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## 365 Ways to Know God

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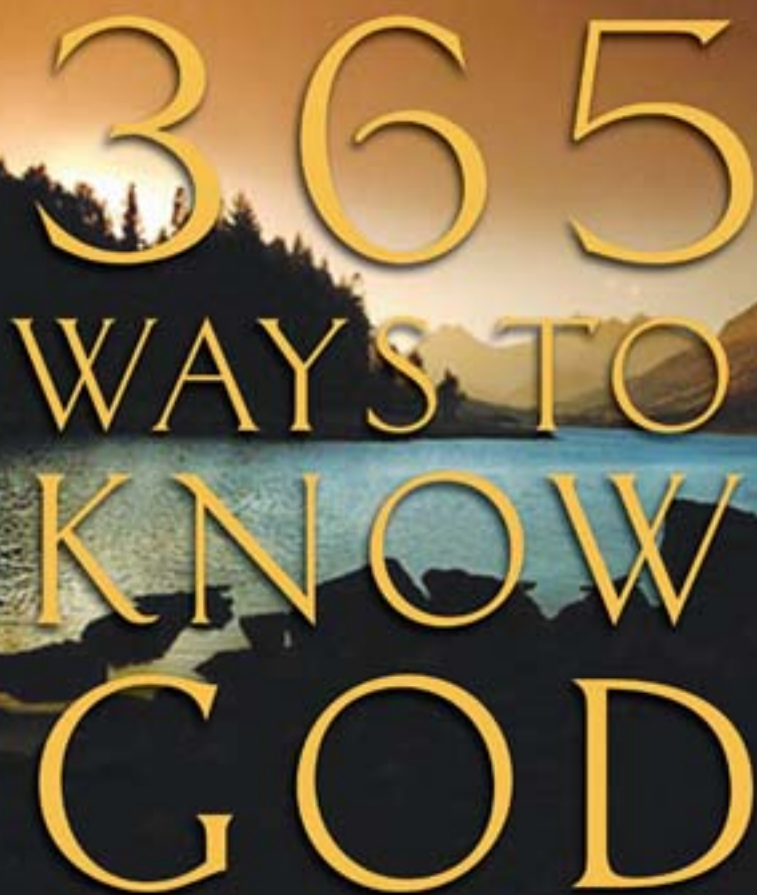
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WAYS TO  
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DEVOTIONAL READINGS ON THE NAMES OF GOD

Foreword by  
Tim LaHaye

Daily Devotional

**365 Ways to Know God**  
*(Devotional Readings on the Names of God)*

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## 365 WAYS TO KNOW GOD

### Introduction

The Bible has over 1,000 names, titles, and metaphors for God. Why does God have so many names? For the same reason we do. Each name and title represents a different position, function, or characteristic. For instance, I am called husband, father, grandfather, dean, faculty, golfer, author, Sunday school teacher, etc. The more you are and do, the more names and titles you have. Since God is greater than anyone in the universe; wouldn't you expect Him to have the most titles and names?

Every time you learn a new title or name of a person, you learn more about that person. As you read through this devotional, you'll learn more about God than ever before because you will explore 365 of His different names, one for every day of the year. So, be prepared to know God intimately this year. And when you learn about God and His relationship to you, you'll learn more about yourself. So, be prepared to live closer to God than ever before.

There's one reading for each day of the year. Also, there's a suggested daily Bible reading to expand your understanding of the name assigned for that day. Get ready to be transformed this year as you experience *365 Ways to Know God*.

Written from my home  
at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains,

Elmer L. Towns, 2004

PS: I previously wrote three books on the names of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three entire books are posted for your study online at [www.elmertowns.com](http://www.elmertowns.com).

## FOREWORD

### *TALKING TO GOD ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS*

**Tim LaHaye**

(Author of *The Left Behind Series*)

Elmer Towns knows a lot about the names of God. He has lectured on the names of each of the three persons of the Godhead, and written three best selling books on them, *The Names of Jesus*, *My Father's Names*, and *The Names of the Holy Spirit*. The last book won the Gold Medallion award from the Christian Booksellers and Christian publishers in 1996 (available on [www.elmertowns.com](http://www.elmertowns.com)). He has compiled the most extensive lists of the names of God (see Appendices) and now I'm excited about this daily devotional on 365 names of God in the Bible.

Towns wrote the first three books to give us information on God's names and help us understand the nature of God from His names. Many people used these books in their Bible studies or Sunday school classes. Now in this devotional he writes to our hearts, so we can feel and apply God to our everyday living. Through the names of God, we can touch God each day in a new and different way; but most importantly, God can touch us daily.

This book could be called *Talking To God on A First-Name Basis*, because it contains prayers for you to talk to God—using one of His personal names each day. This book can be an exciting journey into knowing God more intimately through His many names.

Towns' prayed that he would be anointed to write a book where readers could feel the presence of God. I believe God has answered his prayer because I felt the presence of God as I read these devotionals and talked personally to each Person of the Godhead.

JANUARY 1

JEHOVAH ROI (THE LORD, MY SHEPHERD)—TRINITY

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1).

The Lord is your *Shepherd*; He can lead you to green pastures where you can lie down for rest. There can feed on green grass to regain your strength. He will lead you beside still water so you can moisten your dry tongue. Will you follow Him today? The Lord is your *Shepherd*; He will lead you in the right paths for His name’s sake. He will guide you through the valley of the shadow of death. Don’t be afraid of shadows, for they are only dark eclipses created by threatening mountains. The *Shepherd* will be with you in danger and lead you through dark valleys and not leave you there.

*“Shepherd, there are many paths calling to me. What is the right path for me today? Guide me. The mountain trails through life’s valleys are filled with dead-end canyons. When I get lost, come help me.”*

Your *Shepherd* will prepare a table of food for you after you get through your dark valley. Your favorite cup is full and running over. Eat, drink, and rejoice in His provision. The shepherd has two sheep dogs that will pursue you if you stray. The first is His “goodness” which will keep you following Him. The second is the Shepherd’s “mercy” which will forgive any of your future wayward steps.

*“Shepherd, it feels good to happily rest beside You. When my eyes get distracted by the things of this world, come draw me back with goodness and mercy. Shepherd, may I dwell with You in Your house forever? Amen”*

Reading: Psalm 23

Words: 257

Key Thought: The Lord wants a relationship with you.

JANUARY 2

A MORE EXCELLENT NAME—JESUS

“Having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they” (Hebrews 1:4).

*Jesus* has *A More Excellent Name* than the angels. They were ministering spirits sent to help the heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14), but *Jesus* was sent to purchase salvation. He has *A More Excellent Name* than Moses who led Israel out of Egypt and gave them the law (Heb. 3:3). *Jesus* fulfilled the law and died to take it out of the way (Col. 2:14-16). *Jesus* has *A More Excellent Name* than the priest who interceded for Israel (Heb. 4:14-16). *Jesus* gives us grace for which they prayed. *Jesus* has *A More Excellent Name* than Melchizedek, because *Jesus* obtained a better salvation and a new covenant (Heb. 7:22-24). Because of the excellence of His name, you can go to the Father through *Jesus* at any time. Will you pray to the Father through the name of *Jesus*?

*“Jesus, I love Your name. Your name, Jesus, calms my fears and guides me each day. Your name, Jesus, saved me and Your name, Jesus, keeps me safe.”*

Because *Jesus* has *A More Excellent Name*, you can pray in His name (John 14:13, 14). Because the name *Jesus* has power, you can break addiction and cast out demonic powers in His name (Acts 16:18). Because the name *Jesus* sets prisoners free, you can have a powerful witness to the unsaved in His name (Acts 4:10-14). One day, every knee will bow to recognize and worship the name *Jesus* (Phil. 2:10-12). Will you do it now?

*“Jesus, I worship at the sound of Your name. You are worthy to receive all honor, praise, and thanksgiving. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 1:1-14

Words: 262

Key Thought: The name Jesus is the key to God’s power.

JANUARY 3

WORTHY—JESUS

“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” (Revelation 5:12).

*Jesus* is *Worthy* to receive our worship for two extraordinary reasons: First, we should worship *Jesus* because He is the Omnipotent Creator, “and without Him nothing was made that was made” (John 1:3). *Jesus* has given us life, purpose and existence because we were created in His image. Because of His creative act at the beginning of the world, all created beings—angels and redeemed souls—cry out praise and adoration to *Jesus*. Have you done it on earth?

*“Lord Jesus, I cry, ‘Holy, holy, holy,’ for Your awesome power that created me. You are worthy to receive my praise for Your saving grace that redeemed me.”*

*Jesus* is *Worthy* for another reason—His sacrificial death for all people and His specific pardon of your sin. *Jesus* was not worthy of a cruel death, but still He chose to die for you. He became *Worthy* to receive all your gratitude and worship because of that sacrifice,. The One who had great glory and power in Heaven became worthy of even more adoration because He purchase redemption on the cross. John wept because he thought, “No one was worthy to open and read the scroll, i.e., the scroll was the title deed to Heaven and earth. But the Lord stepped forth to do it; He could open the scroll because He qualified to do it. That makes *Jesus* *Worthy* of all praise in Heaven and earth.

*“Lord Jesus, I fall down at Your feet to cry, ‘Worthy is the Lamb,’ because You created all things. You are Worthy to open the scroll, because You redeemed me. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 4:1-11

Words: 266

Key Thought: *Jesus* is worthy of our praise because He is Creator and Redeemer.



JANUARY 4

THE GOD OF MY FATHERS—FATHER

“But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets” (Acts 24:14).

Paul worshipped the *God of his Fathers*, the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. The God of all true believers in the Old Testament is our God in this dispensation. When the Lord called Abraham and he obeyed, the Lord became his God. When Isaac lived in the Promise Land, the Lord was his God. When Jacob gave birth to twelve sons, the Lord was his God, and each of his sons made the Lord his God. Just as the Lord was the God who protected and guided Israel in the Old Testament, He will be your God to help you today.

*“O Lord, I’ve always believed in you, but when I became a Christian, you became my personal God. Now I worship You.”*

Just as the Jews wondering in the wilderness worshipped the Lord in the Tabernacle, He wants you to worship Him from the sanctuary of your body. Just as the Lord entered the Old Testament Temple in a Shekinah Glory cloud, so He entered your body when you were saved. The Lord’s presence makes any dwelling a sanctuary; today He’ll make your body His Temple.

*“O God of my fathers, come make Your home in my body. I worship You as did Paul; come be with me as you were with Paul. Be glorified through my body today. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:13-17

Words: 223

Key Thought: The Lord will dwell in your body just as He dwelt in the Temple.

JANUARY 5

A NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME—JESUS

“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name” (Philippians 2:9).

The name *Jesus* is more excellent than Adam, the first man, because *Jesus* is Alpha and Omega. *Jesus*' name is more excellent than Noah, who saved the world from the flood, because *Jesus* will save the world from fire in the future. *Jesus*' name is more excellent than Abraham, the friend of God, because *Jesus* was God's Son. *Jesus*' name is more excellent than Moses, who delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt, because *Jesus*' name is powerful to deliver any from addictive slavery to sin. *Jesus*' name is more excellent than any judge that defeated Israel's enemies, because *Jesus* defeated sin, lust, and the devil on the cross. What has *Jesus* done for you?

*“Lord, when I'm in trouble, I whisper, 'Jesus'. When I want to break a habit or overcome an enemy, I say, 'Jesus'. When I need anything, I pray, 'Jesus'.”*

The name *Jesus* is greater than any Old Testament prophet, priest, or king, because *Jesus* was the focus of their ministry. The name *Jesus* is greater than any apostle, including Paul, because *Jesus* called them, empowered them, commissioned them, and used them. What *Jesus* has done for these people, He can do for you.

*“Jesus, Your name is sweet to me, for it saved me from sin. Your name is powerful to me, for it gives me strength and hope. Your name is above every name. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 5:22-42

Words: 230

Key Thought: The name of Jesus is above every name on Earth.

JANUARY 6

NAME OF JESUS—JESUS

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of Jesus” (Colossians 3:17).

There’s power in *Jesus*’ name. Remember “that signs and wonders . . . (are) done through the name of . . . Jesus” (Acts 4:30). The name *Jesus* cleansed the lepers, opened the eyes of the blind, and He can do what you need done today. Don’t forget you can get our prayers answered in the name *Jesus*, “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it” (John 14:14).

*“Jesus, give me discipline to overcome my weaknesses, power to overcome opposition, and strength to overcome disappointments. Jesus, I claim the strength of Your name to rid my life of all evil lusts. By Your name ‘deliver us (me) from the Evil One’ (Matt 6:13).”*

The name *Jesus* can fix broken lives and can heal sickness. A man had never walked, but *Jesus*’ “name . . . made this man strong” (Acts 3:16). The name *Jesus* can dispel evil powers because a girl was released from a demon when Paul said, “In the name of Jesus Christ come out” (Acts 16:10). The name *Jesus* can transform your life and ministry. So, do everything today in His name. Remember, “Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Col. 3:17). What can the name of *Jesus* do for you?

*“Jesus, Your name is sweet; it gives me joy. Jesus, Your name is comforting; it gives me assurance. Jesus, Your name is power; I claim Your strength to overcome barriers. Jesus, Your name is awesome; I worship Your name. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 4:1-12

Words: 256

Key Thought: The name of Jesus is powerful.

JANUARY 7

THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD—HOLY SPIRIT

“Clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart” (2 Corinthians 3:3).

The Third Person of the Trinity is *The Spirit of the Living God* who writes the message of Christ upon your life. There are many who will not read the Bible, but they may read the pages of your life. So let *The Spirit of God* write the message of Christ in your attitudes and actions. Let *The Spirit of God* embed the principles of Christ into your life. Just as *The Spirit of the Living God* puts His influence in the Bible, He can put His influence into you; then, non-Christians can see Christ in the pages of your life and come to salvation. You may be the only Bible they read.

