain and perilous resistance (Acts 9:5); however, they too can realize the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus; for I was also once a blasphemer and a persecutor; I was shamefully and outrageously and aggressively insulting to my God; nevertheless, I obtained mercy, and the grace of my Beloved was poured out on me abundantly (1 Tim. 1:13a,a4); because I repented and humbled myself and cried out before my God (2 Chron. 34:27).
11. The day of wrath is coming soon, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed (Rom. 2:5a); when people will **drink the wine** of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of His wrath (Rev. 14:10); why are the nations so angry; why do they waste their time making such futile and foolish plans; the kings of the earth **prepare** for battle; the rulers join together to plot and to fight against the Lord and His chosen King; they say, 'Let's rebel against them, and free ourselves from slavery to God' (Ps. 2:1-3); however, the destruction of spiritual Babylon, the world system organized by "the beast" will fall, to become a home for demons; a hideout for every foul spirit, every foul vulture and every foul and dreadful animal; all the nations will fall because they have drunk the **wine** of its passionate immorality; the kings of the world have committed adultery, which produced desires for extravagant luxury, causing the merchants of the world to grow rich (Rev. 18:2-3).
12. Babylon has been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, which made the whole earth drunk; the nations **drank** its **wine**; therefore, they have now gone mad (Jer. 51:7); but the One Who rules in heaven laughs at them; my Beloved scoffs at them; then in anger He rebukes them, terrifying them with His fierce fury; He declares, 'I have chosen my King, and He will rule on Zion, My holy mountain' (Ps. 2:4-6); yes, from Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth (Ps. 50:2); for God has **exalted** Jesus to His own right hand as Prince and Savior, in order to grant repentance to His people, and to bestow forgiveness and release from sins (Acts 5:31).

13. God's **left hand**, His Holy Spirit, has **clothed** us with the newness of life so we can learn more and more what is right and true; so we can constantly keep trying to be more and more like Christ, Who created this new life within us; a life where one's nationality or race or education or social position are unimportant; these things mean nothing (Col. 3:10-11a); the Lord has mercy on us, so I look to Him for protection; I will hide **beneath** the shadow of His wings until the danger passes by; yes, I cry out to God Most High, to God Who will fulfill His purpose for me; He has sent help from heaven to rescue me, disgracing those who pursue me; the One I love will punish the one who attacks me (Ps. 57:1-3).
14. I rejoice for the dwelling of God is with His people; soon God Himself will be living with us; for death and mourning and crying and pain will be tread down; they will be no more, because the old order of things will pass away (Rev. 21:3-4); the sun will not beat upon us, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our Shepherd; He will lead us to springs of living water; and God will rise up to wipe away every tear from our eyes (Rev. 7:16-17); for we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Eph. 2:10); therefore, it is essential a person have Christ Jesus, Who is the **Head** of the Body (Col. 1:18).
15. The Church, and my Beloved are available to all (3:11b); for God showed His marvelous loving-kindness to the world; revealing by His **right hand** He saves those who trust (Ps. 17:7a), who **turn** from transgression (Isa. 59:20) to take refuge in Him (Ps. 17:7b); His loving **embrace** meant for all to know and experience for He took One very special Lamb for a guilt and trespass offering to make atonement for all, the rich and the poor alike, cleansing our leprous souls, making us clean; and our High Priest, Christ Jesus, offers everyone new beginnings when they come in faith trusting in the power of the sacrificial blood of the Lamb of God (Lev. 14:20-24).

16. The Son of God came to **seven Himself** with all mankind, for everyone was separated from God, utterly estranged and outlawed, strangers with no share in the sacred compacts of God's covenants; with no hope in the world for they were without God; but, those who were once so very far away are brought near to God through the blood of the One I love (Eph. 2:12-13); for this is how God showed His love for us; He sent His only Son into the world so we might live through Him; this is the King of love we are talking about – not that we once upon a time loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with Him (1 John 4:9-10); yes, Christ Himself suffered when He died for us, and with that one death He paid for our sins; my Beloved was not guilty, but He died for people who are guilty; the One I love did this to bring us to God; in His physical form He was killed, but He was made alive by the Spirit (1 Peter 3:18).
17. Are we numb to the Word of God or just ignorant to the phenomenal, miraculous, mind-blowing fact that Holy Spirit, Who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us because the One I love has made us right with God; Who desires to give new life to our mortal bodies as He did for my Beloved when He raised Him from the dead (Rom. 8:10); unfortunately, there are many people who are impressively energetic regarding God – but they are going about things backwards; refusing to deal with God on His terms regarding Salvation, which is God's business; because we regularly suffer boundary issues, lines have been crossed and Salvation is being offered in many creative, but ineffective ways; because the earlier revelation set within the Law was intended to prepare us for the Messiah, Who miraculously puts right those who trust He can and will do it; Christ, God's Anointed One, is the end of the Law; Jesus brings all who believe into right **relationship** with God (Rom. 10:2-4); for Christ Himself is our way of **peace**, our bond of unity and harmony; for He abolished in His own crucified flesh the enmity caused by the Law with its decrees and ordinances that favored the Jews and excluded the Gentiles, for He died to annul that whole system of laws; my Beloved made both the Jew and the Gentile to become one body, to create in Himself one new quality of humanity out of the two, so at last there could be peace (Eph. 2:14-15).

18. Now everyone can come to God the Father with Holy Spirit's help because of what Christ did (Eph. 2:18); when He **stirred up** His might to save and restore us (Ps. 80:2); it is only by means of the blood of the Lamb and the utterance of our testimony that we overcome him, the accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10-11); because whenever a person turns in repentance to the One I love, the veil that covered our minds preventing us from understanding the truth is taken away (2 Cor. 3:16a); making it possible for us to start living a brand new kind of life, because of a decision to no longer conform to the pattern of this world (Rom. 12:2); so we can experience a life that is new every day, as we grow in our understanding of the One Who made us (Col. 3:10); as we come to know and believe the Word of God, which says such things as, the face of the Lord shines in pleasure and approval on those He saves (Ps. 80:19); yes, the precious blood of the Lamb of God removes that veil to **open eyes** so we can see and reflect the glory of the Lord (2 Cor. 3:16b);
19. I pray the Good News of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 8:12) brings cheer to all who are discouraged; my hope is this news will bring encouragement to those who are afraid; for our God is coming to destroy our enemies, so be strong and fear not (Isa. 35:3); allow the **love** of Christ to strengthen, perfect and complete you, and make you what you ought to be (Heb. 13:21); for you have wrestled with your thoughts far too long; struggling everyday with sorrow in your heart; **how long** will you feel as though your enemy is triumphing over you (Ps. 13:2)?

20. Let the Word of God encourage and console and comfort you; let Holy Spirit help you to have the same mind of Christ, for He suffered for you, for all of us; therefore, we need to arm ourselves with the same thought and purpose, to patiently suffer rather than fail to please God; for whoever has suffered in the flesh is done with intentional sin; they will stop pleasing themselves and the world, and become intentional about directing their focus **toward pleasing** God (1 Peter 4:1); for He is about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and we will come and see His glory (Isa. 66:18); yes, in just a very little while, He **Who** is coming will come and will not delay (Heb. 10:37a); eyes will see the One Who was pierced for our sins coming with the clouds (Rev. 1:7); so don't shrink back and displease Him; rather live by faith for this is what His righteous ones will choose to do (Heb.10:37b).
21. The people of God need to be aroused, and clothe themselves with **strength** (Isa. 52:1); for the One I love will **bring** some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or word of instruction (1 Cor. 14:6); so don't lose heart or become fearful at what you may be suffering; in all of this God's purpose is that through the Church, the children of Zion would display the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God to all the unseen rulers and authorities, principalities and powers in the heavenly sphere; this was God's eternal plan, which He carried out through my Beloved, Christ Jesus; in Whom, because of our faith in Him, we can dare have the boldness and confidence of free access to God with freedom and without fear (Eph. 3:10-13).
22. God will one day judge everyone according to what they have done; He will **give** eternal life to those who practice doing good, who seek after the glory and honor and immortality that only God can offer (Rom. 2:5b-6); who **lean** not on their own understanding, because they trust in my Beloved with all their heart (Prov. 3:5); they have given themselves to the Lord trusting He will show them where to walk; trusting they will hear of His unfailing **love** each and every morning (Ps. 143:8); however, the One I love will pour out His anger on those who live for themselves, who resist and fight against the truth, living lives of wickedness (Rom. 2:7-8), by doing many things contrary to and in defiance to the name of Jesus of Nazareth; some have even been influenced to believe it is their duty (Acts 26:9).

