

# The Settled Soul

## Week 6 Scriptures

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### Day 1

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#### **Genesis 12:1-4**

The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. **2** I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. **3** I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.” **4** So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

#### **Exodus 3:1-14**

One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro,<sup>[a]</sup> the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai,<sup>[b]</sup> the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn’t burn up. **3** “This is amazing,” Moses said to himself. “Why isn’t that bush burning up? I must go see it.” **4** When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!” “Here I am!” Moses replied. **5** “Do not come any closer,” the Lord warned. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. **6** I am the God of your father<sup>[c]</sup>—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God. **7** Then the Lord told him, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. **8** So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. **9** Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. **10** Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.” **11** But Moses protested to God, “Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?” **12** God answered, “I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.” **13** But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?” **14** God replied to Moses, “I am who I am.<sup>[d]</sup> Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you.”

#### **Exodus 4:1-4, 10-7**

But Moses protested again, “What if they won’t believe me or listen to me? What if they say, ‘The Lord never appeared to you?’” **2** Then the Lord asked him, “What is that in your hand?” “A shepherd’s staff,” Moses replied. **3** “Throw it down on the ground,” the

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Lord told him. So Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake! Moses jumped back. **4** Then the Lord told him, "Reach out and grab its tail." So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it turned back into a shepherd's staff in his hand. **10** But Moses pleaded with the Lord, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled."

**11** Then the Lord asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord? **12** Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say." **13** But Moses again pleaded, "Lord, please! Send anyone else." **14** Then the Lord became angry with Moses. "All right," he said. "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he speaks well. And look! He is on his way to meet you now. He will be delighted to see you. **15** Talk to him, and put the words in his mouth. I will be with both of you as you speak, and I will instruct you both in what to do. **16** Aaron will be your spokesman to the people. He will be your mouthpiece, and you will stand in the place of God for him, telling him what to say. **17** And take your shepherd's staff with you, and use it to perform the miraculous signs I have shown you."

#### ***Judges 6:11-24***

**11** Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. **12** The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!" **13** "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites." **14** Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" **15** "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!" **16** The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man." **17** Gideon replied, "If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the Lord speaking to me. **18** Don't go away until I come back and bring my offering to you." He answered, "I will stay here until you return." **19** Gideon hurried home. He cooked a young goat, and with a basket<sup>[a]</sup> of flour he baked some bread without yeast. Then, carrying the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot, he brought them out and presented them to the angel, who was under the great tree. **20** The angel of God said to him, "Place the meat and the unleavened bread on this rock, and pour the broth over it." And Gideon did as he was told. **21** Then the angel of the Lord touched the meat and bread with the tip of the staff in his hand, and fire flamed up from the rock and consumed all he had brought. And the angel of the Lord disappeared. **22** When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he cried out, "Oh, Sovereign Lord, I'm doomed! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!" **23** "It is all right," the Lord replied. "Do not be afraid. You will not die." **24** And Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means "the Lord is peace"). The altar remains in Ophrah in the land of the clan of Abiezer to this day.

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#### **1 Samuel 9:17-21**

**17** When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said, "That's the man I told you about! He will rule my people." **18** Just then Saul approached Samuel at the gateway and asked, "Can you please tell me where the seer's house is?" **19** "I am the seer!" Samuel replied. "Go up to the place of worship ahead of me. We will eat there together, and in the morning I'll tell you what you want to know and send you on your way." **20** And don't worry about those donkeys that were lost three days ago, for they have been found. And I am here to tell you that you and your family are the focus of all Israel's hopes." **21** Saul replied, "But I'm only from the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest tribe in Israel, and my family is the least important of all the families of that tribe! Why are you talking like this to me?"

#### **Esther 4:1-17**

When Mordecai learned about all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on burlap and ashes, and went out into the city, crying with a loud and bitter wail. **2** He went as far as the gate of the palace, for no one was allowed to enter the palace gate while wearing clothes of mourning. **3** And as news of the king's decree reached all the provinces, there was great mourning among the Jews. They fasted, wept, and wailed, and many people lay in burlap and ashes. **4** When Queen Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her about Mordecai, she was deeply distressed. She sent clothing to him to replace the burlap, but he refused it. **5** Then Esther sent for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed as her attendant. She ordered him to go to Mordecai and find out what was troubling him and why he was in mourning. **6** So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the square in front of the palace gate. **7** Mordecai told him the whole story, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. **8** Mordecai gave Hathach a copy of the decree issued in Susa that called for the death of all Jews. He asked Hathach to show it to Esther and explain the situation to her. He also asked Hathach to direct her to go to the king to beg for mercy and plead for her people. **9** So Hathach returned to Esther with Mordecai's message. **10** Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: **11** "All the king's officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days." **12** So Hathach<sup>[a]</sup> gave Esther's message to Mordecai. **13** Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: "Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. **14** If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" **15** Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: **16** "Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die." **17** So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

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#### **Jeremiah 1:4-9**

**4** The Lord gave me this message: **5** “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.” **6** “O Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I can’t speak for you! I’m too young!” **7** The Lord replied, “Don’t say, ‘I’m too young,’ for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. **8** And don’t be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!” **9** Then the Lord reached out and touched my mouth and said, “Look, I have put my words in your mouth!