*“Holy Spirit, I open the pages of my life to You. Erase everything that is a poor testimony. Write on the empty pages of my heart Your message of grace and forgiveness.”*

The *Holy Spirit* does not write on pages with ink as the New Testament was written. He does not write on stone, as the Ten Commandments were chiseled; but He writes the message of Jesus on the human heart when He makes them like Jesus. Will you yield to Him today so He can write the message of Jesus in your life? Then, the world can see Jesus in you. And in time you will be given an opportunity to share your life story with people.

*“Holy Spirit, I want to be an open letter that tells of Jesus; I want non-Christians to see Jesus in my life. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:1-5

Words: 254

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit writes about Christ in our lives for others to read.

JANUARY 8

LIGHT—JESUS

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life’” (John 8:12).

*Jesus is Light; He can show you where to walk today. He was the Light that shined into your heart before you were saved so that you were convicted of your sin and repented. He was the Light that pointed you to salvation. Today, He’ll be your Light to show you what to do as you walk through the many decisions that you face. Jesus is a bright shining Light. He can enlighten you through the Scriptures, but you must study them. He can help you see clearly as you pray, but you must seek His presence. He can give you Light to make better decisions, but you must make time for communion with Him.*

*“Lord, take away my spiritual blindness. Help me see what I must do today. Don’t let me stumble or get lost. Shine light on my path.”*

*Jesus is the Light of salvation. You may stumble when you walk outside the perimeter of Light, so always take Jesus, the Light. Let His Light shine giving you illumination when you don’t know what to do. You can always have the blessings of Light when you take Jesus with you.*

*“Lord, help me make better choices; keep me from making mistakes. Be Light to help me understand my friends and associates at work. Shine on me when I walk through dark, threatening valleys. Lord, thank You for the warmth of Light. I feel comfortable in Your presence. Keep me from stumbling in the night. Keep me in the Light. Amen.”*

Reading: John 8:1-12

Words: 252

Key Thought: Jesus is light to guide you.

JANUARY 9

THE TRUTH—JESUS

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me’” (John 14:6).

*Jesus* is the *Truth*; He cannot lie. He will always tell you what is right, and will not deceive you. When you read His word, it will always give you an accurate record of the past, and it will give you an honest description of what people are like today. When the Word of God predicts the future, its predictions will come about. *Jesus* said God’s Word “is truth” (John 17:17). Whether you are referring to the words *Jesus* spoke on the earth, or His words written in Scripture; both are true. Because He is *Truth*, He wants you to be truthful.

*“Lord, it’s hard to be truthful because I have a deceitful heart that always wants to put me in the best light. Forgive my sins and help me always tell the truth.”*

The truth never contradicts itself; it is always consistent. What *Jesus* said on earth was always consistently true. *Jesus’* words were always consistent with the rest of Scripture, and the Scriptures are always consistent with itself. “The Scripture cannot deny itself” (John 10:35, Author’s Translation). Because the Bible is consistent, you can trust its message. Because *Jesus* is true, You can believe in Him.

*“Lord, I believe everything You’ve said in the Bible is true. I have based my life on the Scriptures, and it’s worked. I have read the Scriptures and they are consistent. The more I know about the Bible, the more I realize it’s consistently true in itself and its influence is true in my experiences. Amen.”*

Reading: John 8:13-36

Words: 254

Key Thought: The words of Jesus are true.

JANUARY 10

HIS VOICE (MOST HIGH)—TRINITY

“The LORD thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice”  
(Psalm 18:13).

God speaks in many ways. Some heard His audible voice, and to others He speaks inwardly. At other times He spoke through prophetic utterances. He also spoke through intermediate means such as miracles, providence, and once He spoke through Balaam’s ass. But notice how many times God spoke through nature. David said, “Each day utters a new voice” (Ps. 19:2, ELT). David the shepherd boy declared, “The voice of the Lord is powerful . . . is full of majesty” (Ps. 29:4). The powerful wind was “The voice of the Lord breaking cedars” (Ps. 29:5). He described the lightning as “The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire” (Ps. 29:7). God speaks in many ways; let Him speak to you today.

*“Lord, I am quiet before You. I am listening for Your instructions for today. Speak, Lord, for Your servant waits.”*

God uses the weather to accomplish His will; no one can make a storm, no one can control the wind, temperature or rain. God uses the storms; it is His voice in the world. Never again will God destroy the world through a flood (Gen. 9:11), but He’ll use floods to punish the disobedient, or to move those who will not listen, or to re-direct lives. God will even use emotional floods in your life for a purpose. When the storms come, listen to His voice for He speaks through them.

*“Lord, I don’t like storms, but I accept them. Help me to learn Your will from the storm of life. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 18:1-14

Words: 279

Key Thought: God can use many ways to speak to you.

JANUARY 11

THE BREAD OF GOD—JESUS

“For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (John 6:33).

*Jesus is The Bread of God.* Just as we eat bread to get strong for our daily activities, so *Jesus* gives us mental and spiritual strength to live for Him. Just as we eat bread for enjoyment, so *Jesus* is our joy and satisfaction in life. Just as we eat bread to keep living (without bread we would die), so *Jesus* keeps us living. We eat the bread of *Jesus* when we read and study the Word of God. We eat the bread of *Jesus* when we think on Him (Luke 2:19) and meditate on the Word of God (Josh. 1:8). We eat the bread of *Jesus* when we attend church and listen to the Word preached. And of course we could never give out the bread of *Jesus* to a hungry world unless we first eat it for ourselves and experience His goodness.

*“Lord Jesus, You are the Bread of life. Just as I enjoy warm bread right from the oven, I look forward to fellowship with You more.”*

*Jesus is The Bread of God Who Comes Down From Heaven.* When we taste Him, we begin munching on the good things of God. “Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good” (Ps. 34:8). *Jesus* is satisfying *Bread* . . . healthful bread . . . good bread . . . life-giving bread . . . and resurrection bread. “Whoever eats My flesh and drinks . . . I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:54).

*“Jesus, You have good bread. I could fellowship with You forever. Could I have more? Amen.”*

Reading: John 6:32-44

Words: 266

Key Thought: *Jesus* is the Bread of God who gives life to the world.



JANUARY 12

THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP—JESUS

“Then Jesus said to them again, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep’” (John 10:7).

A sheepfold (John 10:1) was an enclosure to keep sheep from wandering or getting lost. It usually had rock walls; sometimes it was enclosed with thick growing thorns to keep out thieves or predators who would kill and/or steal sheep. A sheepfold usually didn’t have a roof and had only one door. The shepherd would sleep across the opening of the door to keep intruders out and the sheep in. Thus, the shepherd became the door of the sheep. Sometimes, several flocks were kept in the same sheepfold. In the morning, the shepherd “calls his own sheep by name and leads them out” (John 10:3). Each shepherd has a different whistle and the sheep know their master’s call. “When he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice” (John 10:4). *Jesus* is the Shepherd of the sheep and He knows you by name. Do you recognize the Lord’s voice when He calls you?

*“Jesus, thank You for calling me and protecting me. I will follow where You lead.”*

When the shepherd becomes *The Door of the Sheep*, he puts his life on the line. The shepherd will fight to protect his sheep because each one is precious to him. The key is *relationship*; the shepherd knows, calls, leads, and protects his sheep. *Jesus* wants that kind of relationship with you.

*“Lord Jesus, I am your sheep. Thank You for giving Your life for me. I want to go in and out of the sheepfold to ‘find pasture’ (John 10:9). Amen.”*

Reading: John 10:1-13

Words: 261

Key Thought: The Shepherd wants a protective relationship with you.

JANUARY 13

THE FATHER OF LIGHTS—FATHER

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” (James 1:17).

God is the *Father of Lights* who originally created physical light, i.e., the sun and all stars. But more than physical light, He is the *Father of Spiritual Light*; when you come to Him, He will enlighten your life and give you spiritual understanding. When you walk near *Father of Lights*, there is no darkness so you’ll never get lost. When you’re close to the *Light*, there are no shadows, so you’ll not be surprised or afraid of unseen fears. When you walk near the *Father of Lights*, you’ll see where you’re going so you can walk in confidence.

*“O Father of Lights, I often stumble in the dark, and it hurts to fall. Shine more light on my path; give me eyes to see so I can walk.”*

The light from a burning candle makes a shadow; it is impossible to get next to a light without causing shadows. But when you get close to God, something impossible happens. There are no shadows. There is no “variation or shadow” in the *Father of Lights*. When you get close to God, He gets close to you. He surrounds you on every side; there’ll be no twilight zones and no dim shadows. You’ll be surrounded by *Light*. Isn’t that where you want to live?

*“I come to You, Father of Lights, in Whom there is no variation or shadow. I will walk close to You in Your Light. I will be comfortable in the warmth of Your presence. I will be safe where there is no threatening darkness. I will stay as close to the Light as possible. Amen.”*

Reading: James 1:16-21

Words: 268

Key Thought: When you get close to God, you’ll have fewer shadows.

JANUARY 14

THE VINE—JESUS

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

*Jesus is the Vine*, the source of your spiritual life. Abide in Him and you’ll have a fruitful life. You are the branches where His life grows and His fruit is produced. The key to fruitfulness is relationship; you must constantly remain attached (abide) to Him, or the opposite will happen. If you become detached, your spiritual life will not be fruitful; no fruit will grow, and the branches of your life will begin to die.

*“Lord, when I was small, I was constantly growing, but when I became an adult, I stopped growing. I sometimes feel the same thing has happened to me spiritually. Now that I’ve reached spiritual adulthood, don’t let me stop growing as a Christian.”*

*Jesus is the Vine*, you are the branches. You will continue to grow as you are attached to Him. You must do more than talk about *Jesus*, sing about *Jesus*, or even learn facts about *Jesus*. You must abide in Him to grow and be fruitful. You must be totally dependent upon *Jesus*, just as a branch is totally dependent upon the vine for everything. Just as energy (life) flows through the vine to the branches, you must receive your energy from *Jesus*. *The Vine* must become your life; yield to Him. *The Vine* has the fruit you desire; let Him grow it in you.

*“Jesus, since You are my Vine, produce optimism and spiritual expectation in me. Help me become like You, just as a branch is like the vine. Amen.”*

Reading: John 15:1-8

Words: 251

Key Thought: The life of Jesus flows through us when we abide in Him.

JANUARY 15

THE WAY—JESUS

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me’” (John 14:6).

*Jesus is the Way* to Heaven; there is no other way to get there. Will you follow *The Way* today? Because *Jesus is The Way*, He invited some fishermen, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men” (Mark 1:17). He invited Matthew, the tax collector, “Follow Me” (Mark 1:17). Because *Jesus is The Way*, He still wants people to follow Him today.

*“Lord, I’ve always been independent. As a child I’d pull at my parent’s hand to run ahead. When I got mad, I’d pout and refuse to keep up. But today, I submit my will to You. Teach me to follow You.”*

Just as *Jesus* left His footprints on the sandy beach of Lake Galilee, today He wants to leave His influence in every place in life. *Jesus* will do it through you. Are your “footprints” leaving an influence for *Jesus* in the places you walk? When you help another, *Jesus* wants them to realize He’s been there. When you share the gospel with another, He wants the listeners to realize He’s been there. *Jesus is The Way* when you don’t know where to walk or how to walk, look to Him for direction. His way on earth was not always easy, neither will your way always be comfortable, but it’s worth it. Let Him “walk” through your life. As you follow His “way,” leave His footprints in the lives of others.

*“Lord, I’ll follow You through ease or difficulty; I only ask that You go with me and help me. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 1:16-20; 2:13-17

Words: 256

Key Thought: Jesus asks you to follow His “way.”

JANUARY 16

RAIN—HOLY SPIRIT

“He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth” (Psalm 72:6).

The *Holy Spirit* is *Rain* to those who are famished; He gives refreshing life. He is *Rain* to those who have stopped growing; He can replenish your leaves and roots. He is *Rain* to those who have stopped producing fruit; He can make you fruitful again. Let Him rain on you.

*“Lord, Rain on my parched soul. Rain on the dry ground that surrounds me. Revitalize my branches, let my leaves soak up your life-giving water, and make me fruitful again. Let the streams overflow their banks.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *Rain* to those who are thirsty; He will satisfy your thirst. You don’t have to die in the desert for lack of water. But, you must come to Him as empty pots because only He can fill you. Drink of the *Holy Spirit*; that’s an active choice you must make. “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink” (John 7:37). The *Holy Spirit* is *Rain* to signify the blessing of God on His people. The opposite is also true; when God’s people reject Him, God shuts up Heaven. The streams of living water no longer flow. Crops don’t grow and there’s nothing to eat. When God’s people reject Him, the *Holy Spirit* will not rain on them. He is *Rain*. Why wouldn’t everyone want *Rain*?

*“Lord, I’ve been thirsty long enough; I’ll not suffer through another day. Show me any sin that’s hidden in my heart. I repent of all my transgressions. I’m coming to You for life-giving water. Rain refreshes me. A cool drink of water is even better. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Kings 17, 18

Words: 264

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is Rain to refresh God’s people.

JANUARY 17

THE PREEMINENCE—JESUS

“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:18).

Preeminence means first, and *Jesus* wants to have first place in your life. Put Him first in your thoughts, your choices, and your relationships. When you do every thing *Jesus* would have you do, He becomes preeminent in your life. Preeminence also means the best in quality and character. When you let *Jesus* control your life, you give Him the preeminence in all that you do. Preeminence also means the highest. There is nothing higher in Heaven than *Jesus*, so lift Him up in your prayer life. Give Him the preeminence in your home. When *Jesus* has His rightful place, He can lead you, protect you, and cause you to grow.

*“Lord, I pause to recognize Your greatness and give You first place in my life. I exalt You to your rightful place. Come, be preeminent in my life.”*

Today, *Jesus* is not preeminent in the affairs of the nations, but in the end of the age He will rule all ethnic peoples and nations. Also, *Jesus* is not preeminent in the lives of many peoples, but one day “every tongue—including the unsaved—will confess *Jesus*, and every knee—including the God-haters—will bow . . . to recognize His preeminence. Those who make *Jesus* preeminent on earth will be rewarded by Him in Heaven.