23. Yes, many **forsake** my Beloved and His people, and prepare tables to worship the gods of Fate and Fortune and Destiny; but God has destined these impoverished souls for the sword; they shall bow down to the slaughter (Isa. 65:11); because like the centurion who stood facing the One I love, who stood beside His cross and heard (Mark 14:39a) Jesus cry out with a loud voice "Father, into Your hands I commit and entrust My Spirit!" Then having said this **breath His last and expire** (Luke 23:46).
24. That centurion exclaimed, "Truly, this Man really was the Son of God!" The centurion (Mark 15:39b) reminds me of those who do not answer when God called; like those who did not listen or obey, when God spoke; instead, they do evil in the sight of God, and chose that in which God does not delight (Isa. 65:11-12); they walk blatantly in sin refusing to believe the One I love, Christ Jesus, (John 16:9) is Who God says He is, His Son – His too wonderful, indescribable, inexpressible Gift (2 Cor. 9:15); they refuse to **give up** their violence and oppression to do what is just and right (Ezek. 45:9), and believe my Beloved is the Hidden Manna given to those who overcome (Rev. 2:17), who have chosen to believe God sent The Bread of Life so we will never again hunger and thirst (John 6:35).
25. People who refuse to believe Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 5:10) prove to be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, ungrateful, disobedient to their parents and authorities, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, treacherous, rash, conceited, not lovers of good; instead lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (2 Tim. 3:1-4); they are living in the flesh, **awakened** and aroused by passions and desires the law aroused; these evil desires produce a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death (Rom. 7:5); they are brethren of the devil doing what is sinful, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning; this is the reason the Son of God appeared to destroy the devil's work; and no one who is born of God will continue to sin, **because** God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning (1 John 3:8-9).

26. Therefore, I bow my knees before the **Father** of the One I love, our Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth; for out of the riches of His glory I am strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in my inner man by Holy Spirit, for He is indwelling my innermost being and personality (Eph. 3:14-16); the One I love drew me up out of a horrible pit of tumult and of destruction (Ps. 40:2a); no longer am I **bound** by any circumstance of life, **because** God has called me to live in peace (1 Cor. 7:15).
27. My Beloved, Who Himself is God Manifest in the Flesh (1 Tim. 3:16), helped me rise from the dust; the Savior of the World (1 John 4:14), put beautiful garments on me; the Captain of Our Salvation (Heb. 2:10) has joined with me to loosen the chains of slavery from my neck; Our Deliver (Rom. 11:26) proclaimed, 'You were sold for nothing, now I can redeem you without money,' (Isa. 52:1-3); the Son of Man (John 3:13) came to give His life as a Ransom for many (Mark 10:45); so He could pull us out of the miry clay, and set our feet upon a Rock (Ps. 40:2); against Which the gates of hell will never prevail; and build His church (Matt. 16:18); to establish our goings, and steady our footsteps (Ps. 40:2b) in God's Word so iniquity and sin would no longer have dominion over us (Ps. 119:133); Why? Because El Hanne'eman, Our Faithful God, **brings forth** justice; my Beloved will not falter or be discouraged until He establishes justice on the earth (Isa. 42:3).
28. Don't be deceived, my dear friend, every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, Who does not change like shifting shadows; and it was of His own free will that He chose to **give us life - birthing** us through the Word of Truth - to consecrate us to Himself, so we could be the most important of all that He created (James 1:16-18); therefore, we must do our best to present ourselves to God as people approved, workmen who do not need to be ashamed because we correctly handle the Word of Truth (2 Tim. 2:15), which atones for and banishes guilt and iniquity by loving-kindness and mercy; and by fear of the Lord, which deflects and keeps one away from evil (Prov. 16:6).

29. God's people have been tyrannized without cause by those who are happy and eager to oppress with troubles and with anguish; so the Bishop of Our Souls (1 Peter 2:25), Christ Jesus, took us back again, and owes our oppressor not a cent; God's Well-Beloved Son (Mark 12:6), came to deliver us from the shackles of these bodies of death (Rom. 7:24); our Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13), came to deliver us from confusion, but it is our own doubt and disbelief that works to hinder Him (Isa. 52:4); therefore, see to it that you do not reject my Beloved or refuse to listen to and heed Him Who is speaking to you now (Heb. 12:25); for He is the only unique Son, the only begotten God, Who is in the bosom of the Father; Who revealed the Lord and **brought Him out** where He can be seen (John 1:18); however, it is God Who makes us stand firm in Christ; He has anointed us, **set** His **seal** of ownership upon us, by putting His **Spirit** in our **heart** as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come (2 Cor. 1:21-22).
30. We have been sealed by the King of King's signet ring when we heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of our salvation, and believed; God included us in Christ Jesus and marked us in Him with a **seal**, the promised Holy Spirit, Who is a deposit, a guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of all who are God's possession – to the praise of His glory (Eph. 1:13-14); for He causes Holy Spirit to dwell in us, and He yearns for the Spirit to be welcomed with a jealous love (James 4:5); for our God has set us like a seal upon His heart, like a seal upon His arm (SS 8:6).
31. When the right time came, God glorified His Son, and granted Him **power** and authority over all people so He could give eternal life to all those His Father gave Him (John 17:1); our heavenly Father's mercies are so great and so very evident for He did not consume us or forsake us; He truly is a gracious and merciful God (Neh. 9:31); Whose words and promises are pure words, like silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times over; He will keep them and preserve them against the vileness that is exalted among the wicked (Ps. 12:6); for He sent His Son as High Priest for those who come to be cleansed from the leprosy of sin; and my Beloved sprinkles us with His very own blood, and anoints our heads with oil; releasing within the chambers of our hearts the Dove of heaven, to be our Protector and Our Guide (Lev. 14:7&14); so we could know what **love** truly is (1 John 3:16).

32. Love is Christ Jesus Who laid His life down for us (1 John 3:16); and no one has greater love than this to lay down their life for their friends (John 15:13); El Rachum, the God of Compassion, did just that to reveal God's love, which is so great He wanted no one to be destroyed (John 3:16); El Roi, The God Who Sees Me and you, did this so we could share in this union and communion with God, Who is bringing our love to completion, growing our love more perfect - giving us confidence and making us **strong** for the day of judgment so we can face God; we have been chosen to live like my Beloved while here on earth; such love as Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us, has no fear, because the perfect love of El Shaddai, The All Sufficient God, turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror and dread; if a person is afraid, it is for fear of punishment; this fear is meant to reveal they have not fully experienced God's perfect love (1 John 4:17-18); fear is also meant to reveal they have not been obeying the Word, El Emet - the God of Truth, for the love of God is perfected and completed in those who truly treasure the Word of God (1 John 2:5).
33. We love God, because He first loved us (1 John 4:19); this realization comes as we obey and live in the Word and walk as Jesus did (1 John 2:6); and this is why we must daily **die** to self (1 Cor. 15:31); because anyone who wants to follow my Beloved must turn from their selfish ways (Luke 9:23); for neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them from the day of the Lord's wrath; the day when the whole world will be devoured by the fire of God's **jealousy**; Yes, Jehovah Tsidkenu, The Lord Our Righteousness, will make a sudden end of all who live on the earth (Zeph. 1:18); for their great abominations and **grievous** acts have driven El Hakkavod, The God of Glory, from the sanctuary that should be their hearts; they are praying to every form of creeping things and loathsome beasts and idols; offering their worship and devotion to other gods (Ezek. 8:6-10); not realizing the Lord our God, El Kanno, is a consuming fire, a jealous God (Deut. 4:24).

34. God is provoked by the evil that people have done; turning their backs on Him; they will not listen or respond to discipline; they set their abominable idols on the altars of their hearts, a place that should bear the Name of my Beloved. Adonai, The Lord; instead, they have defiled it (Jer. 32:32-34); however, God will **charge** them with crime upon crime; they will not share in His salvation (Ps. 69:27); because they refuse to gather with the Son of God, they simply are not on His side; they scatter and lay waste working against the One I love (Matt. 12:30); they are doomed, as any kingdom divided against itself; broken, as a family splintered by their feuding (Luke 11:17); for the sins that come forth from their mouths, for the words that light upon their lips, they shall be caught in their pride; God will consume them in His wrath for the curses and lies they speak forth (Ps. 59:12-13a).
35. I pray the wicked will forsake their ways, and the unrighteous ones their thoughts of evil; that they will return to the King of Righteousness (Heb. 7:2), for He has love, compassion and mercy for them; I pray they will return to our God; for He will generously forgive them, if they seek and inquire of the Lord, now while He can be found by them; I pray they would call on my Beloved for He is near (Isa. 55:6-7); that they would put aside their own desires and follow Him, to daily take up their cross (Luke 9:23), so the hard ground of their hearts could be plowed; and they would relinquish their pride and power to cleanse not just their bodies, but their minds and hearts before the Lord; for otherwise His anger will **burn** like an unquenchable **fire** because of all their sins (Jer. 4:3-4); for whoever does not dwell in the Lord, they are thrown out like a broken-off branch to wither; and such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire to be burned (John 15:6).

