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JANUARY

January 1 — Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14).

January 2 — Galatians 5:7

You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?

"Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you" (1 Tim. 4:15, 16).

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January 3 — 1 Corinthians 9:24-26

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;

"But I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified" (1 Cor. 9:27).

January 4 — James 1:13, 14

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

"No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it" (1 Cor. 10:13).

January 5 — Genesis 39:12

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

"But flee from these things, you man of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness" (1 Tim. 6:11).

January 6 — Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My load is light." Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.

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January 7 — Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more" (Isa. 43:25).

January 8 — Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

January 9 — Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland" (Isa. 43:18, 19).

January 10 — Jeremiah 17:7, 8

DEEL ECTION

In that day men will look to their Maker and turn their eyes to the Holy One of Israel. They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands, and they will have no regard for the Asherah poles and the incense altars their fingers have made.

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers" (Psa. 1:1-3).

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January 11 — Psalm 5:3

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

"And in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there" (Mark 1:35).

January 12 — Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

"The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever" (Isa. 32:17).

January 13 — Isaiah 32:2

Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.

"But the noble man makes noble plans, and by noble deeds he stands. The Women of Jerusalem" (Isa. 32:8).

January 14 — Genesis 50:20

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

January 15 — 1 Peter 2:2, 3

REFLECTION

Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

"When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty" (Jer. 15:16).

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January 16 — Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

"And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe" (1 Thess. 2:13).

January 17 — Psalm 119:9, 11

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. ... I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor. 7:1).

January 18 — Psalm 119:10

I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. "Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word" (Psa. 119:37).

January 19 — 1 Corinthians 2:14

But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law" (Psa. 119:18).

January 20 — Exodus 17:12

When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.

"Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).

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January 21 — Jeremiah 31:25

"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint."

"And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary" (Gal. 6:9).

January 22 — Jeremiah 4:3

This is what the Lord says to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem: "Break up your unplowed ground and do not sow among thorns."

"Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers righteousness on you" (Hosea 10:12).

January 23 — Job 23:10

But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

"In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:6, 7).

January 24 — Exodus 34:29

REFLECTION

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.

"But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:18).

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January 25 — 2 Corinthians 11:3

But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. "In order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes" (2 Cor. 2:11).

January 26 — 2 Corinthians 12:7

And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me—to keep me from exalting myself!

"Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world" (1 Pet. 5:8, 9).

January 27 — 1 Thessalonians 2:18

For we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, more than once—and yet Satan thwarted us.

"And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:3, 4).

January 28 — Ephesians 6:11

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Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

"You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

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January 29 — 2 Timothy 2:3, 4

Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

"Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm" (Eph. 6:13).

January 30 — Luke 22:31, 32

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

"And they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will" (2 Tim. 2:26).

January 31 — 2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.

"I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction" (2 Tim. 4:1, 2).

FEBRUARY

February 1 — 2 Peter 1:20, 21

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

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February 2 — 2 Timothy 2:5

And also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7).

February 3 — Hebrews 7:25

Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony borne at the proper time" (1 Tim. 2:5, 6).

February 4 — Heb. 13:20, 21

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

"He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young" (Isa. 40:11).

February 5 — John 10:11, 14

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"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ... I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me." "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" (John 14:27).

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February 6 — Psalm 23:1-3

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

"Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ... And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory" (1 Peter 5:2, 4).

February 7 — Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me."

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal" (John 12:24, 25).

February 8 — Psalm 90:10

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

"Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away" (James 4:14).

February 9 — Romans 9:20-21

On the contrary, who are you, a man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use, and another for common use?

"Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand" (Isa. 64:8).

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February 10 — Jeremiah 18:3, 4

So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

"Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work" (2 Tim. 2:20, 21).

February 11 — Isaiah 25:1

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22, 23).

February 12 — 1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass" (1 Thess. 5:24).

February 13 — Exodus 15:13

"In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling."

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this" (Psa. 37:5).

February 14 — Psalm 34:15

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The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry.

"My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes" (Jer. 16:17).

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February 15 — Isaiah 42:16

I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. "Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about a thousand yards between you and the ark; do not go near it" (Josh. 3:4).

February 16 — Proverbs 3:5, 6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, This is the way; walk in it" (Isa. 30:21).