*“My tongue confesses that You are Lord. My knee bows to your sovereign rule of my life. I make You preeminent in all I do. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Words: 242

Key Thought: Make Jesus preeminent in your life.

JANUARY 18

WONDERFUL—JESUS

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful . . . ” (Isaiah 9:6).

*Jesus* is called *Wonderful*, a noun in the Hebrew language that Isaiah used as His name. Throughout the Scriptures, the word “wonderful” is used to describe miracles; it’s a word that suggests the supernatural. *Jesus* is called *Wonderful*, the source of miracles; all supernatural expressions come from Him. *Jesus* is called *Wonderful*, also a description of the mysterious or secretive attributes of God. *Jesus* has all the attributes of God, both those seen and unseen. His name *Wonderful* expresses those things about God that we don’t know. His name *Wonderful* reflects His incomprehensible nature. *Jesus* is so wonderful; we have difficulty finding words to express it. *Jesus* also has a “name written that no man knows, but Him” (Rev. 19:12, Author’s Translation). It’s a wonderful name.

*“Lord, I praise You for Your wonderful nature and I stand in awe of the wonderful things You do for me. Lord, when I don’t know what to say in prayer, I simply worship in Your wonderful presence.”*

*Jesus* is called *Wonderful*, a name that separates Him from the common things of life and lifts Him into the realm of majestic Deity. Also, the word *Wonderful* expresses the concept of glory. *Jesus* has God’s glory who brings more glory to the Godhead. His name *Wonderful* puts Him in a class all by Himself. Call Him *Wonderful*, the Separated One, the Distinguished One, the Noble One, and the Only One.

*“Lord, I call You Wonderful because of all I know about You in Scriptures, and I worship You for all the wonderful things You have done for me. Amen.”*

Reading: Colossians 1:16-20

Words: 250

Key Thought: *Jesus* is too wonderful to describe.

JANUARY 19

THE GOD OF THE BEGINNING—TRINITY

“The God of beginning is your refuge, and His eternal arms are under you” (Deut. 33:27, *Author’s Translation*).

God is *The God of the Beginning*—Elohim-Kedem—He started time. Before the first verse in the Bible, there was nothing but God, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). You measure time by the sequence between events, but before *The Beginning*, there were no human events to measure; there was only God. If God hadn’t begun everything, there’d be no abstract thing like time. You’d never be late; you’d never waste it, because you wouldn’t know what it was. If God hadn’t created time, you might never had gotten anything done because there’d be no starting time . . . quitting time . . . or over time.

*“God, I’m glad You made time, You give meaning to my minutes. I know I’m using my hours and eventually I’ll. ‘My times are in Your hand’ (Ps. 31:15).”*

God made a choice to begin everything. Why can’t you follow His example? Do you have something you need to start today? But head knowledge doesn’t usually move us to begin something. Sometimes our emotions move us to begin a project. But knowing and feeling are not enough. You must exercise your *will*; you must choose to begin. Isn’t that what *The God of The Beginning* did? Just as He chose to begin everything, you must choose to begin today what you put off yesterday.

*“O God of The Beginning, ‘Teach us to understand how many days we have’ (Ps. 90:12, NLT). Help me begin today what I must do. Amen.”*

Reading: Deut. 33:26-34:12

Words: 254

Key Thought: Just as God began everything, so I must learn to begin my projects.



JANUARY 20

A COLUMN OF SMOKE—JESUS

“And the LORD went before them by day in a column of smoke to lead the way, and by night in a column of fire to give them light” (Exodus 13:21, Author’s Translation). “God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near (closer)” (Ex. 13:17).

*Jesus* was the *Column* that led Israel out of Egyptian bondage. He did not lead them the short way directly from Egypt to the Promised Land. He led them the long way through the desert where there was no water or food. He wanted them to learn to trust Him in the wilderness in spite of these obstacles. In the same way, *Jesus* will sometimes lead you the long way, which may seem to you the wrong way. Sometimes, He’ll lead you where there seems to be no outward food or water and there are obstacles. He may be leading to see if you’ll trust Him. However, there are no wrong ways when the Lord leads; just long ways with more time to teach you the lessons to make you strong.

*“Lord, Israel murmured in the wilderness; help me not complain when I don’t understand where I’m going. Israel refused to acknowledge You, but I submit to the circumstances You bring into my life.”*

*Jesus* led Israel in both the daylight and at night; so look to Him so you won’t get lost. Stop when He stops and follow Him when He starts. Follow Him in good days and bad; follow Him when you’re hungry and when full. Where He guides He will provide.

*“Lord, I want to stay as close as possible to the light in the column. I want Your personal presence to guide me. Amen.”*

Reading: Exodus 14:1-3; 15:22-26

Words: 238

Key Thought: Learn God’s purpose when He leads You through difficulties.

JANUARY 21

PRECIOUS— JESUS

“Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious” (1 Peter 2:7).

*Jesus is Precious.* A diamond is called a precious stone because it is expensive; the best diamond in the world costs everything, so *Jesus is Precious* because His death cost everything. “You were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold . . . but with My precious blood” (1 Peter 1:18, 19, Author’s Translation). Just as an item is precious because it is scarce, or it is the only one of a kind, so *Jesus is Precious* because He is the only Son of God—there is none other like Him. He is *Precious* because He is the only hope for those who are dying. Saints hang on to *Jesus* because He is their guarantee of life after death. No one else promises to be with them.

*“Lord Jesus, I want to walk with You and talk with You. You are my friend, my guide, my protector, and my God. Lord, I value my salvation; it is the most precious thing in my life. You are precious to me.”*

Just as some items are sentimental or have precious memories, *Jesus is Precious* to us because we remember how He saved us. We remember how *Jesus* has helped us so many times in our life. But He is also *Precious* to you as we contemplate spending eternity with Him.

*“Jesus, You are Precious to me; You are my Savior and Friend. I treasure You in my heart for saving me, for keeping me, and for answering all my prayers. I look forward to spending eternity with You. Amen.”*

Reading: John 12:1-11

Words: 260

Key Thought: Jesus is more valuable to us than the most precious thing in life.

JANUARY 22

THE VERY GOD OF PEACE—FATHER

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23, KJV).

When you search for peace, you’ll find its source in God the *Father*. You won’t find it in peace treaties, police protection, or in the United Nations. True peace must be poured into the heart of individuals before it spreads to communities or nations. True peace happens when each person places God on the throne of his or her heart. When God rules the heart, a person gets peace over the compulsive lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, or the pride of life. Then the *Father’s* peace spreads throughout your life as you make peace with others. When you find inner peace, it can spread to families, communities, or countries. Also, a nation will experience peace to the degree that *The Very God of Peace* controls the hearts of all its citizens.

*“Lord, I want inner peace; come rule my heart. Help me influence others around me the way You’ve influenced me.”*

There will be wars and racial turbulence in the world because people live for themselves. There will be interpersonal friction because *The Very God of Peace* does not rule the hearts of individuals. While one person may not be able to change the whole world, he can change his world. Some think they cannot change their family, but when one changes his relationship to his loved ones, he changes them. Experience God’s peace, and then spread it to others.

*“Father, help me live Your plan of peace for my family and community. Help me do my part to be an influence for peace today. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 122

Words: 260

Key Thought: Your experience of peace can influence others.

JANUARY 23

RABBI—JESUS

“Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, ‘What do you seek?’ They said to Him, ‘Rabbi’ (which is to say, when translated, Teacher)” (John 1:38).

*Jesus* is *Rabbi*, a title that is the Aramaic word for teacher. The title is a transliteration which means the letters cross over into English, letter for letter. *Rabbi* is the common title for teacher. *Jesus* is your *Rabbi*. Just as you respect a teacher for what he knows—content—as he communicates it to his hearers, so you revere *Jesus* as *Rabbi* because He is the revelation of the Father to the world. Those “who saw Jesus, saw the Father” (John 14:9, Author’s Translation). *Jesus* instructs us on who the Father is and what He is like.

*“Jesus, You are more than a spiritual teacher; You are the Son of God, the only One who can teach us salvation. Be my Rabbi; teach me all I need to know. Teach me how to walk in grace, and how to live for You.”*

A *Rabbi* is also called “master” because this person was the master of his students, i.e., a “change agent” in the life of his students. *Jesus* is your *Rabbi*; not only for what He knows, but because He is the “change agent” of your heart. *Jesus* will help you know the Scriptures and He will help you do the will of God. Just as there is an intimate relationship between a teacher and pupil, so your passion should be to know your Rabbi better (Phil. 3:10). *Jesus* wants to influence your life and to be your Lord; will you let Him do it?

*“Rabbi, I will learn Your teachings, and let the Scriptures control my life. Be the Master of my life. Guide me and direct me this day. Amen.”*

Reading: John 1:29-42

Words: 273

Key Thought: *Jesus* will teach you what you need to know.

JANUARY 24

JESUS CHRIST—JESUS

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—  
things which must shortly take place” (Revelation 1:1).

His composite name is *Jesus Christ*; the name Christians called Him at the end of the first century when John wrote the book of Revelation. However, in the gospels He was mostly called by His Greek name *Jesus*, which reflected His earthly life. *Jesus* means Joshua in Hebrew, from the root “Jehovah Saves.” In the book of Acts He was mostly called by His title, *Lord*, a title that emphasized that He was the Second Person of the Trinity, a title that reflected His deity. In the epistles He is mostly called by His office title, *Christ*. Put them all together, He is the *Lord Jesus Christ*.

*“I come to You as Savior, thanking You for salvation, but I worship before You as my God. I marvel at the depth of Your person that is reflected in Your many names and titles.”*

When His title *LORD* appears first in sequence, it is emphasizing He is God, i.e., the *Lord Jesus Christ*. When His office title *Christ* appears first in sequence, it is emphasizing His accomplishment on Calvary, i.e., *Christ Jesus, the Lord*. When His name *Jesus* appears first, it is emphasizing His earthly humanity, i.e., *Jesus Christ, the Lord*. The book of Revelation is about Him, i.e., *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. The emphasis is not on judgment, symbols, or Satan. It is the revelation of who *Jesus* is, and why He is returning to earth. Study to see His many names in the first chapter of Revelation.

*“Lord, open the pages of Your Word to reveal Yourself to me. Help me to understand You as I understand Your many names and titles. Amen.”*

Read: Revelation 1:1-21

Words: 274

Key Thought: The names and titles of Jesus reveal His nature.

JANUARY 25

OIL—HOLY SPIRIT

“Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness” (Heb. 1:9).

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Oil* of gladness. The Lord said, “I see the oppression of My people . . . I hear their cry . . . I know their sorrows” (Exod. 3:7, author’s paraphrase). Just as the Lord knew and identified with the suffering of His people in Moses’ day, He knows your troubles today. He is *Oil* who can pour Himself into your wounds; He can make you rejoice.

*“Lord, Your healing Oil is good. Rejuvenate my Spirit and take away the scars of my mind. Just as Your Oil takes away physical pain, I also want You to take away mental and spiritual memories. Let Your Oil wash away the impurities in my wounds, and cleanse me physically and mentally.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *Oil*; when He pours His presence on your discouragement, you’ll have new zeal to live for God and new strength to serve Him – you’ll rejoice! The *Holy Spirit* is *Oil*; when He pours His presence on your failures, you’ll see new opportunities in your life – you’ll grow! He is *Oil* who can wash away your impurities that fester and breed germs; you can be whole again. He is *Oil* who gives you a second chance and a new opportunity. Let the *Oil* of the *Holy Spirit* give you a new challenge this day.

*“Lord, Your Oil has made me a new person. My hurt is gone, my body is renewed for service, and my soul is again made whole. Thank You for today’s anointing. I’ll need a new one tomorrow. Amen.”*

Reading: Heb. 1:1-9

Words: 259

Key Thoughts: The anointing of the Holy Spirit gives happiness and healing.

JANUARY 26

THE CARPENTER'S SON—JESUS

“Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?” (Matthew 13:55).

*Jesus* was a *Carpenter’s Son*; Joseph, His stepfather, was His legal guardian. *Jesus* was born of the Virgin Mary, but it was Joseph whose occupation provided His food, clothing and shelter. Joseph was the human father who guided *Jesus’* growth and taught Him a trade. Since there is dignity in work, *Jesus* became a carpenter, as was Joseph. When *Jesus* was 12-years old, He went to the Temple for Bar Mitzvah, i.e., to be declared as “Son of the Law.” It was then Joseph had to declare his son would take up his trade, “He shall be a carpenter.” *Jesus* worked as a carpenter in Nazareth until He was baptized by John the Baptist at approximately 30 years of age (Luke 2:23). He then began His earthly ministry. What can you learn from Him?

*“Lord, thank You for submitting to the limitations of a human body. You gave us an example how to work for a living. Help me follow Your example.”*

Even though *Jesus* is God, He became a *Carpenter’s Son* to grow as you must grow, to learn as you must learn, and to gain favor with God and man, as you must do. But don’t forget, *Jesus* left us an example of how we should work. Let’s follow His example.

*“Lord, I want to walk through life as You walked. I want to be successful at an occupation as You were. I want to learn obedience as You did (Heb. 5:8). I want to please the heavenly Father as You did. Help me today. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 2:40-52

Words: 258

Key Thought: Jesus gave us an example of earthly work.

JANUARY 27

RABBONI—JESUS

“Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to Him, ‘Rabboni!’ (which is to say, Teacher)” (John 20:16).

*Jesus is Rabboni*, an unusual descriptive term for the usual word “Rabbi” or “teacher.” The title *Rabboni* was not used by just anyone or any student; those who had a special relationship to the Rabbi used the title *Rabboni*. Because *Jesus* had to cast demons out of Mary Magdalene, she called Him *Rabboni*. Because *Jesus* had given sight to blind Bartimaeus; he too called *Jesus Rabboni* (Mark 10:51). Just as Mary Magdalene called Him *Rabboni* because she was grateful for the forgiveness of sin, you should be as grateful as she. Just as Bartimaeus called Him *Rabboni* because he was grateful for the work of God in his life, you should be as grateful as he.