36. I pray the wicked would be as a brand plucked out of the **burning**, if only they would return to the One I love, Elohay Selichot - The God of Forgiveness (Amos 4:11); for God's right hand will seize those who hate Him; and when the Just One, Elohay Mishpat - God Of Justice (Acts 7:52) appears, they will be destroyed in the **fierce fire** of His presence (Ps. 21:8); in His wrath **the Lord** will swallow them up, and His fire will consume them (Ps. 21:9); for their sins are piled up high; their own table with all its **abundance** and luxury has become a snare to them, and their prosperity a trap (Ps. 69:25&27); they shall cry in sorrow and vexation and despair (Isa. 65:14) to discover the Lord calls them "Lo-Ammi," for they are not His people, and He is not their God (Hosea 1:9); the Lord will slay them, and call His true servants by another name (Isa. 65:15b), "Sons of the Living God," of Elohim Khayyim (Rom. 9:26); for God has put aside His anger, and forgotten the evil we have done (Isa. 65:16).
37. Yes, God sets Himself against the proud, the insolent and the disdainful; He will oppose, frustrate and defeat them, but He gives grace to the humble; and those who are self-controlled will be cautious, for that enemy of ours, the devil, is always seeking someone to seize upon and devour (1 Peter 5:5&8); so I pray people would turn to the Lamb Who is in the midst of the throne, for He will guide them to the springs of the **Waters** of life, and God Himself will wipe their tears away (Rev. 7:17); for God knows in this world we co-exist and have our lives impacted by tribulation and trials, distress and frustration; but, we can be of good cheer and take courage for in the Word of God (Rev. 19:13) there is peace and confidence to be found; for our Redeemer (Isa. 59:20), has **overcome** the world; praise God, for His Righteous Servant (Isa. 53:11) has conquered the world (John 16:33).

38. When the Chief Shepherd appears, we will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away (1 Peter 5:4); because Holy Spirit has helped us to do everything in love; true love to God and others as inspired by God's love for us (1 Cor. 16:14); we are guided into this truth by the Spirit of Truth, Who gives honor and glorifies the Son of God; because He draws upon what is Christ's and reveals it to us (John 16:14); so we too can not only **quench** our evil desires, but overcome them with good (Rom. 12:21); through the power of Jesus Christ, the God of Peace equips us in every good thing to do His will, working and producing in us that which is pleasing in His sight (Heb. 13:20-21); because every good and perfect gift comes to us from the Father of lights (James 1:17); God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5); our heavenly Father sent the true Light that gives light to every man into the world; Jesus was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him; my Beloved came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him (John 1:9-10).
39. God gave the world His only begotten Son (John 3:16a), He has also given each person a set time and free will, to stop and look around when crossroads are approached; my Beloved instructs us to ask where the eternal path is; then consider seeking the good road; and consider walking on that road (Jer. 6:16a); honestly, the best decision a person will ever make – repent, change their mind and purpose; turn around and return to God, so their sins may be erased, and times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19); yes, those who decide to travel the eternal path will find rest for their soul; but those who refuse to walk on the good road (Jer. 6:16b), who remain callously stubborn refusing to accept God's will are storing up terrible punishment for themselves (Rom. 2:5a); by refusing to consider God's purpose, and be encouraged in heart and united in **love**, so they too may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God; namely, Christ, in Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:2-3).

40. So where does Wisdom come from? Where can we get it, and where can understanding and insight be found? It is hidden from the eyes of all mankind; it can't be found, no matter how deep you dig throughout the whole earth, no matter how high you fly under all the heavens; if you search through the graveyard among Death and Destruction, the dead would say 'We've only heard rumors, and know something about it!' God alone knows where Wisdom can be found; for He looks throughout the earth, under all the heavens and knows the exact place to find it, because He established Wisdom, and examined it thoroughly; and declares it to all who will listen, 'Look! Here it is! To fear the Lord is true Wisdom; to forsake evil is real understanding, and insight means to turn away and shun wickedness (Job 28:20-24&27-28); **not** to continue thinking about how to gratify the desires of your sinful nature; rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord, Christ Jesus (Rom. 13:14); if only people would come to the Lord thirsty, they would receive drink from Holy Spirit so streams of living water could **flow** from within them (John 7:37-39); and they too would understand what was spoken by the prophet Joel, 'In these the last days, God has said He will **pour** out His Spirit on all people,' (Acts. 2:17).
41. God blesses us so skillful and godly Wisdom enters into our heart, so knowledge can be pleasant to our soul (Prov. 2:10); God chose, in the exercise of His free will, to birth us (as sons) and bring us forth by His Word **of Truth** (James 1:18); so discretion could watch over us; and understanding could keep us, and deliver us from the way of evil and evil people, from those who speak perverse things and are liars; people who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the perverseness of evil; who are crooked in their ways, wayward and devious in their paths; yes, godly Wisdom will save us (Prov. 2:11-15) from sexual immorality; for every other sin a person commits is outside their body; but, those who sin sexually sin against their own bodies; therefore, don't be deceived, our bodies are a temple of Holy Spirit, Who is in us, Whom we have received from God; we are not our own; we have been bought at a price; therefore, honor God with your body (1 Cor. 6:18-20); with all your heart and all your soul and all your strength and all your mind (Luke 10:27).

42. Yes, all flesh will **see** (understand and at last acknowledge) the salvation of God (the deliverance from eternal death decreed by our Savior) (Luke 3:6); the Lord gives true peace to **people** who depend on Him, to those who trust in Him (Isa. 26:3); so I will always trust in the One I love; I **commit** myself to my Beloved, and I lean on Him, because my hope has been confidently placed in the Lord my God; He is an everlasting Rock, in Him I have a place of safety forever; He opens eyes so we can know and truly understand He will destroy the proud city, the lofty city, those puffed up by pride and arrogance will be punished; the Prince of the Kings of the Earth (Rev. 1:5) will throw that high city down to the ground, it will fall into the dust; the poor and humble people will walk on those ruins (Isa. 26:4-6); because we know the great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the world astray; He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him (Rev. 12:9); and the God of Peace will soon crush him under our feet (Rom. 16:20).
43. We know the Heir of **All** Things (Heb. 1:2) has bruised and tread the serpent's head underfoot (Gen. 3:14-15a); the foot of my Beloved, Jesus Christ, has trampled it down – even the poor and oppressed trample it underfoot, and the needy walk all over it (Isa. 26:6); for the Master of the House (Luke 13:25), saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven; and He has given the family of God authority to trample on snakes and scorpions, and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will by any means harm us (Luke 10:18-19); because whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ born of God; they also believe that every God-begotten person overcomes and brings the world to its knees through the power that is in our faith; the person who is victorious over the world's ways in their life is simply the one who believes (1 John 5:4) there is only One Lawgiver and Judge Who is able to save and to destroy (James 4:12); the Son of the Most High God, Jesus Christ (Mark 5:7), He is the One Who has the absolute power of life and death (James 4:12).

44. The hand of the Lord will always be ready to help me, for I delight in His instructions (Ps. 119:174); the One I love sends the Spirit of Truth from the Father to be our Advocate, our Comforter, our Helper, He strengthens us (John 16:6-7); by revealing the truth, which is in Jesus (Eph. 4:21); and can be found by all within the Word of God (Rev. 19:13); helping us to understand that it is not by swords that we conquer the evil of the land; it is not with the strength of our own arms that we gain the victory; it is God's right hand and strong arm, His mighty power, for He accepts us and is favorable toward and does delight in us (Ps. 44:3); it is through Holy Spirit we receive faith from God and learn to regulate our lives and our conduct by our conviction and trust in our relationship with God; we learn to walk in faith and not by sight or appearance (2 Cor. 5:7); for we come to know and believe our faith in Christ Jesus is the **substance**, the assurance of the things of God in which we hope for, and our faith is the evidence, the proof of the things of God that we do not see; our faith is the conviction of their reality, because faith is perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses (Heb. 11:1) my Beloved.
45. When we entrust ourselves to God and to His care, to His wonderful message of grace that is able **to build** our faith and give us (our rightful) inheritance with those who God has set apart sanctifying us to Himself (Acts 20:32); giving us time and opportunity to live a life of **love**, and become imitators of God in everything we do, because we are His dear children; following the example of Christ, Who loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice (Eph. 5:1); therefore, don't be deceived, for those who despise the church of God and mean to show their **contempt** for it (1 Cor. 11:22) will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9a); instead, they themselves will be filled with shame and **contempt** instead of glory (Hab. 2:16); they are headed for destruction, for they live as enemies of the cross of Christ (Phil. 3:18-19a).

