

CHAPTER FIVE

1.) The One I love has opened to me His good treasury, and rains His blessings upon all that I do; so I can lend to many, with no need to borrow; my Beloved has made me the head, and not the tail; He makes me to be above only, and not beneath; because I listen to the commands of the Lord my God, and carefully work to obey them (Deut. 28:23-13); for I love the Lord, Who is my strength; He is my Rock, a Fortress where I can **enter** and where I am safe; He is my Savior, Who has done such tremendous things for me; the Lord is my Shield, in Whom I find **protection**; a Tower of safety, Whose power saves me from my enemies (Ps. 18:1-3); the One I love is holding me by my right hand; the Lord my God says to me, Fear not, for He is here to help me; so I encourage myself not to fear, for my Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel is helping me (Isa. 41:13-14) to know and understand the Scriptures, for they are able to make me wise, and wisdom leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus; and yes, the entire Bible is able to instruct me, for it is God-breathed, given by His inspiration to reveal Truth, and make me realize the wrong that is in my life; the Word of God empowers me to straighten my life out, and helps me to do what is right as I serve God, by giving me everything I need so I can be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:15-17).

2.) God reveals the things He does for us by His Spirit; for it is Holy Spirit Who searches out and reveals God's deepest **secrets**; no one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit; and I have received God's Spirit (not the spirit of this world), so I can know and understand the wonderful things God has freely given to me (1 Cor. 2:10-12); and my Beloved will always guide me on the course of right living, because it was Him, Christ Jesus, Who brought me into right standing with God (Rom. 5:19); and with all I am, and everything I have I will give thanks to my God from a full heart, and tell of all His wonders; I will tell how filled with joy I am because my Beloved makes me so very happy; I can rejoice in the One I love, and sing praises to His glorious name (Ps. 9:1-2).

3.) Christ Jesus, Who assures me His grace is enough for me; His grace is all I need against any danger for it enables me to bear trouble staunchly; for the strength and power of my Beloved work best because they are made **perfect** and show themselves most effective in my weakness; so I can quit focusing on the problem at hand, and begin to appreciate God's gift of grace; for only when I am weak can everything be done by Christ's strength and power; I can be glad and rejoice in difficult circumstances when fear or insult or abuse or accidents occur making me feel weak, but far from helpless; for it is at times of opposition and bad breaks that I become a living demonstration of Christ's power, which dwells within me (2 Cor. 12:8-10).

4.) God caused Holy Spirit to dwell in me, and He yearns over me; God yearns for me to welcome His Spirit with a fiercely jealous love; so I can receive more and more of His grace, which is the power of Holy Spirit, so I can stand against evil tendencies and desires (James 4:5-6); and have the longing of my heart satisfied - to love the Lord my God and to serve Him with all my heart and soul (Deut. 10:12), for my God partners with me in my labor; Holy Spirit helps me with my daily problems interceding before God in my behalf in harmony with God's own will; Holy Spirit prays for me because I don't know what or how to pray as I should; Holy Spirit searches my heart, for He knows me better than I know myself, and keeps me present before Almighty God; this is why I can be so sure that in every detail of my life God is working all things, good and bad, together for my good, because I love Him; and because God has called me, and has given me His Holy Spirit to help me fit into His design and purpose (Rom. 8:26-28); which is for Holy Spirit to **gather** me among His consecrated ones who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice (Ps. 50:5), through the blood of Jesus, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28); and though it was **great**; my Beloved has forgiven the wrongs I have done and my guilt, for His name sake (Ps. 25:11).

- 5.) My Beloved reaches out day after day to people who have turned their backs on Him; people who have made wrong turns, who insist on doing things their own way; they get on His last nerve, for they are rude to His face day after day; making up their own religious rules and regulations; a hodgepodge of religiosity; they tell the Lord to keep His distance believing they are holier than Him (Isa. 65:2-5); however, they will stand helpless clothed in garments of despair and desolation, when they recognize and realize Christ is Lord; they will be weeping in anguish when the Lord does to them in accordance **with** their ways; they will tremble with fear, when He brings on them the evil they have done to others; they will receive the punishment they so richly deserve (Ezek. 7:27); the Lord will not relent or take pity on them; nor ransom them from the power of Sheol where terrors and destruction await them; nor will He redeem them from the grave where death brings its plagues (Hosea 13:14); for they did not learn Christ, nor were they taught by my Beloved for all Truth is in Jesus (Eph. 4:20); there is nothing false, no deception, no lie is of the Truth (1 John 2:21).
- 6.) Those who deny Jesus is the Christ are liars, they refuse to acknowledge the Father and the Son; however, my heart is filled with gratitude, for I have been anointed by Holy Spirit to know the truth (1 John 20&22) by the Lord, Whose name is like perfume poured out; the odor of His ointments are **fragrant**; how I love Him (SS 1:3); for He has washed me with water to wash away the shame and guiltiness that was on me, and anointed me with oil (Ezek. 16:9); so I could draw near to God with a sincere heart trusting Him fully; for my guilty conscience has been sprinkled with the blood of Jesus to make me clean, and my body has been washed with pure water (Heb. 10:22), so I could **have** the truth (1 John 2:20b) in my heart, and lead a blameless life doing what is right (Ps. 15:2).

- 7.) *(I remember when I discovered God had written about me in His book, the Bible; I was that fool in so many ways, one example)* was how I would multiply my words, and just chattered on and on; I didn't realize that my own lips were **consuming** me; that is until Holy Spirit revealed my thoughts were based on foolish assumptions, and as a result, in the end I was simply speaking nonsense (Eccl. 10:13-14); nonetheless, I will never live to regret the *(many, many words I heard that helped me to form the thought)*, and make the decision to run to God for dear life (Ps. 71:1); *(like these in Isaiah when the Lord said)*, I have wiped out your transgressions like a **thick** cloud, and your sins like a heavy mist (Isa. 44:22); and though I am as a wonder and surprise to many, the Lord is my strong refuge; my mouth shall be filled with His praise and with His honor all the day long (Ps. 71:7-8).
- 8.) The Lord my God is good and merciful to me (Ps. 116:5a); how **sweet** His words to my taste my Beloved is so kind; the One I love saved me when I was without help; and now my soul can relax, for the Lord is caring for me; my Beloved has saved my soul from death; He stopped my tears, and kept me from falling; I will continue to serve the Lord in the land of the living all the days of my life; I believed in Him even when I thought that I was completely ruined; my trust and faith grew deeper through all this upset, when I thought there was no one to be trusted; what could I possibly give to the Lord for all that He has done for me; I will give my Beloved what I promised, my love; and I will go before all His people, for the lives of His followers are very dear to Him; the Lord cares deeply, and welcomes those who love Him, when they arrive at the gates of death (Ps. 116:5-15); yes, my Beloved will always guide me on the course of right living, because it was Him, Christ Jesus, Who brought me into right standing with God (Heb. 12:11); so I would not be pulverized like a rock, like those whose bones will be scattered at the gates of hell; because the One I love protects me; my Beloved takes good care of me because I only have eyes for Him (Ps, 141:7-9a).

- 9.) Though God has given me the bread of adversity and the **water** of affliction, the One I love is with me to teach me; my eyes will constantly behold my Teacher; (Isa. 30:20); when I told my Beloved, my foot is slipping, His mercy and unfailing love supported me; when doubts filled my mind and my heart was in turmoil, the comfort of the One I love quieted me and gave me renewed hope and **cheer** (Ps. 94:18-19).
- 10.) The Lord has helped me to understand when a person loves the world, and the things that it offers, the love of the Father is not in them; for the world is governed by rebellion – do things your own way, and satisfy every pleasure you are craving; the world functions on selfish desire – want everything for yourself, and satisfy the greedy longings of your mind; the world produces self-reliance – want fame, fortune and importance, and satisfy pride’s desire for wealth and achievement; these things do not come from the Father; they have nothing to do with the Father, and everything to do with evil’s desire to isolate us and keep us from Him; Who watches this world that will one day disappear with everything that people crave; however, I will be found standing with my Beloved among those who did what was pleasing to the Father, and I will live with Him forever (1 John 2:14-17); for God sent out His Light and His Truth to lead me (Ps. 43:3a) to instruct me and guide me along the **best** pathway for my life (Ps. 32:8a); and bring me to His holy hill and to His dwelling place (Ps. 43:3b).

11.) I pour out my heart before the One I love, for He is my Rock of unyielding strength and my refuge; I trust and rely on and have confidence in my Beloved **at all** times; therefore, I shall not be moved, because the Lord is my Defense and my Fortress; my soul shall wait only upon the One I love and silently submit to Him, for my hope and expectation are from Him (Ps. 62:5-8); Who gives me more and more grace so I can grow in knowledge of God and my Beloved; and by His divine power, God bestows upon me all the things I require to live a good and godly life through my **relationship** with Him; my heavenly Father has called me to Himself, and by means of His own glory and goodness, which He also shares with me, He blesses me with great and precious promises; so that through them I can escape the ruin that comes to people because of moral decay and the corrupted things they want to do; God's promises enable me to become a partaker of His divine nature (2 Pet. 1:2-4).

12.) I have made this to be my goal, to carefully determine what is pleasing to the One I love, and then to do it; and, instead of taking part in useless evil deeds, I will expose them, for it is shameful even to mention what ungodly people do in secret (Eph. 5:10-12); they are living in the flesh, with sinful desires at work within them; desires that are aroused by the law, because it hems the flesh in with rules and regulations, that **cause** unrest and rebellion **to** increase (Rom. 7:4); and those who commit and practice sin have become slaves of sin (John 8:34); controlled by the desires of their body, which will bring them to spiritual death because of the things they have done (Rom. 7:5).