February 17 — Romans 11:33

Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

February 18 — Proverbs 2:6

For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

"Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding" (Prov. 3:13).

February 19 — Proverbs 1:33

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"But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace" (James 3:17, 18).

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February 20 — Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

"But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing" (James 3:14-16).

February 21 — Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

"Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway" (Prov. 8:34).

February 22 — Proverbs 10:9

The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.

"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity" (Prov. 11:3).

February 23 — Proverbs 2:7, 8

He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me,' declares the Lord" (Isa. 54:17).

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February 24 — Isaiah 55:6

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13).

February 25 — Psalm 119:2

Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.

"Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you" (Matt. 7:7).

February 26 — Jeremiah 46:3, 4

Prepare your shields, both large and small, and march out for battle! Harness the horses, mount the steeds! Take your positions with helmets on! Polish your spears, put on your armor!

"But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation" (1 Thess. 5:8).

February 27 — Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men. "And to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you" (1 Thess. 4:11).

February 28 — Ephesians 1:4

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love

"Have you not heard? Long ago I ordained it. In days of old I planned it; now I have brought it to pass, that you have turned fortified cities into piles of stone" (2 Kings 19:25).

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February 29 — Exodus 14:13, 14

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." "The Lord said to Joshua, 'Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you." (Josh. 10:8).

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March 1 - 1 Samuel 17:47

All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him. With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles.' And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said" (2 Chron. 32:7, 8).

March 2 — 2 Chronicles 30:12

Also in Judah the hand of God was on the people to give them unity of mind to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the Lord.

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing" (Psa. 133:1-3).

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March 3 — Philippians 4:2

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.

"If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose" (Phil. 2:1, 2).

March 4 — Philippians 2:3, 4

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

"Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones" (Prov. 3:7, 8).

March 5 — 2 Timothy 2:16-18

But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and thus they upset the faith of some.

"I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say. For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, neither does he himself receive the brethren, and he forbids those who desire to do so, and puts them out of the church" (3 John 9, 10).

March 6 — 1 Timothy 4:15, 16

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Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen" (2 Pet. 3:18).

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March 7 — John 3:36

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).

March 8 - 1 John 5:11, 12

And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

March 9 — John 3:7

"Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again."

"Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Cor. 5:17).

March 10 — John 10:28, 29

"And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38, 39).

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March 11 — Romans 8:29, 30

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:6).

March 12 — Philippians 2:5

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom. 12:2).

March 13 — 2 Corinthians 10:5

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

March 14 — Mark 7:21-23

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For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

"And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper" (Rom. 1:28).

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March 15 — Romans 1:16, 17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9).

March 16 - 1 Cor. 15:3, 4

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Pet. 1:3, 4).

March 17 — 1 Peter 1:23

For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.

"Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:13).

March 18 — 1 Peter 1:22

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34, 35).

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March 19 — 1 John 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11).

March 20 — 1 John 4:20

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor" (Rom. 12:9, 10).

March 21 — Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

"For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf" (2 Cor. 5:14, 15).

March 22 — 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

"But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13).

March 23 — John 3:16

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For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

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March 24 — John 15:4

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law" (Gal. 5:22, 23).

March 25 — John 15:16

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you. "

"By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples" (John 15:8).

March 26 — John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. "

"Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God" (Rom. 7:4).

March 27 — Phil. 1:29

For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

"And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter 5:10, 11).

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March 28 — 1 Peter 4:19

Therefore, let those also who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Rom. 8:18).

March 29 — 1 Peter 4:12, 13

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.

"So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name" (Acts 5:41).

March 30 - 1 Thessalonians 3:3, 4

So that no man may be disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined for this. For indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know.

"For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day" (2 Tim. 1:12).

March 31 — James 1:2-4

that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him" (James 1:12).

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing

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April 1 — Job 1:20-22

At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

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

April 2 — Job 19:25-27

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"

"I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread" (Job 23:12).

April 3 — Job 34:21

His eyes are on the ways of men; he sees their every step.

"He does not take his eyes off the righteous; he enthrones them with kings and exalts them forever" (Job 36:7).

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April 4 — 1 Peter 2:20, 21

For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.

"Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matt. 5:11, 12).

April 5 — Exodus 20:20

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

"My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world" (1 John 2:1, 2).

April 6 — Exodus 23:20

"See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared."

"Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to" (John 14:1-3).

April 7 — Exodus 33:14

The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isa. 41:10).

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April 8 — Leviticus 20:7

"Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the Lord your God."

"You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own" (Lev. 20:26).

April 9 — Leviticus 22:31-33

"Keep my commands and follow them. I am the Lord. Do not profane my holy name. I must be acknowledged as holy by the Israelites. I am the Lord, who makes you holy and who brought you out of Egypt to be your God. I am the Lord."

"But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'" (1 Pet. 1:15, 16).

April 10 — Numbers 6:24-26

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

"The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made" (Psa. 145:8, 9).

April 11 — 2 Chronicles 15:7

But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

April 12 - 2 Kings 6:16, 17

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"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes so he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

"Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it" (Ezra 10:4).

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April 13 — Job 17:11

My days have passed, my plans are shattered, and so are the desires of my heart.

"The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and three daughters" (Job. 42:12, 13).

April 14 — Psalm 4:8

I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

"The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" (Psa. 121:7, 8).

April 15 — 1 Chronicles 4:10

Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

"For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield" (Psa. 5:12).

April 16 — Psalm 8:3, 4

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

"And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together" (Col. 1:15-17).

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April 17 — Psalm 13:5, 6

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me.

"Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Col. 3:16).

April 18 — Psalm 17:3

Though you probe my heart and examine me at night, though you test me, you will find nothing; I have resolved that my mouth will not sin.

"Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer" (Psa. 19:12-14).

April 19 — Isaiah 55:8, 9

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him" (Psa. 18:30).

April 20 — Psalm 20:4

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. "You have granted him the desire of his heart and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah" (Psa. 21:2).

April 21 — Psalm 25:4, 5

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way" (Psa. 25:9).

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April 22 — Psalm 26:2, 3

Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psa. 139:23, 24).

April 23 — Jeremiah 17:10

"I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."

"Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire" (1 Cor. 3:12-15).

April 24 — Jeremiah 6:16

This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, "We will not walk in it."

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you" (Psa. 32:8).

April 25 — Psalm 33:11

But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails" (Prov. 19:21).

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April 26 — Psa. 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

"Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?' declares the Lord. 'This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word" (Isa. 66:2).

April 27 — Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

"For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite" (Isa. 57:15).

April 28 — Psalm 27:13, 14

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes" (Psa. 37:7).

April 29 — Psalm 38:9

All my longings lie open before you, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from you. My heart pounds, my strength fails me.

"Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psa. 37:4).

April 30 — Psalm 40:5

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Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

"I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing" (Ezek. 34:26).

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May 1 — Psalm 55:22

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

"Casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter. 5:7).

May 2 — Psalm 57:10

For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations" (Psa. 100:5).

May 3 — Psalm 71:9

Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.

"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you" (Isa. 46:4).

May 4 — Psalm 86:11, 12

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

"This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go" (Isa. 48:17).

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May 5 — Psalm 91:15, 16

"He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

"They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green" (Psa. 92:14).

May 6 — Psalm 94:19

When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6).

May 7 — Psalm 63:3, 4

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live.

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him" (Psa. 103:11).

May 8 — Psalm 104:33, 34

"I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord." "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always" (Psa. 105:4).

May 9 — Psalm 108:1

My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul. "And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5).

May 10 — Psalm 108:5

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth. "Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together" (Psa. 34:3).

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May 11 — Psalm 112:7, 8

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:4, 5).

May 12 — Psalm 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

"But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better" (Phil. 1:23).

May 13 — Psalm 118:15

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

"The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psa. 118:23).

May 14 — Psalm 119:57, 58

You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words. I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

"According to my earnest expectation and hope, that I shall not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death" (Phil. 1:20).

May 15 — Psalm 119:67, 71

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

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:11).

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May 16 — Psalm 119:140

Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them. "I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word" (Psa. 119:147).

May 17 — Psa. 119:133

Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

"Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble" (Psa. 119:165).

May 18 — Psalm 128:1, 2

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.