46. Though we all have behaved outrageously and shamefully and in some cases even aggressively, acting out of ignorance while we lived in unbelief, everyone can obtain mercy from God, because He is so very merciful; yes, the grace of our Lord flows out superabundantly and beyond measure for us, accompanied by the faith and love that comes from Christ Jesus; and this is a trustworthy saying, the Lord came into the world to save sinners, even the worst sinners (1 Tim. 1:13-15); sadly, there are many who live **cut off** from the One I love because their god is their insatiable appetites, they brag about shameful things (Phil. 3:19b) for they **cherish** the world and the things it offers them; and because they love the world, love for the Father is **not** in them; for all that is in the world – lustful cravings for physical pleasure, greedy longings for everything seen and pride of life for achievements and possessions, is **not** of the Father (1 John 2:15-16), and surely demonstrates how enormous their guilt and sin (Ezek. 9:9).
47. The land is **swollen** with murder; cities are bloated with injustice; people say in their hearts, The Lord doesn't see anything we do, for He has abandoned the land; well my Beloved sees **what** they are doing, and has no pity on them; they will pay for what they **do** (Ezek. 9:9-10); for lust and greed and selfish pride are not from the Father, they are from this world, which will one day pass away and disappear, and with it everything that people crave; but those who do what pleases God will live forever (1 John 2:16b-17); we will partake of eternal salvation in our Messiah's kingdom, for we **love** the Lord God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength and with all our mind; and we love our neighbors as we do ourselves (Luke 10:25-27).
48. My Beloved, the Lord Jesus, is upright, and always does what is right; He smooths out the path ahead of those who accept His righteous ways (Isa. 26:7); so the God of peace Himself can sanctify us through and through; for the One I love has given us Holy Spirit to separate us from profane things, to make us pure and wholly consecrated to God (1 Thess. 5:23); the Lord does this for all who are sons of the Light and sons of the **Day**, for we do not belong to the night or to the darkness; so then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet (1 Thess. 5:5-8).

49. Yes, let us be willing to depart from the establishments and lifestyles of wickedness, and not touch anything of theirs, lest we become consumed in all their sins (Num. 16:26); **because** they use trickery to pervert justice, and tell lies to destroy innocent people (Isa. 29:21); if only the faithless would return to the Lord, Who is Lord and Savior and Husband to them; for He will take them and bring them to Zion; my Beloved will give them shepherds after His own heart, who will lead them with knowledge and understanding (Jer. 3:14-15).
50. The children of God can show our faith and trust in the Lord our God by not only listening to His **instructions**, but by obeying them (Isa. 26:8a); for are we not the family God has chosen; yes, He has made an everlasting covenant with us; His agreement is arranged and guaranteed in every detail; He will ensure our safety and success; but the godless are like thorns to be thrown away, for they tear the hand that touches them; they will be totally consumed by fire (2 Sam. 23:5-7); therefore, let our heart's desire be to glorify the One I love, Christ Jesus; for though He shows kindness to the wicked, this does not make them good; and though others try to do what is right, the wicked keep doing what is wrong; they take no notice of the Lord's majesty and might; and though His hand is lifted high to strike, they do not see it; thus, making it impossible for them to comprehend the Lord's eagerness to defend His people; for my Beloved has ordained peace for the family of God, because we acknowledge that all we have, and all we are has come from the Lord our God (Isa. 26:8b-12).

51. Yes, the testimony of God (1 Cor. 2:1) are words not from human wisdom; instead, spoken by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths (1 Cor. 2:13) in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in genuine love, in the word **of truth** and in the power of God (2. Cor. 6:6-7); which is Jesus Christ and His death on the cross; my words are totally inadequate, so I pray Holy Spirit's power is in my words, proving to those who read them that this message is from God; because I pray your faith stands firmly upon God's wisdom; it's not popular wisdom, the fashionable wisdom of high-priced experts that will be out-of-date in a year or so; God's words are wise because they are from Him, telling us of His wise plan to bring us into the glories of heaven; this plan was hidden in former times, though it was made for our benefit before the world began; but the great men of the world have not understood it; if they had, they never would have crucified the Lord of Glory; that is what is meant by the Scriptures which say that no mere man has ever seen, heard or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord (1 Cor. 2:6-9).
52. God made ready the ways of my Beloved, so as to bring and give the knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness and remission of their sins; because of and through the heart of tender mercy and loving-kindness of our God, the Dayspring from on High was brought forth among us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to direct and guide our feet into the way of peace (Luke 1:78-79), so we could be **joined together** and rise to become a holy temple to the Lord; and in Him become a dwelling in which God Himself lives by His Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:21-22).

53. My Beloved gives every child of God the power and authority to defeat this evil world, because the victory is achieved through our faith; and **surely**, everyone born of God can overcome the world (1 John 5:4-5a); for the One Who is within us is greater than the one who is in the world; and everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, has become a child of God; for this is how we recognize the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of falsehood, those who walk the paths of the world speak from the viewpoint of the world, they refuse to acknowledge Jesus came in a real body, as our Refiner and our Purifier (Mal. 3:3) sent from God; this is the spirit of antichrist, which is in the world (1 John 4:1-3a); even now many antichrists have come; this is how we know it is the last hour (1 John 2:18).
54. However, the One I love is merciful to those who wait for Him; my Beloved is our Everlasting Strength, our strong arm each day, our **wall** of protection and our salvation in the time of trouble; the enemy runs at the sound of His voice (Isa. 33:1-3); you say you have faith, for you believe there is one God; so do the demons believe this, and they tremble in **terror**; we must accept the fact that "believing" is useless if we don't do what God wants us to; for faith that does not result in good deeds is not real faith at all (James 2:19).
55. Therefore, it is essential for us not to believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit of God; we must test them to **see** if the spirit they have really is from God (1 John 4:1-3); for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light; so it should not be surprising to hear his servants can also masquerade themselves as ministers of righteousness; however, their end will correspond with their deeds (2 Cor. 11:14-16); and by their deeds it is made clear to us who they take their nature from, and who is their true sire – God or the devil; for no one who does not conform to the will of God to practice righteousness, are of God (1 John 3:10).

56. I am one who has set my face like a flint, determined to do His will; because the Sovereign Lord helps me; I will not be **disgraced**; I will not be put to shame; for He Who gives me justice is near; who will dare to bring charges against me now; for the Sovereign Lord is on my side; who will declare me guilty; all my enemies will be destroyed like old clothes that have been eaten by moths; I am among those who reverently fears God, and obeys the voice of His Servant; those who are walking in darkness and deep trouble have no shining splendor in their heart; let them rely on and be confident in the name of the Lord; let them trust and lean upon and be supported by our God; but see here, all you enemies of your own selves, who attempt to kindle your own fires, and work out your own plans of salvation; who surround and gird yourselves with momentary sparks and firebrands that you set aflame; you who live in your own light and warm yourselves from your own fires and not from God's; you will live among sorrows and lie down in grief and in torment (Isa. 50:7-11); not realizing God did not give us a spirit of fear and timidity, but He has given us a spirit of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control; because He does not want us to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them (2 Tim. 1:7).
57. Many are denying God has crushed His foes before Him, and struck down His **adversaries**; they refuse to acknowledge God's faithful love has always been with the Lord, and through the name of Jesus His horn is exalted; for the hand of God sustained my Beloved; surely His arm strengthened the One I love; no enemy defeated Him; nor could the wicked overpower Him (Ps. 89:21-24); because the Lord Who laid down His life for the sheep (John 10:15), for those given to Him by the Father so we could be with Him where He is; so we could see His glory, the glory given to Him by God Who loved Jesus before the creation of the world (John 17:24); no one could take the Lord's life from Him; my Beloved laid His life down of His own accord – only to take it up again; for the One I love was given authority to lay His life down, and authority to take it up again; this command He received from His Father (John 10:17-18).