- 13.) I don't want to be counted among the numbers who abandon themselves to a soft prodigal lifestyle of having fun and giving in to pleasures of self-indulgence and self-gratification (James 5:5); this way of living has resulted in hell enlarging its appetite, its mouth opened wide; and the great and the small alike to be swallowed up; the arrogant and disorderly and the **drunken** reveler will be brought down; but the Lord of Heaven's Armies will be exalted by His justice; the holiness of God will be displayed by His great righteousness (Isa. 5:14-16), against those who talk rebellion and turn away from the Lord (Deut. 13:5); to join in prostitution, which is idolatry, and to drink the wine of its immorality, causing the inhabitants of the earth to become **intoxicated** (Rev. 17:2); for they are treacherous, rash and inflated with self-conceit; lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than **lovers** of God (2 Tim. 3:4); so God has poured out upon them the spirit of deep **sleep** (Isa. 29:10); He has given them an attitude of stupor (Rom. 11:8); they hear with their ears, but do not understand; they look with their eyes but do not see; for the heart of these people has grown dull and calloused; their ears are heavy and hard of hearing; they have shut tight their eyes, so that they do not perceive and have knowledge and understand with their souls to turn to God and be converted, so He may heal them (Acts 28:26-27).
- 14.) Though I may wonder and make inquiries about the ways of God, of this I am assured, in a short while I will see my Beloved; and though the world may rejoice as I weep and grieve, of this I am confident, my sorrow shall surely be turned to joy and happiness (John 16:19); therefore, I will not lose **heart**; nor will I ever give up, for the things I see now are temporary; however, the things I cannot see will last forever, they are eternal; my body may waste away and die, but I know my spirit is being renewed day by day (2 Cor. 4:16,18); because God Himself is restoring me and making me strong, firm and steadfast (1 Peter 5:10b).

- 15.) My heavenly Father has given me new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:3); this was a happy day for God because He was able to give to me and all who believe new life through the truth of His Word so we could become children in His new family (James 1:18); for while I was in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were **aroused** by the Law, were at work in the members of my body to bear fruit for death; but now I have been released from the Law, having died to that by which I was bound, so that I can serve in newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter (Rom. 7:5-6); right now I am a child of God; I don't know what my person will be like when Christ appears because it has not yet been disclosed; I can't even imagine what it is going to be like when that time arrives; but this I do know, when my Beloved comes I will be like Him, as a result of seeing Him as He really is; and everyone who has this hope resting on the One I love will work with Holy Spirit to cleanse themselves; they will try to stay pure because Jesus is pure (1 John 3:2); they will do this because their trust is also resting on God's Word, Who assures, 'What is impossible with people is absolutely possible with God,' (Luke 13:27).
- 16.) If I should suffer contempt, ridicule and derision, I shall stand unmoved from God's truth and revelation, for His word has been my comfort; with all my heart I want the blessings of my God; so when I see Him being rejected - uneasiness, ire and sadness seize upon me; for His decrees are set in the music to which I listen, and the songs I **sing** wherever I am going; for I earnestly remember the name of the One I love, in the night and all day long, because I live by His word and His counsel (Ps. 119:51-56).

- 17.) I know my Beloved is the same today; the same One Who dried up the sea, the powerful waters of the deep, and made the bottom of the ocean depths a road for the redeemed to cross over; the Lord saves His people, and will have them return to Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy and gladness, for all sorrow and mourning shall disappear; yes, Jesus is the One Who comforts us, and gives us all this joy; so how could I forget the One I love, my Creator, Who spread the stars throughout the skies, and laid the foundations of the earth; how is it then, that fear of mere man can seize me, when I know imprisonment, starvation and death are not to be my fate; for the Lord my God, the One Who stirs up the sea, causing its waves to roar, the Lord of Heaven's Armies is His name; Who put His words in my mouth, and personally watches over me, hiding me safely with His hand; He does this with one purpose in mind, to make a new heaven and a new earth, and to greet Israel and Zion, His Church (Isa. 51:10-16a), those who know they are **loved by Jesus** (2 Thess. 2:13), will hear Him say: Welcome, My people! (Isa. 51:10-16).
- 18.) I will be content with who I am in Christ, and won't put on airs; instead, I will humble myself under the mighty hand of God, because I know when the right time comes, He will exalt me and lift me up in honor (1 Pet. 5:6); sadly, there will be many who will not be saved; who will not be delivered from the penalties of the last judgment, to be made partakers of the salvation by Christ; *(with all my heart I encourage you)* to strive to enter by the narrow door to God's kingdom, for many will try to enter and will not be able to do so; for when the Master of the house gets up and locks the door, those who stand outside will **knock** and plead for the Lord to open the door; but He will answer them, I do not know where you come from; all wrongdoers, who do evil, will be told to depart, and there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Luke 13:23-28).

- 19.) I work with Holy Spirit to live a blameless life, but how I need the help of my Beloved, especially in my own home, for I long to lead a life of integrity; and sing praises to the One I love (Ps. 101:1); I don't want to be as those whom my Beloved has **opened wide** His arms, yet they remain disobedient and rebellious (Rom. 10:21); for me, I choose to be a follower of Christ; to be a **friend** of Truth, to belong to the Truth, for everyone who makes this decision hears Truth, and listens to the voice of Christ Jesus; Who was born for this purpose: to testify and bear witness of the Truth, and to bring Truth to the world (John 18:37); so we could learn to trust the Truth, even when it hurts (Prov. 27:6a).
- 20.) I have learned it is fortunate when God steps in and corrects me; so I will not complain nor will I despise the discipline of my heavenly Father; and though He allows circumstances to inflict pain and cause wounds; He is with me to bind up and provide relief; and though the truthful nature of God can be gut wrenching (Job 5:17-18a), I know I can trust what the **Lover** of my soul says, even when it hurts (Prov. 27:6a); for the nurturing of my Beloved offers the care and tender compassion that inner healing so desperately needs (Job 5:18b); the Lord knows, and wants me to understand, the kisses of an enemy are lavish and deceitful; and though their actions appear nice, they really want to hurt me (Prov. 27:6b).
- 21.) I have come to truly value a spoken reprimand and a positive critique for they are so much better than love that is hidden (Prov. 27:5); and I know the One I love does not desire grieving me, but that I would recognize the depth of His love for me (2 Cor. 2:4); the Lord does not want me to remain stuck in my ways (Jer. 13:15a); for He has no **joy** or takes no pleasure from those who are evildoers; neither shall He have mercy on wicked hypocrites, for He has no interest in their filthy and foolish speech; surely, His anger is not turned away from those whose lives rage like an out-of-control fire, the kind that burns everything in its path (Isa. 9:17-18a).

22.) It's understandable that no one enjoys discipline while it is happening – it's really quite painful (Heb. 12:11); but, I won't lose courage and give up when my Beloved reproves and corrects me (Heb. 12:5-6) for I was living the way the world lives, following the ruler of the evil powers over the earth; trying to please my sinful self, by doing all the things my body and mind wanted (Eph. 2:2-3); I was puffed up by that "know-it-all" attitude I had, which made me feel important and quite proud of myself; but I have since learned that love is what edifies and encourages a person to grow and mature (1 Cor. 8:1); this is why it has become so important to me to **cease** from my own human wisdom (Prov. 23:4); because now I know there is more hope for fools than for people who think they are wise (Prov. 26:12).

23.) I try hard not to forget the encouraging words my Beloved has spoken to me, for He has accepted and welcomed me into His heart because He loves me; therefore, I will not think lightly or refuse to submit to His correction and discipline, for I know that I am cherished by the One Who loves my soul (Heb. 12:5); Who has sent His Holy Spirit to guide my life, and help me not to do what my sinful nature craves (Gal. 5:16); by helping me to put every evil thing that is lurking within me out of my life; sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever I feel like whenever I feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts my fancy; that way of living is shaped by things and feelings instead of by God; I was such a greedy person, an idolater, who cherished and worshiped the things of this world; I used to do these things when my life was still entrenched in this world; but I know better now, and together with Holy Spirit I will make sure it's **all gone** for good; for now is the time for me to rid myself of anger, malicious behavior, profanity and slander (Col. 3:5-9).

- 24.) I have become painfully aware of my need of God, for He comforts and encourages and refreshes and cheers the depressed and the sinking (2 Cor. 7:6), of which I have been; fortunately, I have come to learn how necessary it is to allow endurance and steadfastness and patience to grow, and do a thorough work in me whenever my faith is being tested; for I have come to understand that trials and the proving of my faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience; so I must endure the pressure, and not try to squirm out of my problems prematurely so these godly qualities can grow, for the end result will be so good; I am determined to be grateful for this process as I become more mature and well-developed, strong in character, all that God wants me to be (James 1:3-4), for in Christ, Who is the **Head** over every power and authority, I have been given the **fullness** of the Deity (Col. 2:9); I am blessed in every way; my Beloved has enriched my whole life, giving me the ability and readiness to speak of my faith, because He has given me understanding of the truth; and there is no end to what is happening in me – it's beyond speech, it's beyond knowledge; for my Beloved has given me free and open access to God, I've got all the gifts and benefits of God because of Jesus (1 Cor. 1:3-5).
- 25.) I have discovered as my trust in the Lord increases, my heart is being **fortified by Holy Spirit with a glorious** inner strengthening: which seems to be as a covering made out of the unlimited resources of My Beloved; because Holy Spirit (Eph. 3:16) is training me in a way with God's discipline, which isn't enjoyable while it is happening; but, is always good for me, so that I might share in His holiness, and produce righteousness that will yield a **harvest** of peaceable fruit (Heb. 12:10-11); helping me to know and rely on the love God has for me (1 John 4:16); while preparing my heart so the Lord can be more and more at home, living within me (Eph. 3:17).

26.) I am being strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by Holy Spirit (Eph. 3:16) so I will have all the endurance and patience I need (Col. 1:11); because patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady; then, when that happens, we are able to hold our heads high no matter what happens and know that all is well, for we know how dearly God loves us, and we feel this warm love everywhere within us because God has given us Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love (Rom. 5:4-5); and Holy Spirit does this because I am the bride of Christ; and as the Groomsman to the One I love, it is Holy Spirit's pleasure and joy to stand by and listen to the voice of the Bridegroom, so His joy and happiness can be made complete knowing Jesus is in my heart; yes, Holy Spirit wants me to experience the joy and pleasure that occurs as the Lord grows more prominent in my life, and my sense of self-importance **diminishes** (John 3:29-30); making it possible for me to continue to serve the Lord while in the very midst of **adversity** (Acts 20:19).