*“Jesus, You are my special Rabboni because You have forgiven my sins and revealed Yourself to me. You have worked in my life.”*

*Jesus is Rabboni*; but not everyone can call Him by this unique title because not everyone has a saving relationship to Him. But because you believe in Christ, you have a special relationship to Him. He becomes *Rabboni* to those who desire to know Him intimately (Phil. 3:10). Paul said, “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Phil. 1:21). If that’s your passion, you can call Him *Rabboni*.

*“You are my Rabboni. I am grateful for the new life You gave me. You are the resurrected Christ, the One Mary saw on that first Easter morning. And like Mary, I call You Rabboni with deepest love and lasting commitment. Amen.”*

Reading: John 20:11-16

Words: 254

Key Thought: Jesus is Rabboni to those who have a special relationship to Him.



JANUARY 28

GOD WHO IS NEAR—TRINITY

“‘Am I a God near at hand,’ says the LORD, ‘And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?’” (Jer. 23:23-24).

Do you act as if God is far off? If you understand *The God Who Is Near*—Elohim Mikarov—it would influence all your life. God is present to hear every conversation at work and within your family. He’s not just with you at church, or when you pray; He is near to you in sports and as you drive the car. “In Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

*“Lord, I know You are everywhere. You are in Heaven and everywhere in the world, and You are in my heart. Let me feel Your presence so I can live for You.”*

It would be hard to stretch the truth if you realized God was near when you spoke, because God is truth. It would be hard to sin if you realized God was near, because God is pure. It would be hard to gossip about people or rip them up if you realized God is near, because God loves all. If you realized *God Is Near*, you would be more honest with money, more forgiving of others, and more disciplined in prayer and church attendance. A father was surfing some sexy scene on television, when suddenly he experienced someone in the room. Looking around, the father saw his young son, and changed the channel. What would you change if you experienced God’s presence?

*“Lord, I know You are here when I pray; help me feel Your presence in all that I do. When I feel Your presence, it changes my actions. Amen.”*

Reading: Jer. 23:1-24

Words: 257

Key Thought: You will change when you realize God is near.

JANUARY 29

SAVIOR—JESUS

“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord”  
(Luke 2:11).

*Jesus is the Savior*, a title that means *Deliverer* or *Preserver*. *Jesus* has many names, i.e., Creator, Shepherd, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. But, the most important name may be Savior, because He is the only One who can save you; “Salvation is of the Lord” (Jonah 2:9). *Jesus is the Savior*, who will deliver you in many ways. He has saved you from the guilt of past sin, from the present bondage of sin, and He will save you from the future penalty of sin when you are taken to Heaven.

*“Lord, You have done so many things for me, things I don’t even realize. But Your most important gift was saving me; thank You. I feel confident in Your salvation, yet I want more. I want to enjoy all the benefits possible that come from salvation.”*

*Jesus is the Savior* (2 Pet. 1:1). John referred to Him as “Savior of the world” (1 John 4:14), that was in contrast to the Caesars of the Roman Empire who called themselves “saviors of the world.” They could only give military deliverance. *Jesus* came to save you from damnation and eternal death. He will save you from weaknesses, temptations, attacks from Satan, and addiction to sin. He will save in all ways those who come to Him.

*“I praise You Savior, for “so great salvation” (Heb. 2:3). You have saved me in so many ways; continue to save me to the very end. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Words: 245

Key Thought: Jesus saves you completely in every way.

JANUARY 30

SHILOH—JESUS

“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people” (Genesis 49:10).

*Jesus is Shiloh*; this name means “peace-maker.” He can give you peace about any and all decisions this day. He is called *Shiloh*; a name given in the Old Testament more than 1800 years before Christ was born. This name was reflective of His coming to make peace between the Father and all sinners by His death on the cross (Eph. 2:14). Because of your sins, He is your *Shiloh*.

*“Shiloh, You gave me “peace with God” when You came into my heart at conversion. Thank You for giving me ‘peace through the blood of (Your) cross . . .’ (Col. 1:20). I yield to You; come fill my heart with Your strength, direct my thoughts, and give me courage to choose Your will for my life.”*

*Jesus is Shiloh*, bringing peace to troubled hearts. “In Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). *Shiloh* will give you inner peace when you let Him control your heart. *Jesus is Shiloh*, the “Prince of Peace” for your job, for your home, for your nation, and for the world. One day there will be a millennium of peace when *Jesus* rules the world. For now *Jesus is Shiloh* who brings inner peace to the human heart when people invite Him into their lives. Then we who know His peace, must spread it into our world and our friends.

*“Shiloh, come rule in my life, then influence my job, my home and my friends. Amen.”*

Reading: John 16:23-33

Words: 243

Key Thought: Jesus can give you peace.

JANUARY 31

THE FATHER OF MERCIES—FATHER

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort” (2 Corinthians 1:3).

When you call God *Father*, it’s not just His name that you’re calling upon; *Father* is a relationship, you are relying on your relationship with Him. It began with a relationship between Jesus and the *Father*; they loved each other throughout past eternity. Jesus died for your sins so the *Father* could forgive you and receive you into God’s Heaven. When you accepted Jesus as your Savior, you were born again into God’s family. Now you can enjoy an intimate relationship in the family with both the *Father* and the Son. Now, you are God’s child (John 1:12). Why don’t you thank Him for making you His child?

*“Father, thank You for allowing me to have a relationship with You. You are the Father of my Lord Jesus Christ and the God of all Comfort.”*

When you call God your *Father*, you’re not just using a name; you’re entering a spiritual relationship. When you became God’s child, He established a relationship of mercy with you. He no longer looked at you as an alien or a sinner, but in mercy He forgave all your sin. He no longer had to punish your disobedience. Instead He accepted you into His family, so He can love you, protect you, and guide you. He is the *Father of Mercies*, and the God of all comfort. Now you can enjoy all the blessings of the heavenlies and you can enter the intimacy of God’s presence. Will you enjoy the *Father* today?

*“Father, thank You for allowing me to have an intimate relationship with You. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:1-9

Words: 261

Key Thought: You can be intimate with the Heavenly Father.

FEBRUARY 1

THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT—JESUS

“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15, *KJV*).

*Jesus is The Unspeakable Gift*; receive Him as you would receive any gift. Remember, a gift is free; if you have to work for it, it's not a gift. You can't pay for a gift, you can't work for a gift, and you can't charge it or put it on your credit card. All you can do is receive a gift. *Jesus is The Unspeakable Gift of Salvation*; receive Him freely.

*“Lord, I receive You into my heart; I am ‘saved by grace through faith, not of works; salvation is Your gift to me’ (Eph. 2:8, 9, Author’s Paraphrase). This gift is greater than anything in life. Teach me to appreciate my salvation and to live accordingly.”*

*Jesus is The Unspeakable Gift*; words are not adequate to describe Him. He is greater than the human mind can conceive, and more precious than the human heart desires. Human words can't adequately express the worth of the salvation He gives. *Jesus is The Unspeakable Gift*; greater than anything on earth. Any fun you have in the world cannot compare to His joy. Any financial gain does not compare to His riches. Any good for which people strive cannot compare to the satisfaction of finding *Jesus* and making Him the center of your life. Thank God today for *The Unspeakable Gift of Jesus*.

*“Lord Jesus, my words are not adequate to express my feelings, so look within my heart to receive the worship that is there. And when my words-of-worship are not adequate, look deeper in my heart to discover my love for You. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 19:1-27

Words: 262

Key Thought: Jesus is greater than any way you can describe Him.

FEBRUARY 2

THE TRIUMPHANT LAMB—JESUS

“And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne . . . stood a Lamb as though it had been slain” (Revelation 5:6).

*Jesus is The Triumphant Lamb* who was slain to give you victory. When no one else could open the Book of Life, His death gave Him authority to unveil the mysteries of life and of the future. He stands in Heaven with seven crowns that symbolize His ruling power. He stands complete the Father’s plan. Because *The Triumphant Lamb* will complete the Father’s purpose in the last day, He can complete the Father’s purpose in your life for this day. The question is not why sin seems to be so triumphant in this world today; the question is will you let *Jesus* defeat sin that you face?

*“O meek and tender Lamb of God, I come to You for forgiveness. Take away my sin. Give me victory!”*

*Jesus is The Lamb* who stood silently before His accusers. “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter” (Isa. 53:7). *Jesus* was the sacrificial yearling *Lamb* that took away the sins of the world (John 1:29). He understands your frailty and weakness; He can take away your sin because He took it upon Himself. He died for you that you might not die for your sin.

*“O Lamb, out of Your weakness comes strength; out of Your meekness comes honor. I sing a new song with those in Heaven, ‘Thou art worthy to receive glory and honor and power.’ I marvel at Your greatness and sing again, ‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive wisdom, strength and blessings.’ Amen.”*

Reading: Rev. 5:13-6:1

Words: 262

Key Thought: The Triumphant Lamb can give you victory.

FEBRUARY 3

A DOVE—THE HOLY SPIRIT

“And immediately, coming up from the water, He (Jesus) saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove” (Mark 1:10).

The *Holy Spirit* is like a *Dove* who comes to rest gently on you this day, just as He rested on Jesus at His baptism. He is a *Dove* to light gently upon you to take away your anxieties. He is a *Dove* to give you peace. But, it’s not just the feeling of peace you need; you need the *Holy Spirit*, for He is peace. Remember the promise of Jesus, “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you” (John 14:27). When Jesus sends peace, the *Holy Spirit* delivers it. When the *Holy Spirit* comes into your life, receive His gentle presence as a *Dove* gently coming to rest on you.

*“O Holy Dove, gently rest upon me to give peace at the center of my storm. Settle my emotions, become the controlling peace to every area of my life. Be a Dove to bring gentleness to my soul. I yield my feelings to You.”*

The Third Person of the Trinity is like a *Dove* who lights upon you so carefully you won’t even feel it until you experience His peace in your life. He is like a *Dove*; He does not always come with violent manifestations or emotional outbursts. Sometimes He comes with a quiet voice and a whispered conversation. Be still . . . get quiet . . . wait for Him.

*“Holy Spirit, I receive You as a gentle Dove. Guide me to be gentle with my words and gentle with my actions. Transform me to be like You.” Amen.*

Reading: John 14; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:25-33

Words: 254

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit comes to make you gentle.

FEBRUARY 4

THE YOUNG CHILD—JESUS

“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matthew 2:11).

*Jesus* was a *Young Child* when the wise men came to Bethlehem to give Him gifts and worship Him. The title *Young Child* means more than a baby in arms. He was an infant, perhaps crawling or maybe even walking. This suggests there was a period of time between the shepherd’s visit and the wise men’s visit. It shouldn’t surprise us that *The Young Child* grew (see Luke 2:40, 52), for that’s what children do. It shouldn’t surprise us that the wise men of understanding and position would do what they did. “They saw the young child . . . and fell down and worshipped Him” (Matt. 2:11). Most people only cuddle young children, or enjoy their antics; but if it’s *Jesus*, you worship Him as God. What is your response to *Jesus, The Young Child*?

*“Lord Jesus, I worship at the feet of the Child Jesus, for He is God. But I also worship at Your feet in Heaven for what You did on the cross.”*

The wise men worshipped the *Young Child* with gifts; “. . . and when they opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matt. 2:11). Today, when you visit a newborn baby and family, you take a gift. What the wise men did is what you should do. What are you bringing to *Jesus* today?

*“Lord Jesus, I come to worship, giving You my time, my talent, and my treasure. But beyond those things, I give You my greatest gift; I give You myself. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Words: 257

Key Thoughts: The greatest gift of all is giving yourself to the Young Child.



FEBRUARY 5

THE ALL AND IN ALL—JESUS

“Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3:11).

*Jesus is The All, and in All.* When you become a member of His church—the Body—you are equal with all other believers. He indwells all believers, no matter who they are. He is ready to answer all prayers equally, no matter who prays. He protects, guides, blesses, and uses all believers, no matter their ethnic or economic background. All have equal rights who are members of His body, and to each *Jesus* is their *All, and in All*. No one is lost or overlooked. You’ll always have access to all that *Jesus* wants to give you. Will you claim it? You’ll never be left behind, nor will He exalt anyone over another. You are special to *Jesus* and He loves you eternally. *Jesus* is all you would want, in all situations, at all times. Will you be satisfied with Him?

*“Lord, forgive me when I whine over things that don’t matter and that aren’t necessary. Help me see clearly Your care for me and help me experience deeply Your love.”*

*Jesus* is all you have ever needed and when you trust Him, He’ll be all you’ll ever want. To find satisfaction in life, look to the things that are important and forget about the things that are not important.

*“Lord, You are the most important One in my life. Forgive me when I’ve given You second place. You are my All, and in All. Teach me to look beyond people, things and places, so I can have satisfaction in You. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 149

Words: 253

Key Thoughts: Jesus should be the most important person in your life.

FEBRUARY 6

THE LIGHT OF THE CITY—JESUS

“The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light” (Revelation 21:23).

When we get to Heaven, we won't need the sun that shines in our solar system. *Jesus* will be *The Light of That City*. *Jesus* will be everything that we look for in light. *Jesus* will be abundantly present—everywhere, all the time—so we don't need to worry about stumbling in the dark, or bumping into things, or getting lost. *Jesus* will show us everything we need to know, so we don't need to look for a reading light or for a lighted room where we can learn. Heaven will be a perfect place, so we won't need a fire to keep us warm. And there'll be no dangers in Heaven, so we don't need protection in the dark from predators. “Heaven will not need the sun because the glory of God will shine in it, and Jesus will be its light” (Author's Translation).

*“Lord, I know what Your light does for me now, so I look forward to Your light in Heaven.”*

Light is a trademark of civilization in contrast to heathen darkness. Walk in the light on earth for a better life . . . because you can do more in the light . . . because it's safer . . . and because it's more comfortable. But primarily, walk in the light because you'll be closer to *Jesus*, who is *Light*.