#### **Luke 1:26-38**

**26** In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, **27** to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. **28** Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Greetings,[a] favored woman! The Lord is with you![b]” **29** Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. **30** “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! **31** You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. **32** He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. **33** And he will reign over Israel[c] forever; his Kingdom will never end!” **34** Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.” **35** The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. **36** What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. **37** For the word of God will never fail.[d]” **38** Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.

#### **Matthew 8:28-34**

**28** When Jesus arrived on the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gadarenes,[a] two men who were possessed by demons met him. They came out of the tombs and were so violent that no one could go through that area. **29** They began screaming at him, “Why are you interfering with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before God’s appointed time?” **30** There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding in the distance. **31** So the demons begged, “If you cast us out, send us into that herd of pigs.” **32** “All right, go!” Jesus commanded them. So the demons came out of the men and entered the pigs, and the whole herd plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water. **33** The herdsmen fled to the nearby town, telling everyone what happened to the demon-possessed men. **34** Then the entire town came out to meet Jesus, but they begged him to go away and leave them alone.

#### **Mark 6:1-6**

Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. **2** The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?” **3** Then they scoffed, “He’s just a carpenter, the son of

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Mary<sup>[a]</sup> and the brother of James, Joseph,<sup>[b]</sup> Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us.” They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. **4** Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family.” **5** And because of their unbelief, he couldn’t do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. **6** And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people.

#### **Mark 12:10**

**10** Didn’t you ever read this in the Scriptures? ‘The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’

#### **Luke 4:23-29**

**23** Then he said, “You will undoubtedly quote me this proverb: ‘Physician, heal yourself’—meaning, ‘Do miracles here in your hometown like those you did in Capernaum.’” **24** But I tell you the truth, no prophet is accepted in his own hometown. **25** “Certainly there were many needy widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the heavens were closed for three and a half years, and a severe famine devastated the land. **26** Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them. He was sent instead to a foreigner—a widow of Zarephath in the land of Sidon. **27** And many in Israel had leprosy in the time of the prophet Elisha, but the only one healed was Naaman, a Syrian.” **28** When they heard this, the people in the synagogue were furious. **29** Jumping up, they mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the hill on which the town was built. They intended to push him over the cliff,

#### **Luke 17:25**

**25** But first the Son of Man must suffer terribly<sup>[a]</sup> and be rejected by this generation.

**Luke 23:13-25** **13** Then Pilate called together the leading priests and other religious leaders, along with the people, **14** and he announced his verdict. “You brought this man to me, accusing him of leading a revolt. I have examined him thoroughly on this point in your presence and find him innocent. **15** Herod came to the same conclusion and sent him back to us. Nothing this man has done calls for the death penalty. **16** So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him.”<sup>[a]</sup> **18** Then a mighty roar rose from the crowd, and with one voice they shouted, “Kill him, and release Barabbas to us!” **19** (Barabbas was in prison for taking part in an insurrection in Jerusalem against the government, and for murder.) **20** Pilate argued with them, because he wanted to release Jesus. **21** But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” **22** For the third time he demanded, “Why? What crime has he committed? I have found no reason to sentence him to death. So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him.” **23** But the mob shouted louder and louder, demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed. **24** So Pilate sentenced Jesus to die as they demanded. **25** As they had requested, he released Barabbas, the man in prison for insurrection and murder. But he turned Jesus over to them to do as they wished.

#### **John 1:11**

**11** He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.

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#### **John 5:43**

**43** For I have come to you in my Father's name, and you have rejected me. Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them.

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#### Day 2

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#### **Matthew 12:46-50**

**46** As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. **47** Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak to you."<sup>[a]</sup> **48** Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" **49** Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. **50** Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!"

#### **John 15:19**

**19** The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.

#### **Acts 1:21-24**

**21** "So now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among the men who were with us the entire time we were traveling with the Lord Jesus— **22** from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us. Whoever is chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus' resurrection." **23** So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. **24** Then they all prayed, "O Lord, you know every heart. Show us which of these men you have chosen

#### **Acts 22:3-16**

**3** Then Paul said, "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, and I was brought up and educated here in Jerusalem under Gamaliel. As his student, I was carefully trained in our Jewish laws and customs. I became very zealous to honor God in everything I did, just like all of you today. **4** And I persecuted the followers of the Way, hounding some to death, arresting both men and women and throwing them in prison. **5** The high priest and the whole council of elders can testify that this is so. For I received letters from them to our Jewish brothers in Damascus, authorizing me to bring the followers of the Way from there to Jerusalem, in chains, to be punished. **6** "As I was on the road, approaching Damascus about noon, a very bright light from heaven suddenly shone down around me. **7** I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' **8** "Who are you, lord?' I asked. "And the voice replied, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene,<sup>[a]</sup> the one you are persecuting.' **9** The people with me saw the light but didn't understand the voice speaking to me. **10** "I asked, 'What should I do, Lord?' "And the Lord told me, 'Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told

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everything you are to do.’ **11** “I was blinded by the intense light and had to be led by the hand to Damascus by my companions. **12** A man named Ananias lived there. He was a godly man, deeply devoted to the law, and well regarded by all the Jews of Damascus. **13** He came and stood beside me and said, ‘Brother Saul, regain your sight.’ And that very moment I could see him! **14** “Then he told me, ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and hear him speak. **15** For you are to be his witness, telling everyone what you have seen and heard. **16** What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.’