27.) The Lord gives me knowledge too wonderful and glorious to believe; knowledge that assures me I can never be lost to His Spirit; I can never get away from my God; for He is always around me; He goes before me and is behind me; He places His hand of blessing on my head; for the One I love has examined my heart and knows everything about me; He knows when I sit down and when I stand up; He understands and knows my every thought; He charts the path ahead of me and tells me where to stop and rest; every moment He knows where I am, for He is acquainted with all my ways; my Beloved, even knows what I want to say before the words leave my mouth; how amazing is my God (Ps. 139:1-6); Who tells me not to hold back; instead, to open wide the door of my heart, and not to think small; for God will cause me to grow in all directions, to **spread out** to the right and to the left (Isa. 54:2-3); and if I should leave God's paths and go astray, I will hear the voice of my Beloved say, No, this is the way; walk here (Isa. 30:21).

28.) It is the Lord Who instructs us to **put off** our old self, because it has become corrupted by lust and deception; and **to clothe** ourselves with this new nature created in God's image, truly righteous and holy, by letting Holy Spirit renew our thoughts and attitudes (Eph. 4:21-23); heaven's precious Lamb, Christ Jesus, hears the cry of His beloved, and comes with mighty power to rescue; He saves again and again that we may be delivered from deception, rebellion and fear; for His mercy and unfailing love are great beyond measure, higher than the heavens; and His truth and faithfulness reach far beyond the skies; God has exalted the One I love above the highest heavens, to let His glory shine over all the earth (Ps. 108:4); and I have discovered how vain it is for me to attempt to make my house into a loving home, when the Lord is not the foundation on **which** I was building; how useless it is for me or for anyone to work so hard, driven by worry, anxiety and self-reliance, when the Lord our God wants to give us rest from emotions that oppress and control; the Lord wants to bless us with pleasant sleep, peaceful and undisturbed, so He can daily restore us (Ps. 127:1-2).

29.) I am learning how essential it is for me to keep my eyes on Jesus, for He is my Leader and Instructor; how vital it is for me to follow Holy Spirit's guidance so I can strip off anything that slows me down or holds me back; especially those sins of fear and worry and rebellion, that **wrap** themselves so tightly **around** my thinking and my emotions causing me to be tripped up; I really want to run this particular race that God has set before me with patience, love and self-control (Heb. 12:1-2); and I have come to realize that each hurdle I face, whether it be fear or doubt or disbelief, the Lord my God is the One Who will cross over ahead of me like a devouring fire; because my Beloved wants to help me subdue my reactive responses, so together we can conquer thoughts, attitudes, behaviors and beliefs that negativity elicits, so their strongholds in my life can be destroyed (Deut. 9:3); for my Beloved has given me His word that no weapon that is formed against me shall prosper or succeed; and every tongue that should rise against me in judgment and accusation shall be silenced for they will be shown to be in the wrong; for these benefits: peace and righteousness, security and triumph over opposition are mine to enjoy as one who serves the Lord; and my vindication will come from my Beloved (Isa. 54:17).

- 30.) My soul will wait only upon my God, and silently submit to Him; for my hope and expectation are from Him; the One I love is my Rock and my Salvation; He is my Defense and my Fortress, I shall not be moved, for with my Beloved rests my salvation and my glory; He is my Rock of unyielding strength and impenetrable hardness; my refuge is in God; therefore, I will trust in the Lord; I will lean on Him, and have confidence in Him at all times; I **pour out** my heart before the Lord my God; my Refuge and High Tower (Ps. 62:5-8); and above all else, I will guard my heart with all diligence, for from it flows the springs of life; I will be careful what I think because it is my thoughts that control and determine the course my life will **follow**; with this in mind, I will put away from me a deceitful mouth, and put devious speech far from me; I will not bend the truth or say things that I know are not right; I will let my eyes look directly ahead with fixed purpose; and consider well the path of my feet, so all my ways can be established and ordered aright; I will not turn aside to the right or to the left, for I deeply desire to remove my feet from evil (Prov. 4:20-27).
- 31.) Sadly, there are many who do not consider, and never seem to recognize the Lord earnestly remembers all their wickedness; their own doings surround and entangle them; my Beloved can see their sins clearly, because they are before His face (Hosea 7:2); these people are so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all their day-to-day obligations they have lost track of the time, oblivious to God; but, it is high time for them to wake up, and rouse themselves to reality, for the hour is critical; time is running out, salvation is nearer now than ever before; the night is far gone, and the day of my Beloved's return will soon be dawning; this is why I have quit the deeds of darkness, to put on the armor of right living; I want to be up and awake to **what** God is doing, preparing myself to fight with the weapons that belong to the Light (Rom. 13:11-12).

- 32.) As a steward to my Beloved, it is important for me not to be self-willed, arrogant or pushy, looking down my nose at others; instead, I need to work at being a person someone can look up to; so I will endeavor to refrain from being short-tempered, a heavy drinker, violent and greedy (Titus 1:7); for I desire to come close to God, so He can come close to me; I recognize that I am a sinner; and realize that I had been disloyal, a wavering individual with divided interests, that was in need of having my **soiled** hands cleansed and my heart purified of my spiritual adultery (James 4:8); so I could be prepared and ready to fully embrace being a **lover** of goodness, hospitality and the willingness to help by being a friend to both believers and strangers alike; giving thanks to God for His Holy Spirit, Who helps me to live wisely being just and devout so I can live a disciplined life; holding fast to the sure and trustworthy Word of God, which makes it possible for me to encourage others with teaching that is right and true; the Word of God also prepares me to show those who disagree and oppose where they are wrong (Titus 1:7-9).
- 33.) Though favor is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; the kindness of my Beloved does not make them do good; they continue doing what is wrong, and take no notice of God's majesty; they don't see the hand of my Beloved is lifted high to strike (Isa. 26:10-11a); yet, Truth reveals a blow that wounds can cleanse evil **away**, and strokes of correction that reach the innermost parts can purify a heart (Prov. 20:30); sadly, though the Lord's **hand** is lifted high, they don't see it; Lord, let them see Your zeal for Your people, for You have established peace **with** God for us (Isa. 26:11-12).

- 34.) I have determined to be very careful how I live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every **opportunity**, because the days are evil; I desire to understand what the Lord's will is, and not to be foolish (Eph. 5:15-17); for there are seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. Another angel with a gold incense burner shall be given a great amount of incense to mix with the prayers of God's people as an offering to be placed on the gold altar before the throne; and the fragrant smoke of the incense will ascend up to God; the angel shall fill the censer with fire from the altar and throw it down upon the earth; the sound of thunder and loud rumblings will be heard, lightning will flash, a terrible earthquake will occur, and the seven angels with the seven trumpets will prepare to sound them (Rev. 8:3-6).
- 35.) I keep the matters of God in my **heart** and mind, for judgment has been set by the court of the Most High, and the saints of God shall take away the dominion of the beast to consume it and to **destroy** it in the end; then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heavens shall be given to the holy people of the Most High; Whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions shall serve and obey the Lord (Dan. 7:26-28); yet multitudes shall neither obey or incline their ear to listen, because arrogance and stubbornness has stiffened their necks (Jer. 17:23); their rebellion has grieved God's Holy Spirit (Isa. 63:10a); what remedy can be offered to those who remain stiff-necked after many rebukes (Prov. 29:1).
- 36.) Unfortunately, God shall turn and become their **enemy**, and He Himself shall fight against them (Isa. 63:10b), and there will be strange signs in the sun, moon and stars; on the earth, nations will be in turmoil and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the seas; people will be terrified at what they see coming on the world, for the powers in the heaven will be shaken; at that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory; so when all these things **begin** to happen, stand and look up, for our salvation is drawing near (Luke 21:25-28).

- 37.) The day of Christ's return will not come until two things happen: first, there will be a great rebellion against God, and then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, the son of hell who brings destruction; he will exalt himself, and defy everything that people call good, and tear down every other object of adoration and worship; he will even go in and sit at the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God; this man of lawlessness is being held back until just the right time; however, that doesn't mean the spirit of anarchy is not now at work; it is, secretly and underground, and will remain there until the One Who is holding it back steps out of the way; at which time, this man of sin will come as Satan's tool; he will use every kind of evil deception and sleight of hand, and it will play to the gallery of those who refuse **to love** and accept the truth that would save them; yes, this man of lawlessness will be full of satanic **power**, to fool those on their way to destruction with his counterfeit power and signs and miracles; God will allow these people to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies; which will result in all of them being justly judged and condemned for believing falsehood and enjoying evil rather than believing the truth (2 Thess. 2:3-12).
- 38.) I bring this **revelation** and knowledge and prophecy as a word of instruction for your good (1 Cor. 14:6); for my Beloved, the Holy One of Israel, will bring calamity upon those who despise and spurn His Word, who trust in cunning and oppression, in crookedness and perverseness; and He will bring it upon them suddenly – like a bulging wall that bursts and falls; this iniquity and guilt will be to them as a high wall that instantly collapses and comes crashing down; God will smash them like a piece of pottery, and He will not act sparingly; unless they return to the Lord to be saved, and rest in Him; for our strength is in quietness and trusting confidence, but many will have none of it (Isa. 30:12); God's justice will be evident, for there will be **great** distress and greater anguish than at any time since the world began; nothing as bad as this will ever happen again; in fact, if these days of calamity are not shortened, a single person would not survive; but God will shorten them to help the people He has chosen (Matt. 24:21-22).