"A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished" (Prov. 28:20).

May 19 — Psalm 39:4

"Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life."

"We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope" (1 Chron. 29:15).

May 20 - 2 Corinthians 1:8, 9

For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body" (2 Cor. 4:8-10).

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May 21 — 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:2).

May 22 — Psalm 23:4-6

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

"For the Lamb in the center of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them to springs of the water of life; and God shall wipe every tear from their eyes" (Rev. 7:17).

May 23 — Psalm 37:23, 25

If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; ... I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen" (Jude 24, 25).

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May 24 — Habakkuk 2:3

For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope" (Psa. 130:5).

May 25 — Psalm 135:6

The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.

"Trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord" (Eph. 5:10).

May 26 — Psalm 138:8

The Lord will fulfill [his purpose] for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.

"For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints" (Heb. 6:10).

May 27 — Psalm 139:14

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

"How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you" (Psalm 139:17, 18).

May 28 — Psalm 141:3

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Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.

"This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God" (James 1:19, 20).

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May 29 — Deuteronomy 31:8

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

"Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,' so that we confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?" (Heb. 13:5, 6).

May 30 — Deuteronomy 32:3, 4

I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

"Israel said to Joseph, 'I never expected to see your face again, and now God has allowed me to see your children too" (Gen. 48:11).

May 31 — Psalm 143:8

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground" (Psa. 143:10).

JUNE

June 1 — Psalm 145:3

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. "And they sang the song of Moses the bond-servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, 'Great and marvelous are Thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the nations" (Rev. 15:3).

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June 2 — Psalm 145:18, 19

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psa. 147:3).

June 3 — Psalm 149:4

For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.

"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing" (Zeph. 3:17).

June 4 — Psalm 150:2

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

"Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all" (1 Chron. 29:12).

June 5 — Proverbs 3:3

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

"Thus you will walk in the ways of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous" (Prov. 2:20).

June 6 — Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

"Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you" (2 Tim. 1:14).

June 7 — Proverbs 5:21

REFLECTION

For a man's ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all his paths.

"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13).

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June 8 — Proverbs 5:22

The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast.

"He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly" (Prov. 5:23).

June 9 — Titus 1:12, 13

One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." This testimony is true. For this cause reprove them severely that they may be sound in the faith,

"A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man" (Prov. 6:10, 11).

June 10 — Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15, 16).

June 11 — Proverbs 11:28

Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy" (1 Tim. 6:17).

June 12 — Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it" (Matt. 7:13, 14).

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June 13 — Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

"They are a nation without sense, there is no discernment in them. If only they were wise and would understand this and discern what their end will be!" (Deut. 32:28, 29).

June 14 — 2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war.

"The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good" (Prov. 15:3).

June 15 — Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

"Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil" (Psa. 37:8).

June 16 — Proverbs 16:3, 9

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. ... In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

"I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please" (Isa. 46:10).

June 17 — Proverbs 17:3

The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart.

"See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another" (Isa. 48:10, 11).

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June 18 — Proverbs 16:23, 24

A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction. Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person" (Col. 4:6).

June 19 — Proverbs 18:22

He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.

"Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun—all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun" (Ecc. 9:9).

June 20 — **Proverbs 19:11**

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

"If a ruler's anger rises against you, do not leave your post; calmness can lay great errors to rest" (Ecc. 10:4).

June 21 — 1 Samuel 15:22

But Samuel replied: "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

"To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice" (Prov. 21:3).

June 22 — Proverbs 24:10

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If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!

"Strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously" (Col. 1:11).

June 23 — Proverbs 24:16

For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity.

"Do not be afraid,' Samuel replied. 'You have done all this evil; yet do not turn away from the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart" (1 Sam. 12:20).

June 24 — Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1).

June 25 — Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

"And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds" (Heb. 10:24).

June 26 — Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

"When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Selah. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord'—and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah" (Psa. 32:3-5).

June 27 — Proverbs 29:23

REFLECTION...

A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time" (1 Pet. 5:6).

June 28 — Ecclesiastes 5:20

He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

June 29 — Song of Solomon 2:15

Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.

"I hate divorce,' says the Lord God of Israel, 'and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment,' says the Lord Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith" (Mal. 2:16).