58. So, my friend, when we come together at the Lord's **Table** (1 Cor. 11:33), let us hold **firmly** to the faith we profess (Heb. 4:14); not only believing we must love the Father, but also be willing to obey His commands; for this is love for God: and His commands are not burdensome; for everyone born of God overcomes the world (1 John 5:1-5); those who abandon God, who forget and ignore His holy Zion, the Church of God, to prepare a table for Gad, the god of fortune (Isa. 65:11a); shall die in bitterness of soul, never to taste of pleasure and good fortune (Job 21:25), because anxiety and depression stem from GAD (Generalized Anxiety Disorder); and those who furnish mixed drinks for Meni, the god of Destiny (Isa. 65:11b) will be given what they ask for, Fate it will be and their destiny, Death; for like sheep they are destined for the grave, and death will feed on them; the upright will rule over them in the morning; their forms will decay in the grave, far from their princely mansions (Ps. 49:14); because they ignored God when He invited them; instead, they brushed Him off; they deliberately did the very things He exposed as evil; they chose what God despised (Isa. 65:12); however, God will redeem my life from the grave; He will surely take me to Himself (Ps. 49:14-15), for within my inner being I delight in His Word (Rom. 7:22).

59. Holy Spirit helps us to acquire understanding, so we can enter into the Truth of God, and grow in confident trust in the Lord; Who helps us to acquire what we need right now – patient endurance – so we can accomplish God’s will, and receive all that He has promised; for in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay; and His righteous ones will live by faith; the Lord’s faithful ones will not behave like those who turn away from God to their own destruction, for they desire God’s great reward – life eternal (Heb. 10:35-39); for what good is it for a person to believe they can conquer the world because of their great gain, only to discover they have forfeited their very lives; because whoever strives in their own strength to save their lives will lose it, but those who surrender their lives for the sake of the One I love, will see their lives saved (Luke 9:24-25); for Christ Himself is our way of peace, breaking down **walls** of contempt and angry resentment (Eph. 2:14-15); we can’t force these things; this only comes about through the Spirit, says God-of-the-Angel-Armies; ‘**Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit**’; for He sets the Cornerstone in place for those crying: Yes! Yes! Do It! and declaring that all was done by grace alone (Zech. 4:6-7).

60. Abraham was justified and established and acquitted from guilt not by any good works that he had done, for then he would have had grounds for boasting – but not before God – for Scripture tells us that Abraham believed in and trusted in God, and his faith in God was credited to his account as righteousness; making it possible for him to enjoy right living and right standing with God; now to a laborer, his wages are not counted as a favor or a gift, but an obligation as something owed to him; but to those who, not working by the Law (which encompasses the rites, traditions and ceremonial worship of religion), make the choice to trust and believe fully in Jesus Who justifies the ungodly, and credits their faith to them as righteousness; a stand taken which is acceptable to God (Rom. 4:2-5); conversely, we have heard of those who belong to their father, the devil; who want to carry out his desire; he was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him; when he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44) and very proud; they too are puffed-up by pride and conceit; strutting, bullying, always bragging because they think they are so important; their arrogance is insufferable; however, God knows of their **insolence** but it is futile, and their boasts accomplish nothing (Jer. 48:29b), for the hand of the Lord is against those who are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery; will they never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord (Acts 13:10).
61. The Lord has a day of vengeance, a time of recompense, for the cause of Zion; and the streams of the earth will be turned into pitch and its dust into brimstone, and its land will become burning pitch; the burning on the earth shall not be quenched night or day; its smoke shall go up forever; and God will stretch over it the measuring line of confusion and the plummet of chaos (Isa. 34:8-11); but, the children of God are set apart as holy to God, for He chose us for Himself as a cherished, personal treasure; God isn't attracted to us because we are **big and important** (Deut. 7:6-7a); for God shows no partiality and is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34); the fact is, there is almost nothing to us that would be attractive to God (Deut. 7:7b).

62. Hallelujah! For salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are His judgments; He will condemn the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries; my Beloved will avenge on her the blood of His servants; and the smoke **from** her shall go up forever and ever (Rev. 19:1-3); and on the day the Lord gives relief to His people from suffering and turmoil and cruel bondage, they will take up this taunt against the king of disorder and confusion: 'How the oppressor has come to an end; how his fury has ended; the Lord has broken the rod of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers, which in anger struck down peoples with unceasing blows, and in fury subdued nations with relentless aggressions; yes, the mighty man has been destroyed; his insolence is ended, the Lord has broken his rule; all the lands finally will be at rest and at peace; it shall break into singing; even the cypress trees and the cedars of Lebanon – sing out this joyous song: 'Since you have been cut down, no one will come now to cut us down;' in the place of the dead there is excitement over your arrival; it rouses the spirits of the departed to greet you – all those who were leaders of the world and mighty kings over the nations, who have been long dead stand up to see you; they will all respond, 'You also have become weak as we are; you have become like us; all your pomp has been brought down to the grave; your might and power were buried with you; along with the sound of your harps; now maggots are spread out beneath you and worms cover you (Isa. 14:3-11).
63. How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn; you have been cast down to the earth; you who once laid low the nations; you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain; I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High;' but you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit, the region of the dead; those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: 'Is this the man who shook the earth and **made** kingdoms tremble, the man who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home.'

64. All the kings of the nations lie in state, each in his own tomb; but you are cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch; you are covered with the slain, with those pierced by the sword, those who descend to the stones of the pit; like a corpse trampled underfoot, you will not join them in burial, for you have destroyed your land and killed your people; the offspring of the wicked will never be mentioned again; for the One I love will rise up against them, and sweep them with the broom of destruction; surely as He has planned, so it will be, and as He has purposed, so it will stand; the Lord will crush the enemies in His land; on His mountains my Beloved will trample them down; the yoke of the enemy will be taken from His people, and his burden removed from their shoulders; this is the plan determined for the whole world; this is the hand stretched out over all nations; for the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart Him; His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back (Isa. 14:12-26).
65. God will render unto the author of confusion and all his demons the evil they have done in His **sight**; for the prince of this destroying kingdom is God's enemy, and the Lord will raise His fist against him who would destroy the whole earth; our Hope of Glory (Col. 1:27) will stretch out His hand against this evil one, and knock him down from the heights; when my Beloved is finished, the kingdom of darkness will be nothing but a heap of burnt rubble; it will be desolate, a waste forever, completely wiped out (Jer. 51: 24-26).

66. Its inhabitants who despise and spurn the Word of God; who trust in oppression and lies, in crookedness and perverseness, and rely on them; this iniquity and guilt will become to them like a bulging wall that bursts and falls; yes, in an instant calamity will come; and they will be smashed like a piece of pottery, broken in pieces without sparing; not a piece will be left large enough to use for carrying coals from the hearth, or scooping water from a cistern; the only way for them to be **delivered** and saved from this calamity is by returning to the Lord, and waiting for Him; but they will have none of this (Isa. 30:12-15); and though the Lord has told us what goodness is, and what He wants from us, which is simply to do what is right and fair and just; to love mercy and be compassionate and loyal in love, and to humble ourselves, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8); but sadly, the homes of the wicked are filled with ungodly treasures gained by cheating and dishonest scales; how can God tolerate these deceitful merchants and remain just; especially when extortion and violence are the means being used to get rich; and they lie so much their tongues can no longer tell the truth (Mic. 6:10).
67. What sorrow awaits you, O destroyer, you who were not yourself destroyed, who deals treacherously though your victims do not deal treacherously with you; when your days to betray and destroy cease, you will be destroyed (Isa. 33:1); how grateful we should be for what the King of Glory (Ps. 24:10) has done for us, for now it is possible for us to know – our God; to know He is God indeed, a God we can depend upon; for our God keeps His covenant of loyal love with those who love Him and His cherished Word; but, He also pays back those who hate Him (Deut. 7:9-10a); by **rendering** to everyone according to their works; to those who by patient persistence in well-doing who seek glory and honor and the eternal blessedness of immortality, He will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and self-willed and disobedient to the Truth but responsive to wickedness, there will be indignation and wrath; there will be tribulation and anguish and calamity and constraint for every soul who habitually does evil; but glory and honor and **peace** shall be awarded to everyone who habitually does good; for God shows no partiality (Rom. 2:6-11).