39.) So I will be patient and earnestly wait for the day when my Beloved rises up to attack; yes, it is His decision to gather the kingdoms of the earth and pour out His fiercest anger and indignation upon them; the Lord's zeal is a fire that will purge and purify the earth; and in the end when the One I love has turned things around for His people, He will give us a clear and pure speech, so we can call upon His name to finally worship and serve Him with one united shoulder and one unanimous consent (Zeph. 3:8-9); sadly, there was a time when God's people experienced His wonder and His grace; when they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, but it didn't seem to make a difference in their lives (1 Cor. 10:2-4); therefore, because the times are evil, I will not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly **grasping** what the will of the Lord is (Eph. 5:16b-17); for even now God's people think the Scriptures they so carefully study will give them life eternal; they refuse to come to Christ Jesus, the One these same Scriptures point to so they can have that life (John 5:39); and though their ancestors ate the same spiritual food, and drank the same spiritual drink, they couldn't recognize the spiritual Rock from which they drank; they did not understand this mighty Rock that stayed with them everywhere they went and supplied spiritual refreshment was Christ Jesus (1 Cor. 10:2-5).

40.) The One I love spread a cloud for a **covering** by day, and a fire to give light in the night; my Beloved opened the rock so water could pour out in the hot and arid places (Ps. 105:38,41), so the people would not thirst when He led them through the deserts (Isa. 48:21a); unfortunately, like their ancestors, many still do not know the gift of God (John 4:10a), the Rock from which water flowed (Isa. 48:21b), or they too would ask God for drink, and He would give them living water (John 4:10b) sadly, the rumblings of **discontent** can still be heard (Num. 11:4) from those who have not been baptized into Christ, united with Him through Holy Spirit (Gal. 3:27a); for they refuse to humble themselves under God's mighty hand (1 Peter 5:6); instead, they **bow down** to worship other gods; idols their own hands have made; these people have become worse and worse; they have no fear of the Lord, but they should be afraid; for the Lord All-Powerful has a special day planned when He will punish the proud and boastful people; they will hide in the dust from the terror of the Lord, and the glory of His majesty; yes, human pride will be brought down, and human arrogance will be humbled; the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day (Isa. 2:8-12).

- 41.) I am so grateful, for I have experienced the wonder of God, Who sent His son so I could be washed clean, purified by a complete atonement for my sin and made free from its guilt; I have experienced God's grace for I have been consecrated and set apart for Him because I called on the name Jesus, and all this by the Spirit of God (1 Cor. 6:11); Who has helped me to know with all my heart the One I love is the Rock of my spiritual refreshment in the dry and arid times I experience; and I gratefully profess and acknowledge the Lord my God is the firm Strength of my heart and my Portion forever (Ps. 73:26); I have come to know this because I was willing to put on the character of Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:27b); and refuse to indulge my ego at the expense of my spirit; for this world is not my home; therefore, I will not make myself cozy in it; I will live properly so my honorable behavior can be seen by those who do not believe; and prayerfully, they too will be won over to God's side, and be present **to join** in the celebration when my Beloved arrives (1 Peter 2:11-12); therefore, I will continue to pray that God **opens** doors so the Word can be proclaimed concerning Christ Jesus (Col. 4:3).
- 42.) Yes, many will be totally devastated with cheeks reddened and rosy, because their conduct would not hold up to public scrutiny; so I pray they realize devastation and embarrassment is better than damnation (1 Cor. 5:5a); I pray they are snatched from the fire (Jude 23), so they can get on their feet and be forgiven before the Lord returns (1 Cor. 5:5b); then they too can dwell in the circle of my Beloved's covenant – redeemed – as I do; Jesus has spread His wing of protection over me, His servant; and I am blessed for Christ has made this last **loving**-kindness greater than the former; what a splendid expression of **love**, for the Lord does for me all that I require (Ruth 3:9); so I confront each day boldly, standing firm in my faith with no fear nor dismay, for the One I love is with me; I will not have to lift a hand in this day's battle; instead I will praise and worship my God's saving work and deliverance (2 Chron. 20:17); for upon this Rock, Christ Jesus, God built His Church, and all the powers of hell shall not be able to conquer it (Matt. 17:18).

43.) How amazing my Beloved, for He entered the Most Holy Place to make me and all who place their faith in Him to become God's personal possession; the One I love found me in a dry land, an empty howling wasteland; now His love surrounds me, and He watches over me; guarding and protecting me as the apple of His eye; my Beloved is like an eagle hovering over its nest, ready to help as she spreads her wings to catch her young when they fall, and carry them to a safe place; yes, the Lord alone will guide me (Deut. 32:9-12); for my Beloved has given me a special gift, a Helper, Holy Spirit, and He lives within me, in my heart, so I don't need anyone to teach me what is right; for the Spirit teaches me everything I need to know, and what He teaches me is true; and just as He has taught me, I will live in fellowship with Christ Jesus, never **to depart** from Him (1 John 2:27).

44.) Though this message may bring terror to some people, for they will find the bed they have made to stretch out on is too short; the blanket too narrow **to wrap** around themselves; for the Lord will rise up against the self-promoters; the wrath of my Beloved is against (Isa. 28:20-21a) those with false beliefs thinking they will be lifted up to the skies; but no, they will go down to the depths (Matt. 11:23); for the One I love roused Himself to do His work, His strange work; He brought to pass His act, His strange and unusual act; therefore, do not be scoffers, or the bands and chains which bind will become heavier; for the Lord of Heaven's Armies, has plainly said and determined a decree of destruction shall come upon the whole land and the whole earth; so scoff no more; instead, listen and truly hear the words of the One I love (Isa. 28:21b-23).

- 45.) Surely as my God is faithful, this is a certainty, God's word does not waver between "Yes" and "No"; whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Christ Jesus; and that is why we say "Amen" through Christ to the glory of God; for God is the One Who makes me and all who believe strong in the Lord Jesus; and God affirms me, giving me a sure place to dwell in my Beloved, putting His Yes within me; for all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes" (2 Cor. 1:18-20); God is so great – infinite – greater than anything I could ever imagine, and well **beyond** my understanding (Job 36:26); so I will do as Holy Spirit charges me – to love the Lord my God, and walk in all His ways; making my yes resound by obeying His commands; and embracing my Beloved, and serving Him with everything I am and everything I have (Joshua 22:5).
- 46.) How amazing my God is; for when the right time had come, the time God decided on, He sent His Son, born among us of a woman; born under the conditions of the law so that He might redeem those who were under subjugation of the law, so he could purchase our freedom, and adopt us as His very own children; and since I am His child, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into my **heart**, prompting me to cry out, Abba, Father; for I am no longer a slave to the fleshly desires the law produced; I am God's child; God has made me His heir, so everything He has now belongs to me, for this is the way God planned (Gal. 4:4); that by faith I could testify I am a child of God (Gal. 3:24) **born** again to a living hope (1 Pet. 1:3); for I have been united with Christ in baptism, and have clothed myself with Christ; this baptism was not just washing up for a fresh start, it involves putting on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes; for there is no longer any distinction between gender, ethnicity or culture among those who have this faith, for we are all one in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:25-28),

- 47.) As a child of God I will attend to His words; I will listen closely and carefully to His voice, consenting and submitting to His **sayings**; I won't lose sight of them; instead, I will concentrate and keep these thoughts ever in mind, so they can penetrate deep into my heart; for God's words bring life and health to those who find them (Prov. 4:20-22).
- 48.) The Lord **makes** my works to be as poetry to Him (Isa. 26:12); my heart overflows at this beautiful thought; so I speak these lines to my King, with words that come from my tongue as from the pen of a skillful writer, for my Beloved is the fairest of all; His words are filled with grace; God has blessed the Lord forever; for the One I love has armed Himself (Ps. 45:1-3a) with the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word (Eph. 6:17), and His name is the Word of God (Rev. 19:13); my Beloved a mighty Warrior, so glorious and so majestic; in His greatness and majesty He rides on triumphantly defending truth, humility and justice; so we can see the awe-inspiring and tremendous things God can do with His powerful right arm (Ps. 45:3b-4); however, many will wail as destruction from the Almighty and Sufficient One comes, for the day of the Lord is at hand (Isa. 13:6); they will weep because of the misery that is **coming upon** them (James 5:1).
- 49.) Hands will be feeble, and hearts will melt, for they shall be dismayed and terrified; pangs of anguish shall grip them, like those of a woman in labor; they will gaze stupefied and aghast at one another, their faces aflame from the effects of this unprecedented warfare; for you see, the day of the Lord is **coming**, the terrible day of His wrath and fierce anger; to make the land and the whole earth a desolation to destroy out of it, its sinners; the Lord will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their guilt and iniquity (Isa. 13:7-11); for they are lovers of self and utterly self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate desire for wealth; they are boastful and proud, scoffing at God, contemptuous boasters; who are abusive, disobedient to parents and ungrateful; without natural human affection, callous and inhumane, relentless, slanderers, troublemakers with loose morals and conduct, uncontrolled, cruel and fierce haters of good (2 Tim. 3:2-4).

- 50.) My Beloved is a Lover of what is good; His throne will be everlasting; He rules with His royal scepter of justice, for He hates evil and all that is unjust and wrong (Ps. 45:6); the One I love makes things right, and brings goodness and fairness to His people (Ps. 99:4); therefore, I will proclaim His righteousness and His mighty acts; yes, I will **tell** of the righteousness of my Beloved; and though I know not its measure, I will tell of His salvation all day long (Ps. 71:15-16).
- 51.) I will not let anyone deceive me or lead me astray (1 John 3:7a), because I hold firmly to the pattern of sound teaching I have learned – a pattern that has been shaped by the faith and love that I have in Christ Jesus; and through the help of Holy Spirit Who lives in me, I will **guard** the good deposit of knowledge that has been entrusted to me (2 Tim. 1:13-14); and conduct this simple test, which will confirm to me who are children of God and who are children of the devil; I can discern when people do what is right they are being righteous, even as my Beloved is righteous; but those who **make** a practice of doing what is wrong, who keep on sinning show they belong to Satan, for the devil has sinned from the beginning; and the reason the Son of God was made visible was to undo and destroy the works the devil has done; and those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, for God's seed, the Word of God, is deep within them, **making** them into a new creation – they are born again, conceived and brought into life by God; they cannot practice sinning because God's nature abides in them; but those who take their nature from the devil, who are his children do not practice righteousness, and are not of God (1 John 3:7-10).