June 30 — Isaiah 1:19, 20

"If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

"Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds" (Isa. 3:10).

JULY

July 1 — **Matthew 9:37, 38**

REFLECTION...

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' (Isa. 6:8).

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July 2 — Isaiah 12:2

"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."

"Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world" (Isa. 12:5).

July 3 — Jeremiah 18:12

"But they will reply, 'It's no use. We will continue with our own plans; each of us will follow the stubbornness of his evil heart."

"The Lord Almighty has sworn, 'Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand" (Isa. 14:24).

July 4 — Isaiah 25:8

He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).

July 5 - 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory."

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:16-18).

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July 6 — Isaiah 26:7

The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth.

"His God instructs him and teaches him the right way" (Isa. 28:26).

July 7 — Isaiah 30:15

This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it."

"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you" (James 4:7-10).

July 8 — Isaiah 40:10

See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done" (Rev. 22:12).

July 9 — Isaiah 40:28-30

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psa. 46:1).

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July 10 — Isaiah 40:31

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13).

July 11 — Isaiah 41:13

For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

"So that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it" (Isa. 41:20).

July 12 — Isaiah 42:3

A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze" (Isa. 43:2).

July 13 — Isaiah 44:22

"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us" (Psa. 103:12).

July 14 — Isaiah 50:7

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Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

"They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed" (Psa. 22:5).

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July 15 — **Isaiah 51:7**

"Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have my law in your hearts: Do not fear the reproach of men or be terrified by their insults."

"For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God" (2 Timothy 1:7, 8).

July 16 — Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

"And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude and as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns" (Rev. 19:6).

July 17 — Isaiah 53:4, 5

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

"Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:18, 19).

July 18 — Isaiah 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21).

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July 19 — Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

July 20 — Jeremiah 1:8, 9

"Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth."

"Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say" (Exod. 4:12).

July 21 — Jeremiah 2:13

"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

"Does a maiden forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number" (Jer. 2:32).

July 22 — **Revelation 14:14-16**

And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head, and a sharp sickle in His hand. And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, because the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." And He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth; and the earth was reaped.

"The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20).

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July 23 — Jeremiah 9:23, 24

This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.

"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death" (Phil. 3:10).

July 24 — Jeremiah 10:23, 24

I know, O Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps. Correct me, Lord, but only with justice—not in your anger, lest you reduce me to nothing.

"Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you" (Psa. 32:9).

July 25 — Jeremiah 12:5

"If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?"

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word" (2 Thess. 2:16, 17).

July 26 — Jeremiah 23:29

"Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

"Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens" (Psa. 119:89).

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July 27 — **Jeremiah 32:27**

"I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

"Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. You show love to thousands but bring the punishment for the fathers' sins into the laps of their children after them. O great and powerful God, whose name is the Lord Almighty, great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to all the ways of men; you reward everyone according to his conduct and as his deeds deserve" (Jer. 32:17-19).

July 28 — Jeremiah 33:3

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

"Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full" (John 16:24).

July 29 — Lamentations 3:40

Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.

"Even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.' Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity" (Joel 2:12, 13).

July 30 — Lamentations 5:19

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You, O Lord, reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation.

"Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old" (Lam. 5:21).

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July 31 — Ezekiel 12:28

"Therefore say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: None of my words will be delayed any longer; whatever I say will be fulfilled, declares the Sovereign Lord."

"For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner?" (1 Pet. 4:17, 18).

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August 1 — Ezekiel 22:30

"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."

"The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain" (Gen. 6:5, 6).

August 2 — Ezekiel 24:14

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"I the Lord have spoken. The time has come for me to act. I will not hold back; I will not have pity, nor will I relent. You will be judged according to your conduct and your actions, declares the Sovereign Lord."

"So the Lord said, I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them" (Gen. 6:7).

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August 3 — Ezekiel 33:11

Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?' "As for you, son of man, your countrymen are talking together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, saying to each other, 'Come and hear the message that has come from the Lord.' My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to listen to your words, but they do not put them into practice. With their mouths they express devotion, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain" (Ezek. 33:30, 31).

August 4 — Daniel 1:8

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

"One man regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Let each man be fully convinced in his own mind" (Rom. 14:5).