68. My Beloved heals us, but for many their guilt and wickedness has been uncovered; the falsehood and deceit they practice exposed; thieves break into houses; bandits ravage and rob in the streets; they do not realize the Lord remembers all their evil deeds; their own doings surround them, their sins entangle them; they are always before the face of God (Gen. 9:6); if only they would humble themselves and pray; if only they would search for the Hidden Manna (Rev. 2:17), and partake of the Bread of Life (John 6:48), for God has **accomplished** for us what the Law of Moses was unable to do, because its power was weakened by our sinful nature (Rom. 8:3a).
69. If only they would pray (2 Chron. 7:14a) for understanding; if they would cherish her, she would exalt them; if they would embrace her, she would honor them; understanding would place a garland of grace on their head, she would give to them a crown of beauty (Prov. 4:7-9); if only they would seek the face of their Deliverer (Rom. 11:26), and turn from their wicked ways, the One I love would hear from heaven; my Beloved would forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chron. 7:14b); for He has hidden His face from their cities because of all its wickedness; nevertheless, the Lord would bring health and healing to them; He would heal the people and let them enjoy abundant peacefulness and security (Jer. 33:5-7); for as surely as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a **garden** causes what is sown in it to spring forth, so surely the Lord of All (Acts 10:36) will cause rightness and justice and praise to spring forth before all the nations, through the self-fulfilling power of His Word (Isa. 61:11).
70. We can come to know and rely on the Son of God, Who came to give us understanding so we could know Him Who is True; and that we could live and breathe and walk in Him Who is True, and in His Son Christ Jesus, Who is the true God and Eternal Life (1 John 5:20); Who will say to those who were not His people, you are My people, and they shall say, You are my God (Hosea 2:23); and we will call Him Ishi, my **Husband** (Hosea 2:16); for the One I love has said, 'Tell your brethren I will betroth you to Me forever; I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in steadfast love and in mercy; I will betroth you to Me in stability and in faithfulness, and you shall know, give heed to and cherish the Lord,' (Hosea 2:19).

71. Yes, God has betrothed me to the One I love, and Holy Spirit will present me to my Beloved as a pure bride (2 Cor. 11:2); and He Who is seated on the throne shall **make** all things new; for He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End; to the thirsty the Lord Himself will give water without price from the fountain of the water of Life; and those who are victorious shall inherit all things; for the Lord will be our God, and we shall be His sons (Rev. 5-7).
72. The free gift of salvation that God is offering to everyone, teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and sinful pleasures; it teaches us to live self-controlled, God-fearing lives in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness and devotion to God (Titus 2:11-12); for everyone who sins is a slave to sin; and a slave has no permanent place in the **family**, but a son belongs in the family forever (John 8:34); continuing with this illustration of slavery may help you better understand; when we use to offer the parts of our bodies to impurity and to all kinds of wickedness, we were in slavery to sin; there was not much thought given to righteousness and goodness, which is evidenced by the sorrow and shame and regret that we gained; this is why God wants us to stop doing those things that result in death; and if we are to endure the hardships of slavery, let it be in doing all that is right and good and holy (Rom. 6:19-21).
73. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him (2 Tim. 2:12); my Beloved, Christ Jesus, died under God's judgment against our sins so that He could rescue us from decisions and attitudes and lifestyles that constantly **keep** us falling into sin; the One I love gave His life to free us from all wickedness, to cleanse us, and to bring us into the **family of God as sons**, totally committed and eager to doing what is good (Titus 2:14); for we have received the Spirit of Truth from God, so we can truly know and understand what God has freely given us (1 Cor. 2:12), the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 6:23); so we can stop being worldly, because we realize when there is jealousy and envy and quarreling we are behaving no differently than those who are living in the world, and estranged from God (1 Cor. 3:3).

74. God would like everyone to receive the inheritance He has prepared, life in His kingdom; so He tries to get our attention hoping we will start to consider how frail **humanity** really is; how short our lives are, how full of trouble; like a flower that blossoms, and then withers away; like a **passing** shadow, we quickly disappear (Job 14:1); even in this world of trials and distress and frustration, with God there is reward and rest to be had – perfect peace and confidence; we can take courage, and be confident, certain and undaunted for the One I love has overcome the world (John 16:33).
75. God has chosen you to be for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth; God did this out of sheer love; keeping the promise He made to our ancestors, He stepped in and brought us out with a mighty hand and redeemed us out of the house of bondage to the Adversary that disperses and spoils with troubles, oppression and anguish that are meant to bind up and confine us (Deut. 7:8); therefore know the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a **thousand** generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them; He will not slack with those who hate Him; He will repay them to their face (Deut. 7:6-10); once you were not among the people of God, but now you are (1 Peter 2:10a); you, along with all those who trust in my Beloved (Eph. 2:7).
76. Surely you know that you become the slave of whatever you give yourself to; anything or anyone you follow will be your master; if you continually **surrender yourself** to anyone to do their will, you are the slave of the one you obey, whether that be to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness, which is right doing and right standing with God; but thank God, though you were once a slave of sin, because sin controlled you, you were made free from sin because you have chosen to become obedient with all your heart to the standard of teaching to which God has committed to you; and having been set free from sin, you have become the servants of righteousness, willing to be in conformity to God's divine will in thought, purpose and action (Rom. 6:16-18); therefore, stand firm and hold to the teachings that have been passed on to us through the Gospel (2 Thess. 2:15).

77. My Beloved is coming soon; His **reward** is with Him, and He will give to everyone according to what they have done; for He is the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End; Who blesses those who are washing their robes, so they may have the right to the Tree of Life, and go through the gates into the city of God; outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood; the One I love, Jesus Christ, He is the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star; the Spirit and the bride say, "Come," and let those who hear say, "Come;" whoever is thirsty let them come; and whoever wishes, let them take the free gift of the Water of Life; for the One I love Who testifies to these things says, "**Yes, I am coming soon,**" (Rev. 22:12-20).
78. From the beginning God chose us for salvation through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through our belief, adherence to, trust in and reliance on the truth; it was to this end that God called us through the Gospel, so that we may obtain and share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ; therefore we, who are brethren beloved by the Lord, ought and are obligated, as those who are in debt, to give thanks always to God (2 Thess. 2:13-14); **because** our heavenly Father freed us from the iron grip of him who reigns over the house of evil; the prince of demons, known for the ruin and destruction and separation he causes; Beelzebub, the one whose reign ensures we become hemmed in to the sense of a limit by fastening us to fortified emotional, cognitive and spiritual strongholds (Deut. 7:8).

79. At one time we all habitually listened to the prince of the power of the air when we followed the course and fashion of this world, obedient to and under the influence of the demon spirits that are constantly working in the **sons** of disobedience (Eph. 2:2); who will be destroyed along with all the demons and powers of hell; for they live in evil pleasures, indulging in them day after day, even in broad daylight; they scoff and blaspheme things they do not understand; they commit adultery with their eyes, and their desire for sin is never satisfied; they live under God's curses for wandering off the right road and following in the footsteps of him who is a destroyer of the people; who sires sons that are foolish and hateful and rebellious, for they have fallen in love with the money they can make by doing wrong (2 Peter 2:12).
80. How I look forward to and await the coming of God's Son from heaven, the One Whom He raised from the dead – Christ Jesus, Who personally rescues and delivers us out of and from the wrath that is bringing punishment; wrath that is **coming upon** the impenitent; the One I love draws us to Himself investing us with all the privileges and rewards of a new life that is in Him, our Messiah (1 Thess. 1:10); so I pray, if only the brazen ones would stop their sinning; then Holy Spirit could bring them back to loving God, so His anger would never need rise against them; I pray God revive them (Ps. 85:4,6,8b); that they could come, wash themselves, and make themselves clean (Isa. 1:16).

81. I pray they put away the evil of their doings, which are ever before the eyes of God; I pray they cease to do evil, and **learn** to do what is right; that they would seek justice (Isa. 1:16-17a); however, if they continue to refuse and rebel, they will be devoured by the sword (Isa. 1:20); for those who desire to be delivered from judgment and be made partakers of Christ's salvation must be willing to receive God's grace; because saving is all God's idea, and all His work; all we do is trust Him enough to let Him do it; it's God's gift from start to finish; we don't play the major role; if we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we had done the whole thing; no, we neither make nor save ourselves; God does both the making and saving; God Himself creates each of us, and gives us new lives in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:8-10); yes, God has poured out His love and kindness on us, and granted His salvation to those who listen carefully to all the One I love is saying; for my Beloved speaks peace to His people, His saints; surely, God's salvation is near to those who reverence Him; and our land will be filled with His glory (Ps. 85:7-9);
82. So I pray those who boast, would boast about this; that they understand and know God; that He is the Lord, Who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on the earth, for in these my Beloved does **delight** (Jer. 9:24); I pray the doubt-filled and deniers would come now, and reason together with the Lord their God; for though their sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are like crimson, they shall be like wool; if they are willing and obedient (Isa. 1:16-19), they too will dwell forever securely, for the Lord our God loves what is just and fair, and will never turn from or forsake His saints (Ps. 37:28).