*“Lord, remind me that when my path gets dark it's because I'm not close to You. Help me see the Light, walk closer to the Light, and learn from the Light. Amen.”*

Reading: Rev. 21:22-27

Words: 257

Key Thought: Jesus will be your light in Heaven.

FEBRUARY 7

THE AUTHOR OF OUR FAITH—JESUS

“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2).

*Jesus is The Author of our Faith.* He not only began writing the story, but He finished the manuscript. A book is usually good because an author put it all together. Just as an author sees a problem and scripts a solution, *Jesus* saw the sin-problem of humanity and scripted a solution. Just as an author develops the story line or plot, *Jesus* saw what He had to do and developed a plan to save humanity. Just as an author chooses words to express his story, *Jesus* is the Word (John 1:1) who expressed the story of salvation in His life. Just as an author develops characters or actors to live out the story, *Jesus* became the central character of salvation. *Jesus* is not only *The Author of your Faith*, He has finished your story. Most people say, “I could never write a book.” In the same way, others say, “I could never hang on to salvation.” But, it’s not about your ability to finish, for He’s the Finisher of your Faith.

“*Lord Jesus, I am in You—the Author—so I know my salvation story will be completed.*” *Jesus* can finish your salvation story because He finished His story. He went all the way to the cross, endured suffering, and took all the ridicule. Because He finished His task, He will help you finish yours.

“*Lord Jesus, I look to You for strength when I am weak. I look to You to carry me through to the end. Amen.*”

Reading: Matt. 27:15-34

Words: 250

Key Thought: Because Jesus finished His task in providing salvation; He can see you through to the end.

FEBRUARY 8

A NAZARENE—JESUS

“And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, ‘He shall be called a Nazarene’” (Matthew 2:23).

There are two cities that are important to the Baby *Jesus*. He was born in Bethlehem as predicted by Micah 5:2. But, God led Mary and Joseph to return to their hometown of Nazareth so *Jesus* could be called *A Nazarene*. There is no written record of any prophets who wrote that *Jesus* would come from Nazareth. Rather, look carefully at the text; it says prophet(s), meaning more than one. Also, they spoke this prophecy; it was not written. That means several prophets had predicted *Jesus* would be *A Nazarene*. Since everyone had to come from some place, *Jesus* didn't just appear as an angel, nor did He invade the earth as a grown man. *Jesus* was born in Bethlehem and grew up in Nazareth. *Jesus* was *A Nazarene*.

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to earth and choosing one specific spot to be born and to grow up.”*

The word *Nazareth* comes from the root *naz-ar*, meaning to separate as in the Nazarite vow. The people of Nazareth were more conservative of most Jewish towns. They separated themselves from other people and from sin. In social, religious, and moral customs, they were extremely separated to God. *Jesus* was as separated as the people of Nazareth, because He was God. *Jesus* was separate from worldly and secular trends because He was raised in a town called “separated ones.” *Jesus* was *A Nazarene*.

*“Lord Jesus, Your hometown must have been special for God to choose it for Your boyhood. Thank You for becoming flesh for me. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 2:19-23

Words: 256

Key Thought: God had a special hometown for Jesus.

FEBRUARY 9

A SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY—TRINITY

“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty” (Psalm 91:1).

A shadow is both good and bad. A threatening shadow warns of an approaching storm. You are scared when you think someone has broken into your home because you see a shadow in the night. We are frightened of walking through the shadow of death because no one wants to die and no one enjoys pain. Little children are afraid of some shadows because they haven't yet learned that a shadow creates illusions that are usually not real. Don't let shadows frighten you. Remember, “He who lives in fellowship with the Lord, dwells securely under His shadow” (Ps. 91:1, Author's Translation). That means the Lord is between you and any evil that would harm you.

*“Lord, I will walk happily with You through the sunshine and I'll not change when I walk in shadows, because You are with me in the valley of the shadow of death.”*

A shadow is good when you're hot and tired, and you think you can't go on. A shadow will cool you down . . . and restore your energy . . . and let you get off your aching feet. You can even take a restful nap in the shadow. A shadow is good when God blocks out harm. When God is your *Shadow* that means He's near and He's protecting you.

*“Lord, I need some relief. Life is tough. Meet me in the shadow of Your presence to renew my determination and replenish my energy. Watch over me while I rest. Amen.”*

Reading: Ps. 91:1-16

Words: 250

Key Thought: Get under the Shadow of God so He'll be near.

FEBRUARY 10

THAT SPIRITUAL ROCK—JESUS

“. . . For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ” (1 Corinthians 10:4).

*Jesus was That Spiritual Rock* from which the Jews drank when they thirsted in the wilderness as they traveled from Egypt. The spring at Horeb was dry. God told Moses to take his rod and strike the rock. In obedience to God’s command, water flowed from the rock and the people drank. When God’s people looked to Him, Christ supplied their need. He can take care of your needs in the same way.

*“Jesus, I’m not physically lost in the desert like the Jews. I have a suitable life but sometimes I wander in a spiritual desert. I’m hot and thirsty. I need water; come quench my thirst.”*

*Jesus is That Spiritual Rock* that followed Israel throughout their desert wanderings. He was not a granite stone following them; He was their Lord who protected them (Exod. 17:8-16). He was their daily manna who fed them (Exod. 16:14-22), and He was their God who supplied them spiritual water when they thirsted. He was their light to guide them through their night; He was the column of fire, the Shekinah Glory cloud. *Jesus* met every spiritual need of Israel. Just as *Jesus* was with His people in the desert, so He can be with you in your spiritual desert. Call on Him today for help.

*“Jesus, I need You to follow me this day, just as You followed Israel in the desert. I need spiritual protection when tempted. I need manna when I’m hungry. I need spiritual water when I’m thirsty and fainting. I need You, my Spiritual Rock. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Cor. 10:1-15

Words: 258

Key Thought: Depend on Jesus because He is with you.

FEBRUARY 11

THE SON OF THE HIGHEST—JESUS

“He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David” (Luke 1:32).

*Jesus is The Son of the Highest*, as no human can be. The name *Most High* in the original language means El Elyon, possessor of Heaven and earth. Originally, Lucifer wanted to be “like The Most High (God) (Isa. 14:14), the ruler of Heaven and earth. Notice the word *like*, Lucifer could never have become the actual Most High God; that is a title and position that only God can possess. Since *Jesus* is the Father’s Son, He is *The Son of the Highest*, or *The Son of the Most High*. One of the many reasons to worship the Father is because He possesses Heaven and earth. Therefore, worship *Jesus* because He is *The Son of the Highest*.

*“Jesus, I worship You as The Son of the Highest. Rule my heart today, just as You rule Heaven and earth.”*

The heavenly Father is El Elyon who possesses all things, but He gives it to *Jesus*. When *Jesus* sent His disciples out to serve, He said, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth” (Matt. 28:18). He sends you to serve Him today with the same authority. “Go make disciples” (Matt. 28:19). His promise to you is, “I am with you always” (Matt. 28:20). So serve the Lord with confidence, knowing You have the Lord’s power and presence with you today.

*“Jesus, it is thrilling to know that You, The Son of the Highest, will be with me today. Use me in your service; give me the power of Your authority and presence. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 1:26-33

Words: 257

Key Thought: You have the backing of Jesus’ authority as you serve Him.

FEBRUARY 12

A SOUND FROM HEAVEN—HOLY SPIRIT

“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting” (Acts 2:2).

The *Holy Spirit* was like *A Sound From Heaven* when He came upon the disciples at Pentecost. A loud sound may surprise you, a sweet sound may entice you, an unexpected sound may startle you and familiar sounds make you feel comfortable. When Christians were praying in the Upper Room, they didn't know what to expect. Jesus had promised to send the *Holy Spirit* to them (Acts 1:8). He came upon them as a loud “sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind” (Acts 2:2). Because He was like a mighty wind, He can do mighty things in your life. The sound filled the whole house, so He can influence your whole “world.” All who prayed “Were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:4); therefore, you are included in the “all.” The *Holy Spirit* can enter your life to transform all you do.

*“Holy Spirit, I need to hear from You. Let me hear the sound of Your presence coming into my life.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *A Sound From Heaven*. He doesn't sound anything like what you hear on earth. The *Sound From Heaven* is optimistic and filled with hope. It is sweet and good. When you focus your ears on Heaven, you'll hear eternal things. The *Sound From Heaven* will make you worship, so stop what you're doing. Be quiet and listen for Heaven's sound. The sound you'll hear will be God Himself.

*“Holy Spirit, I need You today. My mind is clear and I'm quiet. I'm waiting for Your voice. Speak for Your servant will hear and do what you say. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 2:1-8

Words: 267

Key Thought: You will hear a new and different sound from the Holy Spirit.



FEBRUARY 13

THE SON OF JOSEPH—JESUS

“Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph’” (John 1:45).

*Jesus* is called *The Son of Joseph* because Joseph was His earthly stepfather and legal guardian. Therefore we are technically right calling *Jesus The Son of Joseph*. *Jesus* was conceived in the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit when Joseph was engaged to her. Joseph could have legally annulled the engagement, but when an angel explained the supernatural birth (Matt. 1:18-25), he married Mary. Joseph endured the embarrassing rumors that *Jesus* had been conceived out of wedlock (John 8:41). As an earthly father, Joseph protected *Jesus*, provided for Him, taught Him the trade of carpentry and guided His youth into manhood.

*“Jesus, You are the Son of Joseph. You are the Son of God. I will follow You and worship You.”*

Philip told his friend that *Jesus* was *The Son of Joseph* (John 1:45). Are you willing to tell others who He is? Because Philip was a faithful witness, his friend Nathaniel became one of the 12 disciples. When Nathaniel had questions about *Jesus*, Philip simply said, “Come and see” (John 1:46). Tell your friends about *Jesus*. When they have questions, tell them to look at *Jesus*, He will answer your questions. When your friends see who *Jesus* is, they will follow Him as you do.

*“Jesus I know You are human, born of a virgin, The Son of Joseph. But I also know You are The Eternal Son of God. I will learn from You and tell my friends what I’ve learned. I will worship You and be transformed by Your presence. Amen.”*

Reading: John 1:43-51

Words: 254

Key Thought: Tell others who Jesus really is.

FEBRUARY 14

THE ROCK—JESUS

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

*Jesus is the Rock* on which the church is built. Some have mistakenly thought that *Jesus* was referring the word “rock” to Peter. The name Peter is *Petros*, a reference to a small stone, perhaps like a pebble. The word *rock* here is *Petra*, a large rock, actually like a rock ledge sticking out of a mountain. The confusion has come because both words came from the same root. Actually, the church is built on the rock-statement of Peter who said of *Jesus*, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16). The church is not a dead institution, though some churches are dead. The church is alive because it’s built on *Jesus*, the Son of the living God. The church is alive because it’s made up of individuals who believe *Jesus* is the Son of God and each has accepted Him into their heart.

*“Lord Jesus, I know the church is grounded on You; You are the Rock. I get stability from You.”*

When the church is built on *Jesus*, it is as solid as a rock. *Jesus* is the original church planter and church builder, for He said, “I will build.” Also, the church is continually being built, for the statement, “I will build,” is a future tense verb that means, “continually being built.” He’s doing it today. Finally, the church belongs to *Jesus*; He called it “My church.” When you’re in *Jesus*, you’re in the church, and when you’re in *Jesus*, you’re on *the Rock*.

*“Jesus, I know the church is growing because it is “continually being built.” I know I am secure in You because the gate of Hades can’t prevail against Your work. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 16:13-28

Words: 282

Key Thought: The church is being built by Jesus.

FEBRUARY 15

JEHOVAH MELEK (KING)—TRINITY

“Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the king, the lord of hosts” (Isaiah 6:5).

The Lord is *Jehovah Melek*, the *King* who sovereignly rules. He rules Heaven and the universe, exercising His will over the earth. Just as our earthly kings rule a kingdom, so the Lord determines the laws by which everything happens. Just as our earthly kings guide the lives of those in His kingdom, the Lord can direct your life only if you yield it to His control. Just as an earthly king expects obedience from his followers, the Lord wants heart obedience; He shouldn't have to coerce you into loving Him because coercive love is not love. The *King* wants willing love, willing obedience and willing worship.

*“O Jehovah Melek—my King—come rule in my heart. Overcome my rebellious and selfish heart. Make me always do things Your way.”*

*Jehovah Melek* will not force people to serve Him on the earth. Each person must either submit to His rule and live for Him, or refuse His rule. Those who will not submit to the *King* in this life will appear before Him—the *King* of the Universe—to be judged in the future. Then they will be forced to recognize His authority and be forced to bow before Him in worship. But that worship will be ineffective, because it will be coerced and come too late; for it will come after our time of testing on this earth is over.

*“O King, sit upon the throne of my heart. Rule my life today. Let Your will override my stubborn pride. Amen.”*

Reading: Isaiah 6

Words: 290

Key Thought: The King wants to rule from the throne of your heart.

FEBRUARY 16

THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER—JESUS

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

Just as *Jesus* was present in New Testament times to lead His disciples, so He is ready to guide you today. *Jesus* is *The Beginning and the End*, so He'll not lead you for a little while, then forsake you. He dealt with fearful disciples when they faced a storm, so He can give you peace. He helped Joshua face the obstacles of Jericho, so He can pull down barriers in your life. He saw the world reject the preaching of Noah, so He can send an ark of safety when judgment floods come. Yesterday is gone and you can do nothing about it. Tomorrow is not here and most people fear the future. But you can do something about today. Will you live for *Jesus* today?

*“Lord, I put the past under the blood, so forgive all my debts. I commit my future to You; give me courage to face what is coming; today I will do Your will.”*

The best thing you can do today is find the heart of *Jesus* and trust Him. It's good for you to know what *Jesus* has done in the past; that's a basis to guide today's activity. But don't just love *Jesus* just for what He did for you in the past; love Him for who He is today. *Jesus* is *The Eternal God* who is near you to help you.