August 5 — Daniel 3:16-18

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

"The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen" (2 Tim. 4:18).

August 6 — Daniel 9:19

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"O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name." "You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you" (Psa. 86:5).

August 7 — Hosea 6:3

"Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

"Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

August 8 — Joel 3:14

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together" (John 4:35, 36).

August 9 — Amos 8:11, 12

"The days are coming," declares the Sovereign Lord, "when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it.

"Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end" (Psa. 119:111, 112).

August 10 — Micah 6:8

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you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him" (John 14:21).

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of

August 11 — Nahum 1:7

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psa. 107:1).

August 12 — Habakkuk 3:17, 18

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

"God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding" (Job 37:5).

August 13 — Malachi 3:10

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

"Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return" (Luke 6:38).

August 14 — Matthew 4:4

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But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty" (Isa. 55:10, 11).

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August 15 — Matthew 6:7, 8

"And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him."

"Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear" (Isa. 65:24).

August 16 — Matthew 6:20, 21

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

"Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:2, 3).

August 17 — Matthew 7:7

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"Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you."

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you" (John 15:7).

August 18 — Matthew 10:19, 20

"But when they deliver you up, do not become anxious about how or what you will speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what you are to speak. For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you."

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it" (Psa. 81:10).

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August 19 — Matthew 10:28

"And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:13-15).

August 20 — Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

"But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains were unfastened" (Acts 16:25, 26).

August 21 — Matthew 23:37, 38

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!"

"You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did. Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become; you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it" (Acts 7:51-53).

August 22 — Matthew 26:41

"Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13).

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August 23 — Matthew 26:75

And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "Before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

"For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning" (Psa. 30:5).

August 24 — Matthew 27:46

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?" (Psa. 22:1).

August 25 — Matthew 27:50-53

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split, and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.

"Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh" (Heb. 10:19, 20).

August 26 — Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

August 27 — Mark 4:37-39

DEEL ECTION

And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. And He Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.

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"And looking upon them Jesus said to them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26).

August 28 — Mark 8:36-37

"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

August 29 — Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

"If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

August 30 — Luke 10:41-42

But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only a few things are necessary, really only one, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

"And for this reason I remind you to kindle fresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands" (2 Tim. 1:6).

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August 31 — Luke 12:19, 20

"And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?""

"I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is nothing left for him. Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand" (Ecc. 5:13-15).

SEPTEMBER

DEEL ECTION

September 1 — Luke 21:12, 13

"But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake. It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony."

"Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else" (Phil. 1:12-13).

September 2 — Acts 9:15, 16

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

"But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence" (1 Pet. 3:15).

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September 3 — Luke 21:15

For I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.

"And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God" (1 Cor. 2:1-5).

September 4 — John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life" (John 5:24).

September 5 — John 5:39

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"You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me."

"Now He said to them, 'These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.' Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:44, 45).

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September 6 — John 4:10

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

"Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified" (John 7:37-39).

September 7 — John 4:34

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work."

"We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

September 8 — John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

"Who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 1:4).

September 9 — John 3:14, 15

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life."

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself" (John 12:32).

September 10 — John 14:27

DEEL ECTION

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

"Jesus therefore said to them again, 'Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21).

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September 11 — Acts 4:12

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

"I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior" (Isa. 43:11).

September 12 — Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

"Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13).

September 13 — Acts 20:24

But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

"I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do. ... When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit" (John 17:4; 19:30).

September 14 — Acts 17:11

Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

September 15 — Acts 24:16

In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men.

"But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith" (1 Tim. 1:5).

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September 16 — Romans 3:10-12

As it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one."

"There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins" (Ecc. 7:20).

September 17 — Romans 4:20, 21

Yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him" (Heb. 11:6).

September 18 — Romans 6:11, 12

Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts.

"But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17, 18).

September 19 — Romans 3:23

REFLECTION...

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

September 20 — Romans 7:18-20

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish. But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death" (Rom. 8:1, 2).

September 21 — Romans 8:16, 17

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory" (Eph. 1:13, 14).

September 22 — Romans 8:31, 32

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him" (Eph. 1:7-9).