- 52.) God has **lifted up** the light of His countenance upon us so we can see good (Ps. 4:6); He blesses us and keeps us; our heavenly Father makes His face to shine upon us, and He is gracious to us; He turns His face toward us and gives us peace (Num. 6:24); and has made known to us the paths of life; He fills us with joy in His presence (Acts 2:28); for He has placed my Beloved as a chosen, precious chief Cornerstone, and those who believe in Him shall never be disappointed or put to shame (1 Pet. 2:6); because Jesus is the Door, and anyone who enters through Him will be saved; the One I love cares for me because I am among the true sheep who know the voice of the Good Shepherd; I can come in and go out, and find everything I need; and though the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, my Beloved came that I could have and enjoy life, and have life in abundance (John 10:8-10).
- 53.) The Lord my God went out and **came for** the salvation of His people, for the deliverance and victory of His anointed ones; my Beloved crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying bare the foundation even to the neck (Hab. 3:13); so He could give me and all believers a distinguishing mark as a Christian having fellowship with the Father and with Himself, Christ Jesus (1 John 1:3); for there is yet a time to come that God has appointed, when some of the most gifted in the things of God will stumble and fall, but this will only refine and cleanse them and make them pure; it will be a test to make those among God's people white, until the time of the end (Dan. 11:35).
- 54.) I will work with Holy Spirit to be as patient as the farmer who waits expectantly for the precious harvest from the land to ripen; for the coming of the Lord is near, the Judge is already standing at the door; yes, I have strengthened and confirmed my heart in the final certainty just as the prophets who spoke in the name of my Beloved; they were given honor because they endured and were steadfast, even though they **suffered** greatly for it; what a gift life is to those who stay the course, as Job, who reveals to us how the Lord's plans end in good; for the One I love is full of empathy and compassion and the greatest tender mercies (James 5:7-11).

55.) How awesome our God, for He longs for and pursues us all with love, through the tender mercy of Christ Jesus; so our love can flourish, and we will not only love much, but well, as we keep growing in spiritual knowledge and insight; for God wants us always to see clearly the difference between right and wrong, so we can live pure and blameless lives, understanding what really matters, until the day of Christ's return (Phil. 1:8-10); and though the world ignores us, we are known to God; though many live close to death, they are very much alive; yes, we may be **injured**, but we are kept from death; our hearts may ache, but at the same time we have the joy of the Lord; we may be poor, but we are rich because of the spiritual gifts Holy Spirit has given us; we may own nothing, yet we enjoy everything (2 Cor. 6:9-10).

56.) It is by God's grace that Jesus brought to us the message of peace and **salvation** so He could offer those who receive it as a fragrant sacrifice to God; for we have been made pure and pleasing to Him by Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:15); therefore, I will prepare to discipline and subdue my body, training it to do what it should, not what it wants to do (1 Cor. 9:27); for my Beloved is the True Vine, and Father God is the Vinedresser; and any branch that is in Christ that does not bear fruit He will cut off; God also trims every branch cleansing and repeatedly pruning it to make it bear richer and more excellent fruit; just as no branch can bear fruit if it is severed from the vine, I cannot be fruitful unless I dwell and remain in Jesus, and He dwells and remains in me; for the One I love is the Vine, and I and all who love Jesus are the branches; therefore, in order to bear abundant fruit it is vital for us to live in Jesus so we can be joined together; because separated from my Beloved I can do nothing (John 15:1).

- 57.) Yes, I will call on all people everywhere to fear not; to stand still – confident and calm, and see the salvation of the Lord; to see the wonderful way my Beloved will work to rescue us this day, for the Lord is fighting for each one of us (Ex. 14:13-14); let them take hold of the Lord's strength and make complete surrender to His **protection**, so they can make peace with God; Yes, let them make peace with God (Isa. 27:5); that they would know my Beloved was fighting for whosoever when God ranked Him lower than the angels; and now, the One I love has been crowned by God with glory and honor and set over all the works of His hands; for God has put everything under the feet of Jesus; and by putting everything under the Lord's feet, God was giving my Beloved authority over all things; there was nothing left that is not under the control and rule of the One I love (Heb. 2:7-8).
- 58.) God gave all authority to Jesus so my Beloved could loosen us from the chains of sin that bound us by our necks; for we are bound by bad attitudes and decisions, that lead us into making wrong choices, and sell ourselves for nothing into slavery to sin; Jesus helps us loose these chains so we can **rise** from the dust, and sit down together with Him in a place of honor; for God redeemed us without money (Isa. 52:2-3) from this empty way of living; God paid for us with the precious lifeblood of Christ Jesus, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God; Who God chose as our ransom long before the world began; and whenever we call out to God for help, He reveals what a wonderful Father He is and helps us; however, we can't forget, God is also a fair and just Father, Who helps us recognize the useless and rather sloppy lifestyles we had chosen; this is why we need Jesus to come into our lives with such Great News: God wants to save us from that way of living, and give us an amazing opportunity to travel through our life journey enjoying a deep and intimate relationship with Him; the best decision a person could ever make – place their trust in God, Who raised Christ from the dead and gave to Him great glory, so all our faith and hope can rest in the One I love (1 Peter 1:17-21).

- 59.) Our God is for us, so what does it matter who may be against us; God did not spare His own Son; instead, gave Him up for us all; God did not hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing Himself to the worst by sending His own Son; is there anything else He wouldn't gladly and freely do for us; yes, God gave His Son up for us all – so now with Jesus, surely, our heavenly Father will give us everything (Rom. 8:31-32); for God holds our victory; the One I love gives us wisdom, and from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding (Prov. 2:6-7); so we can know in all things, in all the rough whethers of this world – trouble or hardship, persecution or famine, nakedness or danger – we are more than **conquerors** through Him Who loves us (Rom. 8:35&37).
- 60.) God is kind and merciful, slow to anger and full of compassion and love; I will exalt my God and King, and praise the glorious name of Jesus forever and ever; His worthiness abounds, making it impossible for anyone to measure His worth, for His greatness is beyond discovery; from His heart flows goodness, He is good to everyone, and His compassion is woven into everything He does; the eyes of all mankind should look up, for they are bound to see the glory and splendor, the majesty and beauty that shine from the One Who lifts the fallen, and helps those who look to Him when they are bent beneath their burdens; yes, I will point out and tell everyone about the goodness of my Beloved; oh, that His awe-inspiring deeds would be on every tongue, that everyone would sing of His righteousness; for my Beloved is close to all who call on Him from a sincere and impartial heart (Ps. 145:1-18); my Beloved sets our lives right, puts them together, and completes it with joy; our task is to single-mindedly serve Him (Rom. 14:17-18); because the One I love covers those who love Him with the **fullness** of His abounding grace and kindness; His great beauty can be seen in the fairness that embellishes everything He does; oh how my heart overflows with thankfulness; I will praise the One I love, and call on all people everywhere to bless the holy name of Jesus forever and ever (Ps. 145:19-21).

- 61.) I tell you not to be afraid, for my Beloved is the **First** and the Last, the Living One Who died; He is now alive forevermore, and holds the keys of hell and death; but again I say, don't be afraid, if you have not my Friend, get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away by calling on the name of Jesus; for Father God has chosen you to become personally acquainted with Him, so you can come to know His will; by trusting in the One I love for your salvation; you will see the Righteous One, and hear Him speak; and you too can be His witness of the things you see and hear (Acts 22:14-16); and the first thing you will hear my Beloved say, 'Take courage, my child, your sins are forgiven and the penalty remitted,' (Matt. 9:2).
- 62.) God has not appointed us to incur His wrath; He did not select us to condemn us; God has chosen us to obtain His salvation through our Lord Christ Jesus, Who died for us so that whether we are alive or dead at His appearing, we can live together with Him and share His life; so be encouraged (1 Thess. 5:9-11), for God has cleared a path for everything to come to Him – all things in heaven and on earth– through His Son, for Christ's death on the cross has **made peace** with God for all by His blood (Col. 1:20); God has given us victory over sin, guilt and death, all three gone through Christ, Who **delivered** us with a victorious stroke of Life; so we can be firm, steadfast and immovable, giving ourselves enthusiastically to work for the Lord; knowing that nothing we do for Jesus is a waste of time or effort (1 Cor. 15:57); yet, my Beloved convicts and convinces and reproves and chastens, He tells us of our faults and (character deficits); so we can turn from denial and indifference and become diligent and enthusiastic and earnest, burning with zeal about the things of God; realizing this great Truth: the Lord will correct and discipline everyone He dearly and tenderly **loves** (Rev. 3:19).

- 63.) Yes, my Beloved came down from heaven to do the will of the One Who sent Him (John 6:38); and I know that **whatever** God does will endure forever; no one can add anything to the work of God, and they cannot take anything away from it; God's purpose in this is for man to respect and reverently fear Him; what happened in the past has happened, and what will happen in the future will happen; however, God wants to help those who have been treated badly (Eccl. 3:14-15); and this is God's will - that Jesus not lose a single person the Father has given Him; for all who believe Jesus is the Son of God, the One I love will raise to eternal life at the Last Day (John 6:39).
- 64.) My Beloved will search for His sheep, and seek them out; like a shepherd looks for his scattered flock; the One I love will rescue them from all the places they have been scattered on that dark and cloudy day (Ezek. 34:11-12); for the Lover of my soul paid a huge price for God's chosen ones; the Holy One of Israel, our Savior, gave His life in exchange for ours because we are so precious to Him; He has given us a special place of honor in His heart because He loves us; so I won't be afraid, for I know the Lord is with me; He will gather all His people from the east and west; He will tell the north and south to bring back His sons and daughters from the distant corners of the earth; my Beloved wants every last person - man, woman and child - who **confess** He is their Lord and Savior, because He made us for His glory; It was the Holy One of Israel Who created us (Isa. 43:3-7); and opened a fountain for God's people to be cleansed from sin and uncleanness (Zech. 13:1); the One I love is the faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the dead; my Beloved has freed us from our sins by the shedding of His blood because He **loves** us, and has made us a Kingdom of priests for God His Father (Rev. 1:5).