*“Lord, I know You can do the same things today, that You did in the past. Help me today. Prepare me for tomorrow. Amen.”*

Reading: John 21:15-25

Words: 254

Key Thought: Live for Jesus today

FEBRUARY 17

REDEEMER—JESUS

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth” (Job 19:25).

Jesus is the *Redeemer*. Before you were saved, you were owned by sin and the Devil, but Jesus bought you with a special redemptive price. “You were not redeemed with silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb” (1 Pet. 1:18, 19). Jesus is your *Redeemer*, and now you belong to Him.

*“Lord, I sometimes forget what I was before You saved me. Never let me forget how You redeemed me. Thank You for releasing me from the prison-house of sin. I am no longer a slave of the Devil. How can I serve You?”*

Jesus is your *Redeemer* because He took your curse. “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us” (Gal. 3:13). He was punished for your sin; you are no longer in bondage to sin; you are free. But as your *Redeemer*, Jesus did more than pay the price to release you from bondage; He made you a son of God, “to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons” (Gal. 4:5). Now you’re a part of God’s family; now you have a privileged position in His family. Your *Redeemer* has taken you from being a slave to sin and made you a part of God’s family.

*“Thank You, Redeemer, for not leaving me stranded in sin. Thank You for bringing me into Your family and making me Your child. ‘Redemption’ is a wonderful word. I enjoy my new position in You. Amen.”*

Reading: Galatians 4:1-7

Words: 260

Key Thought: Jesus redeemed you and made you a member of God’s family.

FEBRUARY 18

CREATOR—THE FATHER

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable” (Isaiah 40:28).

The Lord is *Creator*; without Him nothing exists (Col. 1:16). No person is able to create another human. No one can create life, a soul, or the ability to think. God is the *Creator* who formed man and woman, so He knows all about you.

*“Lord, thank You for making me the way that I am. Thank You for making me after Your image. Help me to reflect Your nature to others.”*

The Lord is the *Creator*; some think higher things evolved out of lower life, but they face an unexplainable gap between the first molecule and nothing. But the first atom came from the Creator. There are two particles of an atom, a proton and a neutron, with an electron swirling around these two. His power holds them together. Break apart an atom and you’ll get a massive nuclear explosion. But there are trillion times trillion times trillions of atoms in the universe. Consider the immeasurable possible nuclear destruction of the universe if all were to be split at the same time. The power of that explosion is held in check by the greater power of God’s nature. Since He is in every atom, think how close He is to you. The Lord is the *Creator God* who made atoms out of nothing. He is powerful enough to know your needs and close enough to help you.

*“Creator, forgive my unbelief when I doubt your existence. Forgive my stubborn will for not trusting Your power to work things out in my life. I worship You as Creator and God. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 19, 29

Words: 261

Key Thought: The powerful Creator knows your need.

FEBRUARY 19

THE SHADOW OF A GREAT ROCK—JESUS

“A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land”  
(Isaiah 32:2).

*Jesus* will be your *Shadow of a Great Rock* to protect you in your spiritual desert. Just as a person struggling through the desert needs escape from the blistering sun, so *Jesus* will be *The Shadow of a Great Rock* to protect you from burning trials and temptations. Just as a weary traveler needs a resting place in the shadows before journeying on, so *Jesus* is *The Shadow of a Great Rock* to revitalize you for the next part of your journey. Look to Him for protection and comfort. You can walk again on the highway of life after resting in His shadow.

*“Lord, today I need a little rest. Also, I need encouragement to get up and walk again in the heat of the day. Ah, it’s good to relax in Your presence.”*

*Jesus* is *The Shadow of a Great Rock*. There are no trees in the desert for shade. If there were trees, they would die in the heat. But the weather can’t destroy a rock. Only a big rock—big enough to create a shadow—can help you. *Jesus’* shadow is big enough for you and other pilgrims. Did you notice that He’s located at the exact place in your journey where you need Him most? Come rest a while, take off your shoes and cool down. Take a nap before you have to go on your way.

*“Lord Jesus, You are my rock of renewal; I get strength from You. But also, You are my Rock of stability. You give me purpose in life! Amen.”*

Reading: Isaiah 32:1-20

Words: 259

Key Thought: *Jesus* will shadow you from burning trials.

FEBRUARY 20

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS—JESUS

“And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS ” (Revelation 19:16).

*Jesus is The King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the absolute sovereign Ruler of the universe. Today, He has given people and nations the freedom to chose or deny His rule. Those who choose Him will live, and those who deny Him will die. One day He will return to earth to examine what choice each person has made. When Jesus returns, written on His garments will be His title, “King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.”*

*“Lord, I pray “thy kingdom come” and in anticipation of Your rule, I worship Your majesty. O King of Kings, I want You to rule in my heart today, just as you’ll rule the universe in the future.”*

*As King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse, followed by the armies of Heaven. There will be multitudes following Him, and the saints and angels will come with Him. He will come to rule on earth, but today He’s asking to rule your heart. Jesus is the Lord of Lords; in that day, all false religions will be destroyed and all false gods will be eliminated. Like the idols they represent, false gods will be burned with fire. Jesus will be the only LORD in that day, for He will be Lord of Lords. The kings of this world will all be gone. Jesus will be the only King in that day, for He will be King over all.*

*“O, Lord of Lords, I bow to worship You for personal salvation. I know You saved me and transformed Me. I know You’re coming again for me. I am waiting. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 21:1-8

Words: 275

Key Thought: One day Jesus will be the ultimate and only King.



FEBRUARY 21

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD—HOLY SPIRIT

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;” (Isaiah 61:1).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of the Lord God*, who anointed Jesus to preach the Gospel. Therefore, He can anoint you to effectively share the good news of salvation. Just as the *Holy Spirit* sent Jesus to do miracles of mercy, so He can send you to show mercy on needy people. Just as the *Holy Spirit* helped Jesus proclaim liberty to captives, so He can use you to give the message of spiritual liberty to all. You can open the prison of sin to those who are in bondage to Satan. Just as the *Holy Spirit* anointed Jesus for ministry, He can also use you in ministry.

*“Holy Spirit, I believe in You. What You have done in ministry through Jesus, do the same for me. I want to be used by You.”*

*The Spirit of the Lord God* led Jesus while He was upon Earth (Luke 4:1, 14). They had perfect harmony because Jesus was one with the Father and the *Holy Spirit*. When you yield completely to the *Holy Spirit*, He can lead you every step of each day. He can help you accomplish much more with your life. The world has yet to see what can be accomplished through any person who is completely surrendered to the Father, Son, and *Holy Spirit*.

*“Holy Spirit, I yield my life to You. Help me see areas of my life that are not yielded so I will yield them to You. I want to be completely filled with Your presence. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 4:1-20

Words: 253

Key Thought: The more you yield to the Holy Spirit, the more you can do for Him.

FEBRUARY 22

THE SON—JESUS

“All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him” (Matthew 11:27).

*Jesus is The Son; He's The Son of Man, the Son of God, the Son of the Morning, the Son of Mary, but His most eternal relationship is The Son of the Father. Just as a son on earth has the nature of his earthly father, Jesus has the divine nature of His heavenly Father; “I and My Father are one” (John 10:30). Just as an earthly son gets life from his father, so Jesus gets life from the heavenly Father; “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself” (John 5:26). Just as a son wants fellowship with his earthy father, so Jesus constantly spent time in prayer with His Father.*

*“Jesus, I want to fellowship with You and the Father, just as You and the Father had fellowship with one another.”*

Notice how an earthly son is like *Jesus*: a son obeys his father, just as *Jesus* obeyed the heavenly Father; a son pleases his father, just as *Jesus* pleased the Father; a son usually looks forward to spending time with his father, just as *Jesus* longed to return to His Father in Heaven (John 17:11, 13); a son is usually concerned about the reputation of his father, just as *Jesus* was (John 17:4-6).

*“Jesus, You are a wonderful example of what a son should be to the heavenly Father. I want to be obedient, respectful, and I want to please the Father, just as You pleased Him. Amen.”*

Reading: John 5:19-24

Words: 251

Key Thought: Jesus reflects the characteristics of a son in His relationship to the Father.

FEBRUARY 23

THE WORD—JESUS

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

*Jesus* is called *The Word* because He expressed the true idea of the Father, just as a written word represents the ideas of an author. *Jesus* is also called *The Word* because He is the One who communicated the Father’s desires to the people, just as a written word communicates an author’s intention. *Jesus* is also *The Word* because He interprets the Father to the world, just as a human author interprets a theme to readers. Words are symbols of meaning, and *Jesus* is the symbol that showed the world what God was like in the flesh.

*“Jesus, I look to You to show me what God is like. I will study the Word of God to better understand God and know what He expects of me.”*

*Jesus* was the powerful *Word* who lived in the flesh. But *Jesus’* words spoken were also powerful, for His words raised the dead, calmed storms, and comforted the hurting. Also, the written Word of Christ is just as powerful as the spoken words of Christ. The written words of Christ can save, heal, cast out demons, and become the basis for answered prayer (Col. 3:16, Heb. 4:12). *Jesus* elevated His words to a supernatural level when He said, “The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63). Peter agreed with Him, “You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).

*“Lord, I love Your Word, because You tell me about the Father. I love Your words because they are spirit and life. Amen.”*

Reading: John 1:1-14

Words: 256

Key Thought: Jesus is the Word who communicates the Father to us.

FEBRUARY 24

THE UNKNOWN GOD—TRINITY

“As I was passing through and considering the object of your worship, I even found an altar with the inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD” (Acts 17:23).

God is *The Unknown God*. He is the real God that is the prototype of all false gods crafted by those who don't know the real God. Just as there is a real object from which imitations are made, God is the real One that the world doesn't know; yet they make imitations of Him. He is not like the false gods of gold, or silver, or stone; carved with human hands. The world doesn't know the God of Heaven—*The Unknown God*—but He is everywhere present at the same time.

*“Lord, I know You even though the world will not recognize You. I know You in salvation, and I know You in fellowship. I want to make You known to others.”*

The world may think God doesn't exist and that He's unknown, but they are still accountable to Him because He created “the world and everything in it” (Acts 17:24). Everyone is an “offspring of God” and they “live and move and have their being” in Him (Acts 17:28). All are responsible to seek God because He is “not far from everyone” (Acts 17:27). It is our task to let the world see God in us.

*“Lord, I will not let anything substitute for You, nor will I worship anything in Your place. I will make room for You at the center of my life. I will worship You only. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 17:16-34

Words: 233

Key Thought: The real God of Heaven is the prototype of all false gods.

FEBRUARY 25

THE TRUE VINE—JESUS

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser” (John 15:1).

*Jesus is the True Vine.* Israel was called God’s vine in the Old Testament, but the nation was an unfaithful vine (Isa. 5:1-7). In contrast, *Jesus is The True Vine.* He was true to the Father’s mission for Him, when Israel was disobedient to the Father. *Jesus* was truthful in character and speech. On the night before He was arrested *Jesus* said, “I am the true vine” (John 15:1). Just as a vine gives life and energy through its fruit, so *Jesus* gives eternal life to those who believe Him. Just as a vine gives satisfying drink, so *Jesus* gives joy and contentment to those who follow Him. Just as a vine gives shade to the weary traveler, so *Jesus* gives shelter from the burning sun of opposition and trouble. What do you need from *Jesus*?

*“Lord Jesus, You are true. You have kept every promise concerning forgiveness, eternal life, happiness, and protection. You are The True Vine who keeps His word.”*

*Jesus* said, “I am the vine, you are the branches” (John 15:5). Looking at a vine, you can’t tell which is the original stem and which is a branch. This is what *Jesus* meant, “You in Me and I in you” (John 14:20). We must stay connected to Him because “the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine” (John 15:4).

*“Lord Jesus, You are the Vine; let Your energy flow through me. You are the source of life; let Your fruitfulness grow through me. You are the Vine, I am the branches. Amen.”*

Reading: Isaiah 5:1-5; John 15:1-7

Words: 260

Key Thought: You must be attached to the Vine to get life and fruit.

FEBRUARY 26

PROPITIATION—JESUS

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:1, 2, *KJV*).

Jesus is the *Propitiation*; it is His title that means “full satisfaction.” Heathens use the word *propitiation* when offering sacrifices to their idols to appease their supposed wrath. Jesus is your *Propitiation*—the full satisfaction—to satisfy God’s punishment of your sins.

*“Lord, thank You for paying the price to satisfy my sin-debt, but not just my sin; You have died for the whole world.”*

Jesus is your *Propitiation*, meaning your sins are fully forgiven. “He (God) loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10). Now when the Lord looks at you, He doesn’t see your sin; He sees the ledger marked, “Paid in Full.” Because Jesus has satisfied your debt, you are now free in Christ. The word *propitiation* is also translated *Mercy Seat*, as the lid on the Ark of the Covenant. The *Mercy Seat* was the place of propitiation—satisfaction—where the blood was sprinkled for forgiveness. But the title *propitiation*, or *Mercy Seat* also was the place where the presence of God came to rest in the Tabernacle. God does not have a throne on Earth; He sits on the Mercy Seat. Because blood is sprinkled there, it is a seat of mercy. Now, because of *propitiation*, Jesus can come to you and His presence can abide with you.

*“Lord, thank You for forgiving all my sin-debt and satisfying the indictments against me. Help me enjoy Your forgiveness; I need Your presence in my life this day. Come. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 John 2:1-11

Words: 252

Key Thought: Jesus has satisfied every debt you owe because of sin.

FEBRUARY 27

GOD THE FATHER—FATHER

“Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead)” (Galatians 1:1).

*God the Father* is equal in nature to God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Because God is three persons—the Trinity—each person is separate from One another, yet God has one nature. Each person in the Godhead is all-wise, all-powerful, and equally present everywhere. Each person is totally holy, completely loving, and innately good. So, you must worship each person of the Godhead with all your heart. *God the Father* is a title of relationship to His beloved Son and the Holy Spirit. Just as there is a loving relationship between the members of the Godhead, so you can have a loving relationship with others who belong to God. When you were born again, you became a child of God, you became a member of God’s family. Now you shall love others as the Father loves you.