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September 23 — Romans 10:2, 3

For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. For not knowing about God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

"And may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith" (Phil. 3:9).

September 24 — Romans 9:33

Just as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen" (Rom. 11:36).

September 25 — Romans 12:1

I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19, 20).

September 26 — Romans 12:10

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Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor:

"Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth" (1 John 3:18).

September 27 — Romans 12:12

Rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 15:13).

September 28 — Romans 14:12

So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

"Who will render to every man according to his deeds: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation" (Rom. 2:6-8).

September 29 — Romans 14:19

So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

"Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus" (Rom. 15:5).

September 30 — Romans 15:2

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.

"All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor" (1 Cor. 10:23, 24).

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October 1-1 Corinthians 12:1, 7, 11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. ... But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ... But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

"But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired" (1 Cor. 12:18).

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October 2 — 1 Corinthians 14:12, 17

So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church. ... For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not edified.

"What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification" (1 Cor. 14:26).

October 3 — 1 Corinthians 16:9

For a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

"I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name" (Rev. 3:8).

October 4 — 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

"Comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word" (2 Thess. 2:17).

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October 5 — 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?

"Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God" (2 Cor. 4:1, 2).

October 6 — 2 Corinthians 3:5

Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves" (2 Cor. 4:7).

October 7 — 2 Corinthians 5:9

Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

"When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him" (Prov. 16:7).

October 8 — 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

"Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:6-8).

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October 9 — 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7

Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.

"Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him" (Psa. 126:5, 6).

October 10 — 2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed. "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

October 11 — Galatians 3:3

Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

"For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace" (Rom. 8:5, 6).

October 12 — Galatians 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25).

October 13 — Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

"This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men" (Titus 3:8).

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October 14 — Ephesians 3:16

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man.

"And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me" (2 Cor. 12:9).

October 15 — Ephesians 3:17

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love.

"Having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude" (Col. 2:7).

October 16 — Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy" (Psa. 126:2, 3).

October 17 — Ephesians 4:7

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

"For the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:12, 13).

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October 18 — Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16). "Do not quench the Spirit" (1 Thess. 5:19).

October 19 — Ephesians 4:31, 32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

"See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled" (Heb. 12:15).

October 20 — Ephesians 6:4

And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart" (Col. 3:21).

October 21 — Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

"In addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one" (Eph. 6:16).

October 22 — Philippians 3:7, 8

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ,

"For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority" (Col. 2:9, 10).

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October 23 — Philippians 4:10, 11

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

"But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content" (1 Tim. 6:6-8).

October 24 — Colossians 1:10

So that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

"Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 1:5-8).

October 25 — Colossians 1:12-14

Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

"Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18).

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October 26 — Colossians 1:15, 16

And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him and for Him.

"All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:3, 4).

October 27 — Colossians 2:6

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.

"The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked" (1 John 2:6).

October 28 — Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving.

"And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him" (1 John 5:14, 15).

October 29 — Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

"Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person" (Col. 4:5, 6).

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October 30 — 1 Thessalonians 1:3

Constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.

"So that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. ... For you are our glory and joy" (1 Thess. 2:12, 20).

October 31 — 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God.

"Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11).

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November 1 — 1 Thessalonians 5:8

But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

"You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your providence watched over my spirit" (Job. 10:12).

November 2 — 1 Thessalonians 3:8

For now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord.

"So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us" (2 Thess. 2:15).

November 3 — 2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

"Comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word" (2 Thess. 2:17).

November 4 — 2 Thessalonians 3:5

And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

"Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you; and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also do for you" (1 Thess. 3:11, 12).

November 5 — 1 Timothy 1:15

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. "Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:24).

November 6 — 1 Timothy 3:9

But holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

"I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day" (2 Tim. 1:3).

November 7 — 2 Timothy 2:1, 2

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You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

"Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you" (2 Tim. 1:13, 14).

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November 8 — Hebrews 4:14, 15

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

"Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

November 9 — Hebrews 2:10

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

"Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered" (Heb. 5:8).

November 10 — Hebrews 5:11, 12

Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able" (1 Cor. 3:1, 2).

November 11 — Hebrews 5:13, 14

For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

"Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings, and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And this we shall do, if God permits" (Heb. 6:1-3).