83. The family of God, which is the church of the living God; and God's church is the support and foundation of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15), which is God's word (John 17:17); like seeds falling on good soil, and yielding grain – some a **hundred** times as much as sown, some sixty times and some thirty times as much; are you listening to this? Really listening? (Matt. 13:8-9); because the seed is the Word of God (Luke 8:11) giving wisdom and knowledge to those of understanding; revealing profound and hidden things (Dan. 2:21-22); the secret of our life of worship, which is great: because the Christian life is a great mystery, far exceeding our understanding, however, some things are very clear: Christ was shown to us in human form; the Spirit proved that He was right; He was seen by angels; the message about Him was told to the nations; people in the world believed in Him; and He was taken up to heaven in glory (1 Tim. 3:15-16); God made the One I love to be the Wisdom we receive from Him so we can have right thinking and enjoy right living; God has made the Lord our Righteousness, for it is Jesus Who gives us a clean slate and a fresh new start; God has made my Beloved our Consecration for the One I love is the reason we have been made right with God; yes, the Lord has made us pure enough to be in God's presence; God has also made Christ Jesus to be our Redemption for my Beloved is the One Who has set us free from sin; the Lord is the One Who provided the ransom that delivered us from the eternal penalty for sin (1 Cor. 1:30).

84. Our Messiah, Christ Jesus, is the Negotiator and Mediator of an entirely new covenant, and those who answer God's call can receive the fulfillment of the promised everlasting inheritance; for a death has taken place which rescues and delivers and redeems the children of God from the transgressions that were committed under the old covenant; when there is a last will and testament involved, the death of the One Who made it must be established; for a will and testament is valid and takes effect only at death, since it has no force or legal power as long as the One Who made it is alive (Heb. 9:15-17); in fact, under the conditions of the Old Testament without the shedding of blood there is neither the release from sin and its guilt nor the remission of the due and merited punishment for sins (Heb. 9:22); this is the result of one trespass that caused condemnation to come upon all; so also the result of this one act of righteousness caused the justification that brings life to come for all (Rom. 5:18) who believe God reconciled us to Himself, through the death of His Son (Rom. 5:10); this spiritual life we receive from God did not come to us first; we bear the image of the first man who was from out of the earth, who was made of dust and remains earthly-minded; however, even though we received our physical life first, we can receive life from the second Man, the Lord Jesus, Who came from out of heaven, and we shall also bear the image of this Man of heaven (1 Cor. 15:46-49); but those who **cherish** this first life will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God; all those who relish satisfying their flesh – the impure and immoral, adulterers, homosexuals, swindlers and greedy graspers, drunkards, foulmouthed revilers, slanderers, extortionists and robbers – they are being deceived and misled, they will not inherit or have any share in God's kingdom (1 Cor. 6:9).
85. Have you entered the treasures of the snow, or have you seen the treasures of the hail, which God **has reserved** for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war (Job 38:22); when from the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each will fall upon the people; and they will curse God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague will be so terrible (Rev. 16:21).

86. In that day when the hostile nations of world come against the land of Israel, God's fury will be aroused; all things shall quake in terror at the presence of the Lord; mountains will be thrown down; cliffs will crumble; walls will fall to the earth; on the mountains of Israel, my Beloved will call for every kind of terror against Gog; his soldiers will be so scared that they will attack each other and kill each other with their swords; the Lord will fight them with sword, with pestilence and will rain upon them an overflowing rain, great hailstones, fire and brimstone; and so the greatness and holiness of the One I love will be demonstrated, and the Lord will make Himself recognized, understood and known in the sight of many nations; they will know the Lord, Christ Jesus, is the Sovereign Ruler, Who **calls forth** loyalty and obedient service (Ezek. 38:18-22).
87. Yes, those who fail to find God's instruction and sound judgment, will suffer damage to their very souls; and those who reject God's wisdom are surely flirting with death (Prov. 8:36); but these people who live in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine; God will break the yoke of their slavery to sin, and lift the heavy burden of shame and guilt from their shoulders; He will break the oppressor's rod (Isa. 9:2-4); if they listen, if they obey Him (Job 36:11) God will also open their ears to instruction and discipline, and order them **to return** from their iniquity, to turn from their evil (Job 36:10); if they refuse to listen they will die in ignorance of true knowledge; for the godless and profane in heart, heap up anger at divine discipline, for they are full of resentment; even when God punishes them they refuse to seek His help (Job 36:12).

88. And many walking in darkness have seen a great light; those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned; God has enlarged the nation, and increased their joy; and we rejoice before Him as people rejoice at the harvest; for God has shattered the yoke that burdens us the bar across our shoulders, the rod of our oppressor; for to us a Child is born, God has given to us His Son; and my Beloved shall be responsible for leading God's people, for the government rests upon His shoulders; the One I love is called 'Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace;' His power will continue to grow; His government and its peace will never end; He reigns as King from the throne of His ancestor David, and His rule will establish fairness and justice for all eternity; the strong love and passionate commitment - The Lord All-Powerful - has for His people will make this happen (Isa. 9:2-4&5-7); and we know the One Who calls us is faithful, and He will do it (1 Thess. 5:24); because our Redeemer is strong; the Lord of Hosts is His name; He surely and thoroughly pleads our case and **defends** our cause, to give rest to the children of God (Jer. 50:34); Who has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves (Col. 1:13); so we can receive grace from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; and come to know God's love and enjoy the presence and fellowship of Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 13:14).

89. Through Holy Spirit we have become empowered to renew our minds with new ideals and a new attitude of gratefulness and thanksgiving to God; Who has made it possible for us to prove for ourselves what is His good and acceptable and perfect will; and to discover for ourselves the good and pleasing and perfect thing that God has in His sight for each of us (Rom. 12:1-2); and surely God desires truth in our inner parts; therefore, my Beloved teaches us wisdom in the inmost place (Ps. 51:6); and because of this privilege, which has been given to us by God, in my Beloved, we can be honest in our evaluation of ourselves, and not think more highly of ourselves than we ought, by having an exaggerated opinion of our own importance; instead, we are to rate our ability with sober judgment, measuring ourselves by the faith God has given us; for just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with the body of Christ; we are many parts of One Body, mutually dependent on one another; and since we find ourselves **fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts** in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't (Rom 12:3-6).

90. It is Holy Spirit Who brings us revelation about ourselves and God, for we all possess knowledge, but mere knowledge causes people to be puffed up, making us feel proud and confident in what we know; but it is love that edifies and builds up and encourages a person to grow to their full stature if they truly **heed** the Word of God (1 Cor. 8:1); Who tells us what the true love of God is – to obey God’s commands, for they are not irksome or burdensome or oppressive (1 John 5:3); the Word of God assures if we love God as He commands (2 John 6) with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind (Matt. 22:37), then we will do whatever He tells us to, and He has told us from the very first (2 John 6) to love our neighbor as we do ourselves (Matt. 22:39); for surely, if we do not have love, we are only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal; if we possessed all knowledge, but did not love others, we would have gained nothing; because love endures long and is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful or envious; it is not proud or rude or arrogant; love is not selfish and does not demand its own way; it is not irritable or fretful or resentful; love keeps no record of being wronged; love does not rejoice about injustice and unrighteousness but rejoices whenever right and truth wins out; love never gives up, love bears up under anything and everything that comes; love is ever ready to believe the best of every person, and never loses faith; love is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance; love will last forever (1 Cor. 13:1-8).

91. My heavenly Father has bequeathed to me the Word of God to have and to hold and to trust without wavering; so I can always be aware of His unfailing love, even as He examines my heart; testing my motives and my affections too (Ps. 26:1b-3); I will give thanks to the One I love, and call on His name; I will make known among the nations what my Beloved has done; I will sing to Him; yes, I will **sing** praises to Him (1 Chron. 16:8-9); for this is the most amazing realization I have ever had, God is living in my heart; I belong to God; and because I belong to God, I have already won my fight with those who are against Christ because there is Someone in my heart Who is stronger than any evil person in this wicked world (1 John 4:1); and He, the Lord God Omnipotent (Rev. 19:6), has made a sword razor-sharp to be held against those who are against Him; a sword sharpened and polished, ready to be brandished by the Scepter of Judah, against those who have despised God's Stone Cut Without Hands (Dan. 2:34,35), because they are worshiping every carved idol (Ezek. 21:9-11); this is why I will remain firm, steadfast and immovable; always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing and being continually aware that my labor in the Lord is not futile (1 Cor. 15:58); gratefully aware the Just One (Acts 7:52) has dismissed all the charges against me (Ps. 26:1a).
92. I will **tell** of the wonderful acts of my Beloved; I will glory in the holy name of Jesus (1 Chron. 16:10); for the One I love is separating me from those who despise God's discipline when testing comes (Ezek. 21:13); for they are senseless and without knowledge, to be shamed by their idols; for these images are a fraud, they have no breath in them; they are worthless, the objects of mockery; and when the One Who is to Come (Luke 7:20) judges these foolish people, they will perish; for He Who is the Portion of Jacob is not like the useless idols they worship; He is the Former of All Things, and God's people are the rod of His inheritance; the Lord of Hosts is His name; the Lord Almighty, He is God's battle axe and weapons of war; for with Him God will break in pieces the nations, and with Him God will destroy kingdoms (Jer. 51:17-20).