*“Father, I praise You for Your powerful Creation and Your love for me. Jesus, thank You for dying for my sins. Holy Spirit, I am grateful for Your transforming power in my conversion.”*

*God the Father* is a favorite term used by Paul. His readers were mostly idol worshippers before conversion, so they believed in God. But, they didn’t know God as their *Father* until Paul taught them who He was. Paul exhorted them to know *God the Father* in a personal relationship.

*“O God my Father, You are first among equals in the Trinity. You are first in my life without equal. I exalt You to the throne of my life. Let me know You better. Amen.”*

Reading: Galatians 1:1-12

Words: 258

Key Thought: God is the Father who you can know intimately.

FEBRUARY 28

THE LAMB OF GOD—JESUS

“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).

On the banks of the Jordan River, John the Baptist announced to the world, “Behold! The Lamb of God . . . ” (John 1:29). For hundreds of years, thousands of faithful Israelites sacrificed millions of lambs—all looking forward to the coming of Messiah to forgive their sins. Because *Jesus was The Lamb of God*, all the drudgery of sacrifice finally came to an end. Now, every new day should be exciting because *Jesus, The Lamb of God*, has “taken away the sin of the world”—including all of yesterday’s mistakes. He has taken away your sins because you believed in Him. Today is a new opportunity to serve the Lord. Thank God for the *Lamb* who has taken away your sins.

*“O Lamb of God, forgive me for the willful sins I do, and look deeply to see my repentance. And purge me of the ignorant sins I don’t realize I do.”*

Learn to worship *The Lamb*. Learn to do on earth what you’ll do in Heaven. Worship should be your passion now, as you will worship once you arrive in Heaven. When you get to Heaven, you will join many others worshipping “Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!” (Rev. 5:13). In Heaven you will cry out with others, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain” (Rev. 5:12).

*“Jesus, Lamb of God, ‘At Your name I join every knee bowing . . . and I join every tongue confessing that You, Jesus Christ are Lord’ (Phil 2:10, 11, Author’s Translation). Amen.”*

Reading: Rev. 5:6-12

Words: 260

Key Thought: Jesus is worthy of our worship.



FEBRUARY 29

THE ONE THAT HAS THE KEY OF DAVID—JESUS

“These things says He who is holy, He who is true, ‘He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens’” (Revelation 3:7).

*Jesus is The One that has the Key of David.* It was given to Him by His heavenly Father. The key gives *Jesus* the authority to determine who will enter the kingdom. He alone determines who will be given access to the Father, for *Jesus* said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). *Jesus is The One That Has The Key of David*, whereby all shall be saved. Now you must share this key—the message—with others. “I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it” (Rev. 3:8). You have an open door to share the message of salvation with those you know. *Jesus* said, “I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown” (Rev. 3:11). Don’t let the door of witnessing shut.

*“Lord, I need wisdom to grasp all the opportunities I have to serve You. I need Your wisdom to know what to say, and I need Your courage to help me speak to others about salvation.”*

*Jesus* is the *One* who will open and who can shut the door of opportunity. When He opens up an opportunity to witness, you must do so or that door may be shut to you in the future.

*“Jesus, You have the key. I ask You to help me use my opportunities so others may believe. Don’t let me lose my chance to witness for You. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 8:1-40

Words: 252

Key Thought: Jesus opens doors for you to witness to others.

MARCH 1

DEW—THE HOLY SPIRIT

“I will be like the dew to Israel” (Hosea 14:5).

The *Holy Spirit* is *Dew*, and can refresh your spirit with His presence today. Feel Him! He is *Dew*, coming when you can't see Him, coming gently to leave refreshment, even when you can't see with your physical eyes. Do you feel moist? He is *Dew* that leaves your spiritual face damp when it's not raining. Experience Him! He is *Dew* coming silently, invisibly, and softly; let His presence work in your life.

*“Lord, be Dew to refresh me when I'm tired. The unsaved don't understand spirituality, nor do they believe in You. Be Dew to moisten my arid soul to refresh my spirit this day.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *Dew* to reinvigorate your vision; open up your soul to see more things from God. He is *Dew* to re-challenge those who are about to give up the battle; let Him re-equip you for spiritual warfare. He is *Dew* to re-invigorate those who quit working. He can re-enlist you this day. He is *Dew*, like the early morning dampness that makes the grass and plants grow, even when there's no rain. Let Him be *Dew* that gives you new purpose in life.

*“Lord, sometimes I feel like I can't go forward; I want to give up. My Spirit needs a new start; I need refreshment in my life. Come let me feel Your refreshing moisture in my soul. I worship and praise You for the fresh challenge of this new day. Come, Dew, let me live anew. Amen.”*

Reading: Hosea 14

Words: 248

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit refreshes our hearts like morning dew.

## MARCH 2

### THE LORD WHO IS, AND WHO WAS, AND WHO IS TO COME—JESUS

“I am . . . the Lord who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty”  
(Revelation 1:8).

*Jesus is The Lord Who Is . . . Who Was . . . and Who Is To Come*, He is eternal, without beginning and without end. This description reflects *Jesus*' pre-existence. He lived before being born as a baby in Bethlehem. From eternity past to eternity future, *Jesus* is the eternal God. You can trust Him with your life, for He has always existed; He knows all about you; He knows your trouble and He knows your need.

*“Lord, I know You have helped people in Bible times, because You lived back then; help me today. I believe You are eternal.”*

*Jesus* will not change the way He relates to His own. The writer of Hebrews declares, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb. 13:8). He will do for you—and all believers—what He has done in the past. He can't change His nature, and He will not change His mind. *Jesus* can be to you today what He Has always been in the past. Moses said, “From everlasting to everlasting, you are God” (Ps. 90:2). Before time began, He was eternal God; after time on earth is finished, He will still be God. You can trust His promises and His care.

*“Lord, I am blinded by my self absorption; help me fully see Your love and care. I am human and frail; help me look beyond my doubts to clearly see Your presence in my life. When I only see my needs; help me to see Your eternal nature and worship You. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 17:14-21

Words: 259

Key Thought: Jesus can help you today as He helped people in Bible times.

MARCH 3

THE SON OF MARY—JESUS

“Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” (Mark 6:3).

*Jesus* is *The Son of Mary*, born as a human baby, yet Mary was a virgin. Because Mary had not known a man, *Jesus* was born sinless, without a sin nature. He lived His entire life without sin (2 Cor. 5:21), so He could be the substitute Lamb of God without blemish for the sins of the world. *Jesus, The Son of Mary*, came to His own people—the Jews—but they did not receive Him (John 1:11). Even some members of His family were blinded to who He was (John 7:5). When *Jesus* preached to the people of His hometown Nazareth, “They were offended at Him” (Mark 6:3). What is your response to *Jesus*? Will you be His disciple; will you live blamelessly for Him?

*“Jesus, I believe You were 100 percent human, born of Mary; yet You are 100 percent God. Thank You for becoming human so You could understand us. I worship You, and I will follow Your example and strive to live godly.”*

*Jesus, The Son of Mary*, grew as a child and had favor with God and man (Luke 2:52). Mary taught Him lessons that a mother teaches her child. Now He wants you to grow to please God as He did. “And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him” (Luke 2:42).

*“Jesus, I want You to live in my heart (Gal. 2:20) to strengthen me so I can please the Father. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 6:1-6

Words: 250

Key Thought: The human Jesus is your example of how to live.

MARCH 4

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH (THE LORD IS THERE)—TRINITY

“The city from that day shall be Jehovah Shammah—THE LORD IS THERE”  
(Ezekiel 48:35).

The name *Jehovah Shammah* means *The Lord Is There*. The Lord is already in Heaven where you will spend eternity. Ezekiel described the city where you shall live as *Jehovah Shammah*, a city of His presence. The most wonderful thing about Heaven is that He'll be there with you. *Jehovah Shammah* will meet you in the valley that has the shadow of death. From there, He'll take you to the other side. The most frightening thing about shadows is the unknown, and we fear what we can't see. So most fear death because they can't see the other side. But remember, a shadow can't hurt you; it can only make you hurt yourself. Don't forget the promise, "I'll be with you in the shadow of death." You'll step into darkness, and come out in the light on the other side. He'll be there with you because He's *Jehovah Shammah*. A shadow is the absence of light. The city where you're going—the Eternal City—is constantly bright because God is its light. There will be no night there, which means no shadows. Neither will there be sorrow or death. To get there, you will step into the shadow of death, and come out on the other side with the Lord.

*“Lord, give me confidence to live for You on this side of death's shadow. Then help me step confidently through the shadow with You to the other side. There I'll be with you, and it'll be eternal light. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 21:9-27

Words: 249

Key Thought: The Lord will be with you in both death and Heaven.

MARCH 5

A HIGH PRIEST – JESUS

“So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You’” (Hebrews 5:5).

There were many priests in the Old Testament assigned to small groups of people. Each priest was responsible to sacrifice for those under his care. Over all priests was the High Priest who was responsible to sacrifice for the entire nation. On the Day of Atonement, the High Priest offered a sacrifice for the whole nation. *Jesus* is our *High Priest* who sacrificed for the sins of the world (1 John 2:1, 2). Human priests had to sacrifice first for their sins before they could sacrifice for the nation. But *Jesus* was without sin. “We have a great High Priest . . . who was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 4:14, 15). So *Jesus*, the perfect *High Priest*, offered the perfect sacrifice for your sins.

*Lord Jesus, I come to You for forgiveness. Thank You for the perfect sacrifice for my sins.”*

Every time an Israelite sinned, he had to come back to sacrifice again because each sacrifice only took care of past sins. But the sacrifice of *Jesus* the *High Priest* is different. He doesn’t have to make continual sacrifices for us (Heb. 9:24, 25); but “Once” *Jesus* died, “to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself” (Heb. 9:26). Now, “He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives” (Heb. 7:25).

*“Lord Jesus, You are my High Priest who has taken away all my sins forever. Now You live in Heaven for me. Amen.”*

Reading: Heb. 5:5-10

Words: 252

Key Thought: *Jesus* is a High Priest who has forgiven all our sins once and for all.

MARCH 6

THE FINISHER OF OUR FAITH – JESUS

“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2).

*Jesus is The Finisher of Our Faith.* If you are good at beginning new projects, but you are a poor finisher, look to *Jesus, The Finisher of Our Faith.* He completed salvation. The blood of *Jesus* completely forgave your sins; you now stand forgiven before God. *Jesus* finished everything that you need for spiritual growth but you must take advantage of His completed work. All the power you need to live the Christian life He supplied through the cross. Every advantage of eternal life is supplied to you through the sacrifice of His life for you. All spiritual riches of the heavenlies are now available to you.

*“Jesus, thank You for finishing the work of Salvation.”*

*Jesus is The Finisher of Our Faith;* there’s nothing more He needs to do for you to go to Heaven. When He cried, “It is finished,” the plan of salvation was complete. The work of Messiah that was predicted in the Old Testament was ended. The task of satisfying God’s wrath was done. He has finished what was assigned to Him; there is nothing you can do to add to His work. But, you must come boldly to His throne of Grace to get help to live the Christian life. You must run with patience the race that is set before you (Heb. 12:2). He has finished His task; will you finish yours?

*“Jesus, You finished Your task, now help me finish my task. You have provided a completed plan of salvation; help me to take advantage of spiritual power that is mine in the cross. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 15:7-24

Words: 263

Key Thought: Jesus has finished everything that you need for your salvation.

MARCH 7

GOD OUR FATHER—FATHER

“To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 1:7).

*God is Your Father*; the One who knows you personally and cares for you. When Paul used the phrase “God Our Father,” he was telling his readers that God was not like the idols in the temples of false religions. He was not callous and brittle, but had the warmth of a father. Just as an earthly father has emotional feelings for his children, the heavenly Father has deeper feelings because He has pure emotions of love, and He desires to do good things for His children. You can never love Him with the same depth of feelings because you are finite and your heavenly Father is infinite.

*“O, God My Father, I love You with all my heart . . . my soul . . . my mind (Matt. 22:37).*

*I worship You in Your greatness and praise You for Your personal care for me.”*

He is both *God* and your *Father*. Being a Father makes Him no less God, than being the all-powerful Creator makes Him less personal. He is both Creator God and your personal Father. He is a Father who protects His children from evil. Will you let Him be your protector today? He is a Father who provides for the needs of His children. Will you accept His provision today? He is a Father who instructs and guides. Will you listen to His direction today?

*“O God My Father, I have many needs; give me this day my daily bread. I will study Your Word; teach me Your desires. Amen.”*

Reading: Romans 1:1-12

Words: 255

Key Thought: The powerful Creator is also your Father who cares for you.



MARCH 8

THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS– JESUS

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up” (John 3:14).

The *Serpent in the Wilderness* was a sign of the people’s sin. It was a sculpture of a snake made of brass that was placed on a pole so all could see. Israel rebelled, “And the people spoke against God and against Moses” (Num. 21:5). The people were complaining, “There is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread” (Num. 21:5). Of all their sin, perhaps ingratitude was the worst, for the Lord had given them manna—bread from Heaven—and Israel called it “worthless bread.” “So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died” (Num. 21:6). It was after the serpents began killing the Jews that they repented, “We have sinned” (Num. 21:7). God instructed Moses to make a brass serpent and put it on a pole. “. . . everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live” (Num. 21:8). The snake was a sign of their sin, and looking at the serpent, was an outward evidence of repentance. When *Jesus* was lifted up on the cross, *Jesus* became our sin (2 Cor. 6:21). Just as Israel was saved from physical death when they looked upon the sign of their sin, so looking upon *Jesus* is looking on the sign of our sin.

*“Jesus, I thank You for becoming my sin in Your death for me. Thank You that the poison of my sin does not destroy me as it did the unbelieving Jews in the wilderness. I ‘look and live.’ Amen.”*

Reading: Num. 21:1-9

Words: 263

Key Thought: Those who look on Jesus as their Sin-bearer will live.