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November 12 — Hebrews 6:19, 20

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

"Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken" (Psa. 62:5, 6).

November 13 — Psalm 63:1, 2

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" (Psa. 42:1, 2).

November 14 — Psalm 62:1, 2

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

"One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done" (Psa. 62:11, 12).

November 15 — Hebrews 9:12

And not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

"How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Heb. 9:14).

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November 16 — Hebrews 10:21-22

And since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23).

November 17 — Hebrews 10:35, 36

Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end" (Ecc. 3:11).

November 18 — Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. ... for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Heb. 11:8, 10).

November 19 — Hebrews 11:24-26

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By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

"And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Tim. 3:12).

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November 20 — Hebrews 13:2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

"Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Pet. 4:9, 10).

November 21 — Hebrews 13:4

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

"Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body" (1 Cor. 6:18).

November 22 — Hebrews 13:15

Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

"Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live" (Psa. 146:1, 2).

November 23 — James 1:10, 11

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And let the rich man glory in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with a scorching wind, and withers the grass; and its flower falls off, and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

"Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?" (Ecc. 5:10, 11).

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November 24 — James 1:15-16

Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

"With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk. All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life" (Prov. 7:21-23).

November 25 — James 1:17

Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.

"Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God" (Ecc. 5:19).

November 26 — James 1:22-24

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

"And why do you call Me, "Lord, Lord," and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46).

November 27 — James 1:27

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This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

"Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:15-17).

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November 28 — James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

"Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

November 29 — James 4:3, 4

You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

"Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear" (Isa. 59:1, 2).

November 30 — James 5:8, 9

You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

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December 1 — 1 Peter 1:5

Who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

"And though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls" (1 Pet. 1:8, 9).

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December 2 — 1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession" (Deut. 7:6).

December 3 — 1 Peter 2:24

And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

"After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities" (Isa. 53:11).

December 4 — Ephesians 5:21, 22

In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

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December 5 — Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

"You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered" (1 Pet. 3:7).

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December 6 — 1 Peter 3:16, 17

And keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

"For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit" (1 Pet. 3:18).

December 7 — 1 Peter 4:5

But they shall give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

"Because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

December 8 — 1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

"Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins" (James 5:20).

December 9 - 1 Peter 4:11

Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

"Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:27).

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December 10 — 1 Peter 4:16

But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him glorify God.

"And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Rom. 5:3-5).

December 11 — 2 Peter 1:3, 4

Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. "Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you" (2 Pet. 1:10, 11).

December 12 - 2 Peter 1:19

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And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star" (Rev. 22:16).

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December 13 — 1 John 1:3

What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

"But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

December 14 — 1 John 1:5

And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

"If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth" (1 John 1:6).

December 15 — 1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us" (1 John 1:10).

December 16 - 1 John 2:3

And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

"And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us" (1 John 3:24).

December 17 — 1 John 2:28

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And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

"Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is" (1 John 3:2).

December 18 — 1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds" (2 Cor. 11:13-15).

December 19 — 1 John 4:8

The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

"By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:9, 10).

December 20 - 1 John 4:12

No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love" (1 John 4:18).

December 21 - 1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.

"Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son" (2 John 9).

December 22 — Revelation 1:3

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Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

"And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book" (Rev. 22:7).

December 23 — Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, a Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this" (Isa. 9:6, 7).

December 24 — Micah 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth" (Luke 2:4-6).

December 25 — Revelation 1:8

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"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

"And He said to me, 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost" (Rev. 21:6).

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December 26 — Revelation 2:4, 5

But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you, and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.

"And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold" (Matt. 24:12).

December 27 — Revelation 3:11

"I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown."

"You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled men, you fall from your own steadfastness" (2 Pet. 3:17).

December 28 — Revelation 3:20

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me." "And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain—for He says, 'At the acceptable time I listened to you, And on the day of salvation I helped you;' behold, now is 'the acceptable time,' behold, now is 'the day of salvation'" (2 Cor. 6:1, 2).

December 29 — Revelation 4:8

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And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

"Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created" (Rev. 4:11).

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December 30 — Revelation 19:1, 11

After these things I heard, as it were, a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God" ... And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

"And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16).

December 31 — 2 Peter 1:13, 14

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And I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

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