- 65.) My Beloved knows me, and I will follow Him; and no one will snatch me away from the One I love because the Father has given me to His Son; Jesus protects me from the Destroyer for the Lord has given me life eternal, so I will never perish; for the Father Who put me under the Lord's care is so much greater and more powerful than anyone else; making it impossible for anyone to snatch away the sheep from God's hand, for the Father and Jesus are One (John 10:28-30); and together they have revealed **how** greatly God **loves** and dearly prizes the world; for He gave up His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in my Beloved would not perish; instead, they would have eternal life (John 3:16).
- 66.) I will press on to know my Beloved, to be zealous to know and appreciate and cherish Him; for His going forth is prepared and is as certain as the dawn; yes, the Lord has come to us like rain, like the spring rain that waters the ground; the **love** of God has been poured out to water and refresh the terrains of our soul (Hosea 6:3); so we can turn away from evil to cultivate good, for the Lord's face is opposed to those who practice evil; this is why I search diligently for peace, and will do all I can to keep it, because I want the eyes of the Lord to be upon me, and His ears attentive to my words (1 Pet. 3:11-12); I don't want to be as those who drop out because the soil of their hearts are shallow and rocky; though they receive the Word of God with real joy, the message can't become deeply rooted, for these people don't have the depth of faith and hope and love within them to stand firm when trouble or persecution come; so I am working with Holy Spirit to make the ground of my heart good and fertile, then I can help others to understand God's Word so they too can enter His Kingdom (Matt. 13:20-23).

- 67.) Christ is now my life, and when He appears again, I will also appear with Him in the **beauty and splendor** of His glory; because I am living a new resurrection life with my Beloved; and I will pursue those things over which the One I love presides; I will seek the rich, eternal treasures that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God; I will think about the things of heaven; yes, I have set my mind and will keep it set on what is above, so I can start to see things from the Lord's perspective; for my old self has died, and my new, real life is hidden with Christ in God, invisible to all **spectators**; no one can see **how** I work to put everything evil out of my life; I don't want sinful thoughts controlling me, by causing me to be desirous of the wrong things; causing me to want them more and more for myself, which is the same as worshiping false gods; I certainly did these things in the past, but now I choose to live differently (Col. 3:1-7); I choose to do as my Beloved, and commit my spirit to the Father (Luke 23:46); putting God in charge, and rolling my works upon the Lord, trusting them wholly to Him; for He will cause my thoughts to become agreeable to His will, so He can establish my plans and make them succeed (Prov. 16:3); for my Beloved longs for me to perform and fully accomplish the will of God, so I can receive and enjoy to the full all that God has promised (Heb. 10:36).
- 68.) My Beloved works in my life so that in every way I can prosper, and be in good health, even as He is working within me to ensure my soul also keeps well and prospers (3 John 2); yes, I have found the One my heart **loves**; I will hold Him and will not let Him go (SS 3:4); and because of this **intimate relationship** I share with my Lord, Jesus Christ, He also enables me to walk and conduct myself in the same way in which He walked and conducted **Himself** (1 John 2:6); helping me to control myself and be alert and vigilant, cautious at all times, for that enemy of mine, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring in fierce hunger, seeking someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8).

- 69.) The Lord helps me to stand firm against the devil's onset, strong in my faith refusing to follow the paths of the enemy (1 Peter 5:9), without fear, because I know my God has chosen me; He has poured water upon me, because I was so very thirsty to be in relationship with Him; the Lord my God sent floods of grace and mercy upon the dry and parched ground of my heart; He poured His Spirit out upon me and my children; He floods my life and my descendants with His blessing (Isa. 44:2-3) of peace, for my Beloved is my peace, my bond of unity and harmony with God, because I now belong to Him, to Christ Jesus; and though I was once so very far away from God, now by the blood of Jesus I have been brought near; yes, my Beloved is the only reason I can enjoy peace with Father God (Eph. 2:13); and I follow His **instructions** so the glory of the Lord may appear to me (Lev. 9:6); as I offer worship God desires by caring for orphans and widows in their distress, and by refusing to let the world contaminate and corrupt my life (James 1:27).
- 70.) Yes, it is my delight **to love** the Lord with all of my heart and with all of my understanding and with all of my strength; therefore, I work to please Him and love others (Mark 12:33); for there will be no greater delight than to hear the One I love proclaim, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant (Matt. 25:23); for you have regarded My wisdom and understanding as your intimate friend' (Prov. 7:4); and because of my faith, I know one day I will dwell in the house of the Lord and gaze upon His beauty (Ps. 27:4); for I am obeying His command to persevere with patient endurance and faithfulness (Rev. 3:10a); for my desire is to see the face of my Beloved, and to have His name on my forehead (Rev. 22:4); to see His **glory**, the glory God has given Him because He has loved the Lord before the creation of the world (John 17:24).

- 71.) Yes, my Beloved is coming soon, and He will protect me from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to try and test those who dwell upon the earth (Rev. 3:10b-11a); but today, I can look for help from the One I love, with no **shadow of shame** (Ps. 34:5) for my Beloved has removed this darkness from my face, and has given me gladness and joy and honor, and a dawn of new hope (Est. 8:16); and I will let my shouts of joy be heard, as victory **banners** are raised in praise and honor to our God for all that He does for us; for my God rescues His anointed ones, and answers from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand (Ps. 20:5-6).
- 72.) So I will hold on to what I have, and be victorious; no one will take from me my crown, for I long to claim the promise of my Beloved to be a pillar in the temple of my God, never to leave His temple again; and for the Lord to inscribe His new name upon me, making me a citizen of the city of my God (Rev. 3:11b-12); Who is rich in mercy, and loves us very much; I was once spiritually dead because of all I had done against God; but He gave me new life together with Christ; I have been saved by God's grace; now I am **a part of** Christ Jesus, and God has also raised me from death; and because of the greatness of His love and mercy I am **seated together** with my Beloved in heavenly places; God did this so that His kindness to me and to all who belong to the One I love would clearly show the amazing richness of His grace for all time to come (Eph. 2:4-7).

73.) As a child of God, I live within His circle of blessing all because of my Beloved, Who brought me into covenant relationship with Father God; the One I love made it possible for me to clearly see the amazing goodness of God; for the many things that I've done wrong, when I asked, He forgave them all; what awe and fear of God this has given me, for though I am helpless, overwhelmed and at many times in deep distress, God always shows me mercy; in fact, my heavenly Father looks at me through eyes of loving-kindness, because we share an everlasting friendship (Ps. 25:11-14), the Lord my God blesses me **abundantly** (Joshua 17:14); He has set my feet on the path of life (Ps. 16:11a); and now He is showing me a more **excellent** way (1 Cor. 12:31); bringing me into His **presence**, a place where there is fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore (Ps. 16:11).

74.) Though I don't relish the thought of correction and discipline, I am very grateful God regards me as His child (Heb. 12:5); so I won't be surprised at the painful trials I may suffer, as though something strange is happening to me (1 Peter 4:12); for God is bringing me into the fire; He will **refine** me like silver, and test me like **gold**; and when I call on the name of the One I love, He will answer me; for I am His and my Beloved is the Lord my God (Zech. 13:9); so I won't feel sorry for myself, or forget how good parents treat their children; I won't become discouraged whenever He needs to show me where I am wrong, because God is educating me; so I will let Him train me, for He is doing what any loving father does for their children; I will submit to God's divine discipline knowing I am being treated as His dearly beloved child (Heb. 12:6-9).

75.) Sadly, many believe there is no profit or gain for a person to delight themselves in God, and consent to His training (Job 34:9); but, I have discovered to show the results of my salvation (Phil. 2:12a), results that **produce** fruit in keeping with repentance (Matt. 3:8), I must work to obey the Lord with reverence and awe, and shrink back from whatever might displease God and discredit the name of Christ; for it is God Himself at work deep within me, giving me both the will and the energy to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight; yes, it is God Who is energizing and creating in me the power and the desire (Phil. 2:12b-13) to delight myself in the One I love, so He can give me the desires and secret petitions He has placed within my heart (Ps. 37:4).

76.) The One I love always stands with me, waiting to be gracious to me; waiting for me to come to Him so He can reveal the love He has for me; for my Beloved blesses everyone who waits for His help; and when I reach out He lifts Himself up to comfort me, and show me His mercy, His empathy and His loving-kindness; for my Beloved is always faithful, He takes the time to do everything right, just as He promises (Isa 30:18a); for God has entrusted and delivered all things to my Beloved (Matt. 11:27a); so I rejoice in His name all day long; I exult in His righteousness; for the One I love is my glory and strength, and by His favor He **exalts** and makes me strong; Yes, my protection comes from the Lord, our King, the Holy One of Israel (Ps. 89:16-18).

- 77.) The One I love is **eminent**, and is called the Son of the Most High; God has given to my Beloved the throne of His forefather David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob throughout the ages; and of His reign there will be no end (Luke 1:31-33); for the Lord Jesus fully knows and understands the Father; He will reveal intimacies and knowledge of Himself and the Father to whom He chooses; so come to the One I love, He knows your labors; how weary and burnt out you are by religion; tired by the heavy burdens life has forced on you; come to my Beloved, and He will give you rest, and refresh your soul; take His yoke upon you by accepting His teaching, and learn from Him; for He is gentle and humble in spirit; yes, you will find rest for your soul, for the Lord's yoke is wholesome because the teaching He asks you to accept is useful and good; you will learn the unforced ways of love and grace; for they don't lay the heaviness and ill-fitting burden of guilt and shame and condemnation upon you; the burden my Beloved gives is light and easy to be borne (Matt. 11:27b-30).
- 78.) **Wholeheartedly seek** the Lord, and you will find Him; my Beloved will release His people from captivity and gather them from all the nations (Jer. 29:13-14); and place His yoke upon us so we can become **united** as one spirit with Him (1 Cor. 6:17); and together as one Body we can be united together with one Voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ; therefore, we should welcome and receive one another as family, even as my Beloved has welcomed and received us, for the glory of God the Father; for the One I love became a Servant and a Minister to the Jewish people in order to clarify the promises given to their fathers, and to reveal God's truthfulness and honesty (Rom. 15:6-6-8).