93. So I will cling to the Lord my God as I have done to this day (Joshua 23:8); for the Lord gives me victory over my enemies, and puts my adversaries to shame; in God I will make my boast all the day long, and I will praise His name forever (Ps. 44:7-8); for my Beloved has promised I shall **put to flight** a thousand, for it is the Lord my God Who fights for me (Joshua 23:10); therefore, above all else I will guard my heart (Prov. 4:23), for the God of the whole earth is my Redeemer; my Maker, the Lord of Hosts, is my Husband; the Holy One of Israel (Isa. 54:5) is a Friend that Sticks Closer Than a Brother (Prov. 18:24); and how He loves His children; all those consecrated to Him are in His hand (Deut. 33:3a); and no one shall snatch us away from Him, for God the Father sent my Beloved to be the Gate (John 10:7) for His sheep; and those of us who come in through Him will be saved; we have the freedom to come and go freely and find good pastures, for the One I love has made us aware of our adversary's objective - he is a thief who comes to steal and to kill and to destroy; so we can receive what my Beloved has resolved to give us - a rich and satisfying life (John 10:9-10).
94. I will be watchful of myself to **love** the Lord my God (Joshua 23:8), for those who love God are known by God (1 Cor. 8:3), and I know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose (Rom. 8:28); for those who love Him and follow in His steps, know we get our directions from Him (Deut. 33:3b); and that we will never perish for God our Savior (Titus 3:4) has given us eternal life; and He is more powerful than anyone else; no one can snatch us from our heavenly Father (John 10:28-29).
95. Therefore, I will **consider** the work of God, for who can make straight what He has made crooked; His wisdom is a defense even as money is a defense, but the excellency of this knowledge is this - wisdom shields and preserves the life of those who have it (Eccl. 7:12-13); because God deemed in His wisdom the world would never know Him through human wisdom; therefore, He was pleased through the foolishness of what is preached to save those who believe; some demand miraculous signs and others seek human wisdom; so when Christ crucified is preached many are offended and many others say it's all nonsense (1 Cor. 1:21-23).

96. Yes, the message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction; but we who are being saved know it is the very power of God (1 Cor. 1:18); for those who are called by God to salvation, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God; this foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength (1 Cor. 1:24-25); and God's Word proclaims how **beautiful** on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" (Isa. 52:7); and we have been given the privilege to stand before Him to view all His amazing, life-giving mercies, because we have made a decisive dedication of our bodies to God for all He has done for us; we have presented all our members and faculties as a living and holy sacrifice – the kind God would find acceptable and well-pleasing, for this is truly the way we should worship our God; we should not be conformed to this world, copying the behavior and customs of those who have chosen to live lives that separate them from God; instead, we are allowing God's miraculous Power to transform us into a new person, one united to Christ; so we can work with the Beloved of heaven to change our way or thinking (Rom. 12:1).

97. God has given us the Spirit of Truth to help us in our weakness; even when we don't know what we ought to pray, the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express (Rom. 8:26); helping us to understand we now have a great High Priest Who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; helping us to hold firmly to this faith we profess to have in Him; Jesus is our High Priest, and is able to sympathize with us and with our weaknesses; for my Beloved has also been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet He was without sin (Heb. 4:14-15); the One I love is merciful and tender toward those who don't deserve it; He is slow to get angry and full of kindness and love; He never bears a grudge, nor remains angry forever; He has not punished us as we deserve for all our sins, for His mercy toward those who fear and honor Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth; Jesus has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west; He is like a father to us, tender and sympathetic to those who reverence Him; for He knows we are but **dust**, and that our days are few and brief; the loving-kindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting; His salvation is to those who are faithful to His covenant and remember to obey Him (Ps. 103:8-18).

98. Christ Jesus, is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8); granting us grace and spiritual peace in abundance (Jude 2) from the Father (Rev. 1:4); and though our knowledge may be partial and incomplete, and our prophecy fragmentary, when the complete and perfect comes, the incomplete and imperfect will vanish away and become useless (1 Cor. 13:9-10); so we can be strong in the Lord and in His **mighty power**; for the One I love empowers us through our union with Him so we can draw our strength from Him, that strength which His boundless might provides (Eph. 6:10); and as we grow in faith and trust in God like those who won battles, overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them; by faith they shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire and escaped death by the edge of the sword, for their weakness was turned to strength; but others possessed the ultimate trust in God and were tortured and put death, preferring to die rather than turn from God in order to be set free; they placed their hope in God trusting they would rise to a better life (Heb. 11:33-35); for their faith rested in the Word of God, Who says "When I am ready, I will **punish the wicked**; and though the earth shakes and all its people live in turmoil, yet its pillars are firm, for I have set them in place," (Ps. 75:2-3).

99. The One I love has warned the proud to cease their arrogance; He told the wicked to lower their insolent gazes, and to stop being stubborn and proud; for **promotion** and power come from nowhere on earth, but only from God; He promotes one and deposes another (Ps. 75:4-7); therefore, if we place our faith in Christ Jesus, and trust Him to take our sins away, God will accept and acquit us – He will declare us “Not Guilty” – everyone can be saved in this same way, by coming to Jesus; no matter who they are or what they have been like; God will get us out of the mess we’re in and restore us to where He always wanted us to be; God did this through Jesus; He sacrificed His Son on the altar of the world to clear the world of sin; God revealed His righteousness when He set His Son before the eyes of all as a mercy seat; by the blood of Jesus, God put forward the cleansing and life-giving sacrifice of atonement and reconciliation, that anyone can receive through faith; God gave Jesus to show that He always does what is right and fair; He was right in the past when He was patient and did not punish people for their sins; and now He still is doing what is right, for He has worked out a way that allows Him to judge people fairly and still make right any person who has faith in His Son (Rom. 3:24-26).

100. As for me, my prayer is to the One I love; for in the multitude of His mercy and the abundance of His loving-kindness He hears me; and in the truth and faithfulness of His salvation He answers me; my Beloved rescued me from out of the mire; He did not let me sink; instead, He delivered me from those who hate me and from out of the deep waters; He does not let the floodwaters overflow and overwhelm me; neither did He let the deep swallow me up, nor the pit close its mouth over me; the loving-kindness of my Beloved is **sweet** and comforting; according to His plenteous tender mercy and steadfast love He turns to me; when I am in distress, the One I love does not hide His face from me; He answers me speedily; for He has redeemed me and drawn me close; my Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, ransomed me and set me free from my reproach and my shame and my dishonor; all my adversaries are before Him and fully known to my Beloved (Ps. 69:13-19); as far as God is concerned there is a sweet, wholesome fragrance in my life; it is the fragrance of Christ within me (2 Cor. 2;15); and I am God's beloved child, learning to imitate my Father and walk in love, just as the One I love did as He walked in love for me and gave Himself up for me, as an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma (Eph. 5:1-2).

101. *I give praise and thanksgiving to God, Who has blessed me so I can sing of the Lord's great and unfailing love forever; with my mouth I will make known His faithfulness to young and old alike; for the love and kindness of my Beloved is forever, and His truth is as enduring as the heavens (Ps. 89:1-2); instructing me and filling me with love that comes from a pure heart and a clear conscience, uncontaminated by self-interest and counterfeit faith; but rather, filled with genuine faith (1 Tim 1:5-6) in the One I love; so the Father of Glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, can give me a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him (Eph. 1:15-17); the Son of God, Who is the King of Israel (John 1:49); and I will sing to Him songs of praise, setting His wonders to music to give honor to His holy name; with Hallelujahs, I will praise and worship Jesus, Whose presence makes my heart glory and rejoice (Ps. 105:2-4); for the Spirit of God has stirred me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life and inspires me (Job 33:4); I will thank the One I love and confide in Him forever, for He has delivered me and keeps me safe; I will wait on, hope in and trust in the Lord's good name in the presence of His saints (Ps. 52:9)*

To the One We Love