#### **Acts 10:38-43**

**38** And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. **39** “And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross,<sup>[a]</sup> **40** but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, **41** not to the general public,<sup>[b]</sup> but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. **43** He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.”

#### **1 Corinthians 1:24-29**

**24** But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles,<sup>[a]</sup> Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God’s weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength. **26** Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy<sup>[b]</sup> when God called you. **27** Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. **28** God chose things despised by the world,<sup>[c]</sup> things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. **29** As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

#### **Ephesians 1:3-7**

**3** All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. **4** Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. **5** God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. **6** So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.<sup>[a]</sup> **7** He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

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#### **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14**

**13** As for us, we can't help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you to be among the first[a] to experience salvation—a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth. **14** He called you to salvation when we told you the Good News; now you can share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **James 2:5**

**5** Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him?

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#### **2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

**21** It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, **22** and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.

#### **Galatians 1:13-16**

**13** You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion—how I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it. **14** I was far ahead of my fellow Jews in my zeal for the traditions of my ancestors. **15** But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him **16** to reveal his Son to me[a] so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles. When this happened, I did not rush out to consult with any human being.

#### **Matthew 7:16**

**16** You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?

#### **Genesis 1:11-12**

**11** Then God said, "Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came." And that is what happened. **12** The land produced vegetation—all sorts of seed-bearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

#### **Genesis 1:29**

**29** Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food.

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#### **Deuteronomy 8:7-8**

**7** For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land of flowing streams and pools of water, with fountains and springs that gush out in the valleys and hills. **8** It is a land of wheat and barley; of grapevines, fig trees, and pomegranates; of olive oil and honey.

#### **Isaiah 55:10-13**

**10** “The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. **11** It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. **12** You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands! **13** Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will grow. Where nettles grew, myrtles will sprout up. These events will bring great honor to the Lord’s name; they will be an everlasting sign of his power and love.”

#### **Romans 1:13**

**13** I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> that I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now. I want to work among you and see spiritual fruit, just as I have seen among other Gentiles.

#### **Romans 7:4**

**4** So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God.

#### **Galatians 5:22-23**

**22** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

#### **Philippians 1:11**

**11** May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ<sup>[a]</sup>—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

#### **Colossians 1:9-10**

**9** So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. **10** Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

#### **Hebrews 13:15 NIV**

**15** Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name

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#### **James 3:18**

18 And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

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#### **1 John 5:14-15**

14 And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. 15 And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

#### **Matthew 6:5-13**

5 “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. 7 “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. 8 Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! 9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. 10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today the food we need,<sup>[a]</sup> 12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don’t let us yield to temptation,<sup>[b]</sup> but rescue us from the evil one.

#### **Matthew 7:7**

7 “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

#### **Ephesians 2:18**

18 Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

#### **Ephesians 6:18**

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:17**

17 Never stop praying.

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#### **Hebrews 4:14-16**

**14** So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. **15** This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. **16** So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

#### **James 5:16-18**

**16** Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. **17** Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! **18** Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

#### **2 Chronicles 20:4**

**4** So people from all the towns of Judah came to Jerusalem to seek the Lord's help.

#### **Psalms 121:1-8**

**1** I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? **2** My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth! **3** He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber. **4** Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps. **5** The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade. **6** The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night. **7** The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. **8** The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.

#### **Luke 11:13**

**13** So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

#### **John 16:24**

**24** You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

#### **Philippians 4:6-7**

**6** Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. **7** Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

#### **James 1: 5-7**

**5** If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. **6** But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. **7** Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

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#### **2 Peter 3:9**

**9** The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

#### **1 John 1:9**

**9** But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

#### **Isaiah 55: 8-9**

**8** "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. **9** For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

#### **Romans 8:26-27**

**26** And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. **27** And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers[a] in harmony with God's own will.

#### **Luke 18: 1-8**

**18** One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. **2** "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. **3** A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' **4** The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, **5** but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!'" **6** Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. **7** Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? **8** I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man[a] returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

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#### **Matthew 5:44**

**44** But I say, love your enemies![a] Pray for those who persecute you!

#### **Romans 15:5-7**

**5** May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. **6** Then all of you can

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join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **7** Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

#### **1 Corinthians 16:14**

14 And do everything with love.

#### **2 Corinthians 1:4**

**4** He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

#### **Galatians 5:13**

**13** For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

#### **Galatians 6:1-4**

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer[a] is overcome by some sin, you who are godly[b] should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. **2** Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. **3** If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. **4** Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.

#### **1 John 3:14-18**

**14** If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers,[a] it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. **15** Anyone who hates another brother or sister[b] is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them. **16** We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. **17** If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister[c] in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? **18** Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.