- 79.) My Beloved has revealed God's amazing grace and mercy so He could be glorified in every nation (Rom. 15:9); because the One I love grew up in God's **presence** like a tender green shoot, sprouting from a root in dry ground; there was nothing beautiful or impressive about the way He looked; nothing that would persuade us to associate with Him or cause us to like Him; He was despised and rejected – a man of sorrows acquainted with the bitterest grief; backs were turned on Him, people looked the other way when He went by (Isa. 2:3a).
- 80.) How thankful I am for my Beloved's peace, His **joy** and His victory; how grateful I am for the Lord's matchless, unbroken companionship (Isa. 30:18); my soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; the **Mighty** One has done great things for me – holy is His name; for He was mindful of me, and looked upon the low station and humiliation of His servant (Luke 1:48); the One I love has caused my iniquity to pass from me; He has **taken away** my filthy garments, and clothed me with rich apparel (Zech. 3:4), draping about me the robe of righteousness (Isa. 61:10); my Beloved placed the helmet of salvation upon my head (Eph.6:17), and gave me access to His presence (Zech. 3:7); sprinkling me with clean **water, to wash** away all my filthiness so I would be clean (Ezek. 36:25).

81.) The One I love came to satisfy a debt, to carry our weaknesses and sorrows; it was thought His troubles a suitable punishment from God, for His own sins; but, He was wounded and bruised for our sins; He was pierced for our rebellion; He was beaten so we could have peace with God; He was whipped so we could be healed and made whole; a terrible punishment laid on Him, the sins of all – for every one of us – have strayed from God’s path to follow their own ways; He was oppressed and harshly treated; yet, He did not flaunt His majesty; in fact, He did not even open His mouth; unjustly condemned, with no friend to care that His life was cut short by the evil that dwells inside people; struck down, though He had done no wrong, never deceiving anyone; as a criminal, my Beloved, was assigned a grave with the wicked; the One I love was buried in a **rich** man’s grave; a stone entombed Him – as a banner, a standard rolled in place (Isa. 53:3b-9) – to proclaim, All that was written about Him was carried out (Acts 13:29).

82.) The Lord All-Powerful will remove every idol from the earth on that appointed day; and their names will be forgotten (Zech. 13:2); for as surely as God would never support wrongdoers, He would never reject a blameless person of integrity; He fills our mouth with laughter, and our lips with joyful shouting; and those who hate us will be humiliated and thoroughly discredited, and the wicked will be destroyed (Job 8:20-22); for my Beloved has caused us to be a Kingdom of priests for our God; priest-kings to rule over the earth (Rev. 5:10); therefore, I rejoice in the strength of my Beloved; my shouts are filled with joy because the One I love has given me victory; the Lord welcomed me back with success and prosperity; He has placed a crown of finest gold upon my head (Ps. 21:1&3); my Beloved has saved me; the Lord has brought me back, for He has mercy, loving-kindness and compassion for me; the One I love is strengthening me, and causes me **to dwell** securely (Zech. 10:6); so I can stand firm in all the will of God, mature and **fully** assured (Col. 4:12) that God is equipping me with everything good for doing His will, and is working in me what is pleasing to Him, through Christ Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep (Heb. 13:20-21).

83.) Unfortunately, there are people who are on a dark spiral downward; but, that doesn't leave me on the high ground where I can point my finger at others; for every time I criticize someone, I condemn myself; judgmental criticism of others is a well-known way of trying to escape detection for my own mistakes and sins; however, God is not so easily diverted; He can see right through all such smoke screens, and He will hold me accountable for what I have done; at one time I did think it was possible to distract God from seeing all my wrong doings, with the hope that He wouldn't come down so hard on me, when I pointed my finger to blame and accuse others; for surely God is so nice He would let me off the hook; this was a belief that I had to re-think, because although God is kind, He is not **soft**; I discovered in kindness He has taken me firmly by the hand, so He could lead me into a radical life-change; now I realize that I am not going to get by with anything; every refusal and avoidance of God just adds fuel to the fire; and the day is coming when it's going to blaze hot and high, because of God's fiery and righteous judgment; it would be a big mistake for me to think in the end I wouldn't get what's coming to me; with all this in mind I decided to start working on God's side (Rom. 2:1-7a) because I **want** to receive eternal life (Matt. 19:17); I don't want to be found among those who insist on getting their own way, making decisions to take the path of least resistance, which is leading them to fire (Rom. 2:7b-8).

84.) At one time, I was also on that dark spiral downward (Rom. 2:1a); an enemy of God, separated from Him by my evil thoughts and actions; yet now my Beloved has brought me back as His friend; the One I love has done this through the death on the cross of His own human body; and as a result Jesus brought me into the very presence of God; I am standing there before my heavenly Father with nothing left against me because I fully believe the Truth; I am standing in God's truth steadfast and firm, strong in the Lord, convinced of the Good News that Jesus died for me; never shifting my trust in the One I love to save me; for this message of God's is the secret truth, which is for all people, that was hidden for many, many ages; however, God was pleased to make it known to all, just how great the riches of the glory of this mystery are, which is Christ within and among us, the Hope of our realizing glory (Col. 1:26-27); of seeing the One I love appear like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, majestic as the stars in procession (SS 6:10); to know the **sweetness** of His wisdom, for my Beloved **gives** sterling principles that I can live by – tested guidelines that will ensure my foundation is trust in God (Prov. 22:17-20).

- 85.) How blessed I am to enjoy the friendship of my Beloved (2 Cor. 2:16a); and know the **sweet fragrance** of His compassion, for it is a refreshing and soothing **aroma** (2 Cor. 2:16); to know the One I love cares for me and watches over me (Job 29:2-4), that He will protect me and keep me hidden from His anger on that day of **destruction** (Zeph. 2:3); when He gathers His saints together, those who have found grace in His sight; for they have made a covenant with God through the life-giving sacrifice (Ps. 50:5) of Christ Jesus, the One I love, Whose blood was poured out for me and for many for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28); yes, the Lord has proven He's on my side; His eagerness to help fills my heart with such **joy**; for I know the Lord is my unyielding strength; for He has become the Stronghold of salvation to me, His anointed, which makes my heart rejoice greatly (Ps. 28:7-8); for I know that I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine (SS 6:3); and that Father God Himself dearly loves me because I love Jesus, and because I believe the Lord came from Father God (John 16:27); Who clearly shows He loves me, for He calls me His child, and that is what I am (1 John 3:1).
- 86.) My Beloved, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, is a fair judge; for His judgments are altogether pure and righteous (Jer. 11:20a); they are **inspiration** given to us through Scriptures that are all God-breathed, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, and for training in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16); and though the One I love is high, yet He has respect to the lowly (**bringing** us into fellowship with Him) (Ps. 138:6).

- 87.) Yes, my Beloved knows how to test each heart and mind, and examine the deepest thoughts and secret motives (Jer. 11:20b); while He watches quietly from His dwelling place, as quietly as the clear and glowing heat rises on a summer day, or as the fine cloud of morning dew forms on a lovely autumn morning (Isa. 18:4); power and strength belong to the One who rides upon the heavens, the ancient heavens; how awe-inspiring the Lord my God, profoundly impressive, and terrible is He out of His holy places; giving strength and fullness of might to His people (Ps. 68:33); how **great** is His love, reaching to the heavens; the faithfulness of my Beloved reaches to the skies (Ps. 57:10); His victory brings me great honor; the One I love has endowed me with eternal blessings; He has given me the joy of His presence; I trust in the Lord, the Most High, for His unfailing love will keep me from stumbling (Ps. 21:5-7); for my Beloved has been given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language shall worship Him; His **dominion** is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed (Dan. 7:14).
- 88.) I will **commit** everything I do to the Lord; because I trust Him, and know that He will help me (Ps. 37:5); for the One I love entered into heaven to appear in the very presence of God (Heb. 9:24); awesome majesty is around Him; **golden** splendor breaks forth from the northern mountains, a terrible beauty streams from God far beyond our reach! Mighty God! Who is exalted in power, unsurpassable in power; He will not do violence to justice and abundant righteousness; He is so just and merciful He does not destroy us; it's unthinkable that He'd treat anyone unfairly; no wonder people everywhere fear Him; so bow to Him in deep reverence, one and all; for those who are wise show Him reverence; and you who think you know so much, the wisest people on earth do not impress God (Job 37:19a,22-24).

- 89.) My Beloved, Who went into the Most Holy Place, and offered Himself to God as the sacrifice for sin, absolutely impressed God; the One I love didn't enter the earthly version of the Most Holy Place, for this was only a man-made copy of the real temple in heaven; nor will He ever repeat this, offering Himself again and again as the high priests **did** under the old testament with the blood of animals; God has made this point clear – Jesus came to offer Himself once for all time; Christ appeared at the end of the age, to put away the power of sin forever by dying for me and for people everywhere; the Lamb of God was sent as the final solution of sin, as the One and Only sacrifice to remove sin by His own death; and just as each person is destined to die once, and after that come to judgment; so also the Lord, Christ Jesus, died only once as an offering that took care of sin forever; however, the One I love will come again, but not to battle sin; He will come bringing salvation to all who believe and trust in Him, and who are eagerly waiting for His return (Heb. 9:24-28).
- 90.) God will not only use this persecution Jesus suffered, but all persecution to show His great justice, and to make us worthy to accompany Jesus on this journey into His Kingdom, for this is the very reason we endure suffering (2 Thess. 1:4-5); and these light and momentary troubles are actually working for those (2 Cor. 4:17a) whose steadfastness and firm faith are holding them up in the midst of all these crushing distresses and afflictions; we suffer so God can make us fit, which gives us positive proof of His just and right judgment; for we must be deemed deserving before God will raise us into His Kingdom on that day when Jesus comes with His mighty angels (2 Thess. 1:4-6&10); dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around His waist; His body the likeness of a **precious gem**; His face flashing like lightning, and His eyes aflame like torches; His arms and feet shining like polished bronze, and His voice roaring like a vast multitude of people (Dan. 10:5-6) so glorious; His word thundering so wondrously; we can't even imagine the greatness of His power; His might acts stagger our understanding (Job 37:5).

- 91.) Behold, God is exalted, and greater than we can understand; the number of His years is unsearchable; at this my **heart** trembles (Job 36:26 & 37:1); but, my eyes delight in following His ways; because I have given my heart to the One (Prov. 23:26) Who gave up His life for us, the Church He dearly loves, so He might sanctify us, and cleanse us by the washing of water with the Word; so that He could present the Church to Himself in **glorious splendor**, without spot or wrinkle (that she might be holy and faultless) (Eph. 5:25-27); Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone; God, for Whose sake and by Whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory; and it was only right that He should make Jesus, the Pioneer of our salvation a perfect leader through His suffering, fit to bring us into our salvation; now Jesus and the ones He makes holy have the same Father; that is why my Beloved is not ashamed to call us His brethren; for He said to God, "I will proclaim Your name to my brothers and sisters; I will praise You among Your assembled people" (Heb. 2:9-12); and now may the God of hope **fill** you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:13).
- 92.) God ordained that loving-kindness and faithfulness watch over and **protect** my Beloved that He would reign forever before (the face of) God (Ps. 61:7); and He Who is seated on the throne said, "See! I make all things new; **record** this, for these sayings are faithful (accurate, incorruptible and trustworthy) and true; It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End; to the thirsty I will give **water** without price from the fountain of the water of life; those who are victorious shall inherit all these things, and I will be God to them and they shall be My children," (Rev. 21:5-7); those who decide to serve the Lord must follow Him; they must cleave to Him steadfastly as His bride (John 12:25a), loving Him with all their heart and with all their soul and with all their strength (Deut. 6:5); for Jesus is our Rock, our Fortress and our Deliverer; God is our Rock, in whom we take refuge; my Beloved is our Shield and the Horn of our salvation, our Stronghold (Ps. 18:2).

- 93.) The One I love has set our feet on a Rock, for my Beloved has given us (Ps. 40:2a) God's truth, which **stands** firm like a foundation stone (2 Tim. 2:19); so we can conform wholly to His example in living and, if need be, in dying; we will be with the Lord, bound together by Love as one flesh with God's Son; sadly, those who refuse to love Jesus more than their lives in this world, they will lose their lives to the penalty of sin; but those who care about the things of God more than their life in this world, will exchange intimate vows with heaven's Darling, and receive the eternal glory of being honored by the Father (John 12:25-26); Who has proven it was necessary for His Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead (Acts 17:3).
- 94.) No wonder my heart is **glad**, and my inner self rejoices (Ps. 16:9); for I have chosen to go all the way with my Beloved, through thick and thin, for He deserves this honor from me; for I know if I look after myself only, I will never be found standing with Jesus; however, if I look to the One I love, and seek His help (Matt. 10:38-39a), my Beloved will guide me with His **counsel** (Ps. 73:24a); the **Lord** will rescue me from every attack (2 Tim. 4:18); for God has reserved for me, His child, the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for me, **pure** and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay; and God, in His mighty power, will make sure that I get there safely to receive it because I am trusting Him (1 Pet. 1:4-5a); Yes, the One I love will take me into **glory** (Ps. 73:24b), it will be mine in that coming last day for all **to see** (1 Peter 1:5b); because I have been linked together with Him in God's harvest work; yes, I have accepted the work of my Beloved and the fact that God sent Him as Messiah to me and to all who seek peace with our heavenly Father (Matt. 10:40).

- 95.) Though I am among those who have stumbled and fallen, Holy Spirit is refining and cleansing and making us pure until the final end of all our trials, at God's appointed time (Dan. 11:35b); I am also among those who are most gifted in the things of God (Dan. 11:35a); the Lord is giving me words of wisdom so that I know how to comfort and encourage the weary (Isa. 50:4); so I can instruct many and make them understand (Dan. 11:33), the first and principle commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our **heart**, all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength (Mark 12:33); for God has made it quite evident that every human priest who stood at His altar of service ministering daily, offering the same sacrifices over and over again, were never able to strip the sins that envelop us, and take them away; but our High Priest, Christ Jesus, gave Himself to God as a single offering for sin, more than sufficient for all time; and afterwards, He sat down at the right hand of God, to wait for His enemies to be laid under His feet; so now we can rejoice and be exceedingly joyful, for by that one offering my Beloved made forever perfect in the sight of God all those whom He is making holy; all who **choose** to take His counsel, and to accept the testimony of Holy Spirit (Heb. 10:11-15a), and stand **firm** in the true grace of God (Pet. 5:12).
- 96.) The One I love asked God to keep us and protect us from the evil one; for we are not of the world, just as He is not of the world; the Lord asked God to sanctify us by the Truth; knowing God's Word is Truth; because my Beloved desires to send us out into the world, just as God sent Him into the world; it was for our sake and on our behalf that the One I love sanctified and **dedicated** Himself, so that we too may be sanctified and made holy in the Truth (John 17:15-19).

- 97.) God wants everyone to know Christ, and pay careful attention to Him, by being well instructed in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus; Truth that has the power to remove from us the excuse of ignorance, because everything – and I do mean everything – connected with that old way of life has to go; for it has been corrupted by lust and deception; this is why we must allow Holy Spirit to renew our thoughts and attitudes; so we can take on an entirely new way of life – a God-fashioned life- one to **be made** new from the inside and working itself into our conduct as God accurately reproduces His character in us (Eph. 4:20-24).
- 98.) I no longer want to spend the rest of my natural life living for my own human appetites and desires; instead, I want to live anxious to do the will of God; I have spent **enough** time in the past doing the evil things godless people enjoy – living in shameless, insolent wantonness, in lustful desires, drunkenness and wild parties, carousing and partaking in detestable, lawless idolatry (1 Peter 4:2-3); those who do such things have exchanged the truth of God for a lie, they are worshiping and serving created things rather than the Creator (Rom. 1:25).
- 99.) I desire to listen to my Beloved, and eat what is good (Isa. 55:2a); for the One I love is the Bread of Life (John 6:48); Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life (John 14:6); He reveals to me the abundance of peace and truth (Jer. 33:6); so my soul can **delight in** this richest of fare (Isa. 55:2b); my whole being shall be satisfied, and my mouth shall praise the Lord with joyful lips (Ps. 63:5); for I am fortunate and blessed when God steps in and corrects me; therefore, I won't complain or despise the discipline of the Almighty (Job 5:17), when I fall short and am judged by Him; because the Lord is chastening me so I won't be condemned to eternal punishment along with the world (1 Cor. 11:32); and furthermore, anyone that is born of God does not deliberately and knowingly practice committing sin, for **the One** Who was begotten of God, Christ Jesus, carefully watches over and securely holds them, and the evil one does not lay hold on them or touch them (1 John 5:18-19).

100.) Yes, I will listen closely to the One I love, so that I will live; for my Beloved has made an agreement with me that will last forever; it is an agreement that I can trust, for it is like the one He made with David; a promise **to love** me and be loyal to me forever (Isa. 55:3); my Beloved entered into every detail of human life, so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death; for this reason Jesus had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order for Him to become a merciful and faithful High Priest in service to God, and make atonement for the sins of the people; it is because the Lord Himself went through suffering and temptation, **that** He is wonderfully able to help where help is needed (Heb. 2:17-18).

101.) Only my Beloved can free me from my troubles; so you see, the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials, even while keeping the wicked under punishment until the day of final judgment; those who live by lust, who are always doing the evil their sinful nature wants to do; this punishment is for those who hate the Lord's authority; as a matter of fact, they despise interference from any true authority, since they prefer to indulge in self-rule; they are insolent egotists (2 Peter 2:1-11) who are not serving the Lord; instead, they are serving their own personal interests, using smooth talk and glowing words to deceive innocent people (Rom. 16:18); however, the One I love whispers His secrets to those who reverence Him, and teaches them about His agreement (Ps. 25:14); because the One I love sees our faith, and calls us **friend** (Luke 5:20).

102.) I commit and entrust myself to my Beloved, and to the message of His grace, for I know it is able **to build** me up and give me an inheritance with everyone that God has set apart for Himself (Acts 20:32); and how amazing is this- the God of peace desires to be in relationship with me; and since I too desire a relationship with the Lord my God, I am putting into practice what I have learned and received from Him; therefore, I will do my best to fill my mind with things that are good and worthy of praise; I will think about what is true and pure and lovely and admirable; I will meditate on what is kind and noble and gracious - on the best, not the worst; on the beautiful, not the ugly; on those things to praise, not those that curse; and of course on God, Who makes everything work together, so my soul can remain peaceful, untroubled and undisturbed (Phil. 4:8-9).

103.) The Lord my God has given me authority over all the power of the enemy; authority to walk among those who are as sly and as cunning as a snake; power to walk with those who are as menacing and as treacherous as a scorpion; because of the One I love knows their schemes will be crushed, they will not injure me; but the greatest triumph God has given me is His eternal presence, because He has registered my name as a citizen of heaven (Luke 10:19-20); so I will not keep this good news of His righteousness hidden in my heart; I will speak about God's faithfulness and His salvation; I will proclaim His loving-kindness and His loyalty to all who'll listen; for the Lord has not held back His tender mercies from me; in fact, His unfailing love and truth always protects me, or I would perish; for troubles far too big for me to solve have surrounded me; loss and betrayal and guilt had me engulfed, the sorrow weighed so very heavy on my heart; but the One I love was pleased to deliver me; yes, the Lord my God **makes** haste to help me (Ps. 40:10-13).