MARCH 9

THE CHILD JESUS – JESUS

“So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, when they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it” (Luke 2:27, 43).

*Jesus* did not enter the world as a spirit, or did he appear instantly as an angel may appear. *Jesus* was supernaturally conceived of a virgin and was born nine months later. His development followed the growth pattern of other children, “And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom” (Luke 2:40). His parents had to teach Him to walk, talk, and develop motor skills. His parents brought the *Child Jesus* to dedicate Him in the Temple. When 12-years-old, the *Boy Jesus* was brought into the Temple for His Bar Mitzvah and *Jesus* became a “son of the law.” The parents of the *Child Jesus* raised Him according to Scriptures just as parents should raise children today. *Jesus*, the Son of God, “(was) born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law” (Gal. 4:4, 5).

*“Lord Jesus, I marvel that You became a child and grew according to the growth pattern of children. I praise You for becoming flesh to redeem us who were under the law.”*

God the Father sent the Son to become a child who would grow into manhood. God the Holy Spirit guided the *Child Jesus*, “So he came by the Spirit into the temple” (Luke 2:27). Later, the Man, “Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit” (Luke 4:14). Both the Father and the Holy Spirit were active in bringing *Jesus* to maturity.

*“Lord Jesus, You gave me a role model to follow, give me power to follow Your example. You died for my sins; I worship You for salvation. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 2:25-35

Words: 262

Key Thought: The Child Jesus was like us so He could redeem us.

MARCH 10

THE HAND OF GOD —HOLY SPIRIT

“And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me . . . . So they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’ Then they set their hands to this good work” (Nehemiah 2:18).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Hand of God*. Just as someone gives a hand when people need help, let the *Holy Spirit* be *The Hand of God* that helps you today. He is nearby; all you need to do is ask for His help. But the *Holy Spirit* can't help you unless you want Him, ask for Him, and allow Him to work in your life.

*“Holy Spirit, I need Your Hand in my life. I need Your help today. Come help me now.”*

*The Hand of God* works for you in two ways. First, the *Holy Spirit* works *directly* in your life. When you pray for money, for a solution, or for a healing, *The Hand of God* may give it directly to you. But, the *Holy Spirit* works *indirectly* when people don't realize He's working. Did you notice in the text that the *Holy Spirit's Hand* was upon the work of building the wall in Jerusalem? The *Holy Spirit* worked when the people “set their hands to do this good work” (Neh. 2:12)? God's hands work through your hands. Look at your hands; what can your hands do for God today? Yield your hands so the *Holy Spirit* can work through you this day.

*“Holy Spirit, I yield my hands to You. I will work as hard as I can to accomplish Your will. I will use all my intellect and energy to get all the jobs done that I have to do today.*

*Come use my hands as Your hands. Amen.”*

Reading: Nehemiah 1:1-2:20

Words: 254

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit can work directly or indirectly in your life.

MARCH 11

THE DAYSMAN BETWEEN US –JESUS

“Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both”  
(Job 9:33, *KJV*).

Job was looking for a daysman to be a neutral arbitrator between him and God. A *daysman* is an umpire, advocate, or an impartial judge. God had removed the hedge of protection from Job, and Satan had stripped Job of all family, possessions, and his health. Job suggests that no matter how hard he had tried to vindicate himself, nothing worked. He wanted someone who was neutral to judge between him and God. Job wanted someone who was powerful enough to be separate from God and stand against God. Of course, such a thing was impossible, unless the daysman is equal to God, or in this case, is God Himself. *Jesus is The Daysman* who stands equal with the Father, yet stands for Job. *Jesus* is our *Daysman* who takes our case and pleads it to the Father.

*“Jesus, thank You for taking my side when I didn’t deserve anything. Jesus, thank You for being my arbitrator with the Father.”*

*Jesus is the Daysman* because He is equal with the Father, yet He came to Earth to take on flesh. He lived in our shoes, so He understands our weaknesses. Because He died to forgive our sins, *Jesus* now stands between the Father and us. He asks the Father to forgive us because *Jesus* has paid the ransom for our sins. *Jesus The Daysman* asks the Father to receive us into Heaven and make us His child.

*“Jesus, thank You for being my mediator. Thank You for going to the Father to plead my case. Amen.”*

Reading: Job 9:21-35

Words: 256

Key Thought: Jesus is the neutral umpire who gets the Heavenly Father to accept us.

MARCH 12

PRINCE OF PEACE—JESUS

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called . . . Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Jesus is the *Prince of Peace*. A prince is one who anticipates becoming king who will rule sovereignly. One day Jesus will be King of Kings (Rev. 19:16). But now Jesus is the Prince of Peace who can secure your inner “peace with God” (Rom. 5:1). Jesus is the Prince of Peace because He “made peace through the blood of His cross” (Col. 1:20). Jesus is the *Prince of Peace* who can take away your fears and give you inner confidence. He can meet the deepest needs of the human heart because He is peace and He gives peace. He is “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding.” He can guard your hearts and minds so you won’t lose the peace you now have in Him.

*“Lord, take away the strife in my life. Come fill my life with Your presence and let Your peace flood my thinking. I claim peace and contentment for this day.”*

There are wars and rumors of wars among nations and there is strife among people because each person is ruled by selfish interest. One day, Jesus will rule all people and they will want to please Him, not themselves. He will bring what the angels promised at His birth: “Peace on earth, goodwill toward men” (Luke 2:14).

*“Lord, I pray Your Kingdom will come and You will rule on earth, as You now rule in Heaven. But, until that day comes, may Your peace control my life and work. Amen.”*

Reading: Isaiah 11

Words: 247

Key Thought: We have peace when Jesus rules our hearts.

MARCH 13

JEHOVAH-SABAOTH (THE LORD OF HOSTS)—TRINITY

“The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge” (Psalm 46:11).

*The Lord of Host is Jehovah-Sabaoth. His title Sabaoth means a host ready to serve or ready to fight. The Lord is ready to help you today; He knows about your problems. They do not catch Him by surprise. He is Jehovah-Sabaoth, ready to come to your defense. Jehovah-Sabaoth can be translated, “The God of the Fighting Angels.” The Lord has a numberless company of “ministering spirits (Heb. 1:14) who will defend you from the Evil One. He can dispatch them to your assistance, “For he orders his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you with their hands” (Ps. 91:11, 12, NLT). However, you must ask for help and trust Him when He comes alongside to fight for you.*

*“O Lord of Host, give me wisdom to know what to do, and give me courage to face my troubles. Help me win over them. O Lord of Host, come quickly with Your “fighting angels” to defend me. The enemy has almost overwhelmed me. I need You right here, right now.”*

You have heavenly power available to you. Don't focus your eyes on the enemy, or on your weakness. If you do that, you will get discouraged and fail. Look to the *Lord of Hosts—Jehovah-Sabaoth*—for your strength. He can give you victory.

*“Jehovah-Sabaoth, come with Your “fighting angels” to give me victory over the world, the flesh, and the Devil. I believe in Your power and trust Your protection. Amen.”*

Reading: Ps. 24:1-10

Words: 245

Key Thought: The Lord is ready to help you win over your troubles.

MARCH 14

RESURRECTION—JESUS

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live’” (John 11:25).

*Jesus* is your *Resurrection*, which means He gave new life to you when you were saved. *Jesus* gave this eternal life to you when He came out of the grave, because He said, “I am the resurrection.” Now you are raised in *Jesus*; you will live forever. Your old body may die at your death (if the rapture doesn’t come first), but your soul goes to live with God. At the rapture, your soul will be rejoined to your new glorious body. One day you’ll have a new body like Christ’s.

*“Lord of the Resurrection, thank You for saving me. Than You for the promise of raising me in the future.”*

When *Jesus* died, your sin died with Him. When *Jesus* arose from the dead, you were in Him, rising from the dead. *Jesus* is the *Resurrection*. Now you are “in Him and He is in you” (John 14:20, Author’s paraphrase). You are seated in the heavenlies (Eph. 2:6). So, let your life on earth, reflect your new heavenly position. Because *Jesus* is the *Resurrection*, His life-giving power can indwell you and give you new desires to live godly. Because *Jesus* is the *Resurrection*, “You can be strengthened in your inner person by His indwelling presence” (Eph. 3:17, 17, Author’s Paraphrase). Because of *Jesus*’ resurrection, He can give you spiritual victory today.

*“Lord, I marvel at your resurrection, and worship You for what you’ve done for me. I claim Your resurrection power to help me live for You this day. Help me overcome my problems and be victorious today.” Amen.*

Reading: John 11:1-41

Words: 260

Key Thought: You can be victorious because of Jesus’ resurrection.

MARCH 15

OUR PASSOVER —JESUS

“Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us” (1 Corinthians 5:7).

*Jesus* is our *Passover*. Once each year, Jewish families celebrated their deliverance from Egypt by eating a special Passover meal and by sacrificing a lamb to make atonement for the sins of the family. The father would place his hands on the head of the lamb to confess the sins of the family members. That was symbolic of transferring the family sins to the lamb; then the blood of the lamb was shed, a prototype of *Jesus* becoming the Lamb of God to take away their sin. *Jesus* became the fulfillment of the *Passover*. The lamb had to be perfect, without blemish, a picture of the perfect life of *Jesus*. Because *Jesus* did not sin (1 Peter 2:22), He was qualified to take away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

*“Jesus, You are my Passover Lamb; You became sin for me (2 Cor. 5:21), Your blood is the basis for my forgiveness. Jesus, I praise You for Your sacrificial death. Thank You for dying for me and the world.”*

*Jesus* is your *Passover*. Just as each Jewish family looked back in gratitude for deliverance from the death angel that passed over their home, you should look back in gratitude that judgment has passed over you. Then you should look forward to the return of *Jesus* to take you home to live with Him. His future coming is just as sure as His past sacrificial death. You can have faith in both of them.

*“Lord, I look back and remember Your death and I look forward, waiting for Your return. Amen.”*

Reading: Exodus 12:1-13

Words: 261

Key Thought: The benefits of Passover are ours because of Jesus.



MARCH 16

ONE GOD AND FATHER—FATHER

“One god and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all”  
(Ephesians 4:6).

There is *One God and Father* of all people. Many people deny God’s existence, reject His invitation to salvation, or even refuse to recognize Him; but the God of the Bible is still the only God powerful enough to create the Universe, yet loving to redeem fallen mankind. But God is not just the *Father* of those who believe in Him; He is the *Father* of all. He created mankind and gave life to all. As *God and Father* of all, He wants a relationship with those He created. He’s a *Father* who loves all and wants all to come to Him. He’s a *Father* who loves to give things to His children. He wants to protect them, guide them, teach them, and enjoy them. Let God be your *Father* today.

*“Father, I need Your presence in my life. Teach me how to be a good child.”*

God is the *Father* of all, even to those who refuse to recognize His ownership of the world and His authority over their lives. Those who reject God’s ownership of their lives will be punished in the last day of judgment. It is then that all – saved and unsaved – will recognize He is the only *God and Father*, but then it will be too late. So today, recognize His control over your life, because the *One God* of the Universe is also your personal *Father*.

*“O God, help me understand that You are the powerful creator of the Universe, yet You are as intimate to me as a Father. Help me understand Your greatness, yet enjoy intimacy with You.”*

Reading: Deut. 6:1-5

Words: 266

Key Thought: The Sovereign God of the Universe can be as intimate to you as a *Father*.

MARCH 17

MY BELOVED SON—JESUS

“And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased’” (Matthew 3:17).

*Jesus is The Beloved Son of the Father. When Jesus was baptized, the Father spoke from Heaven, “This is My beloved Son” (Matt. 3:17). The heavenly Father could have called Jesus Mary’s son or Joseph’s son; because these descriptions would have been accurate. But Jesus is the unique Son of the Father in Heaven, i.e., the Second Person of the Godhead. Just as Jesus is the Beloved of the Father, so He should become your Beloved.*

*“Jesus, just as the Father said You belong to Him, I too claim You as my own. You are my Savior and I am Your servant. Help me carry out Your purpose today.”*

The Father spoke audibly to the crowd when *John baptized Jesus*. That was the formal *induction* of *Jesus* into ministry. The Father was telling the world that He approved of *Jesus’* baptism and His ministry in the world. The Holy Spirit also came upon *Jesus* to show the total approval of the Godhead. The heavenly Father called *Jesus Beloved*. The Father had always loved *Jesus* throughout eternity, but the Father especially loved *Jesus* because He became flesh as the divine representation to the world. Because the Father loves the world, He especially loved *Jesus* for coming to redeem the world.

*“Jesus, I accept You as The Beloved Son of the Father. Thank You for becoming flesh to live among men and die for their sins. Today, live through my life so I can show salvation to everyone I meet. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 1:1-11

Words: 249

Key Thought: Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father.

MARCH 18

THE SOWER – JESUS

“‘And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.’ He answered and said to them: ‘He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man’” (Matthew 13:4, 37).

*Jesus* is *The Sower* of the seed of the Word of God into the hearts of people. Yet, *The Sower* in the parable is an application of every Christian who spreads God’s Word. There is no contradiction, because *Jesus* sows the Gospel through His believers. *Jesus* loves all because He sows the seed on all kinds of ground: He sows on the hard-hearted, wayside hearts. He sows on the shallow, rocky soil heart. He sows on the thorn-infested, sinful hearts. And He sows into the good ground of receptive hearts. How receptive is your heart?

*“Jesus, give me a receptive heart to receive and believe Your Word. Forgive me when I was not quick to seek Your presence, or when I was slow to believe.”*

The sower must choose seed to match the soil. Just as peanuts should be planted in soft, sandy soil, not thick, clay soil, so *Jesus* sows a judgmental message against sin to break a hard heart. *Jesus* sometimes sows a tender message of forgiveness to mend a broken heart. Just as seed planted too close will choke out sunlight and seed planted too far apart will reduce profits, so *Jesus* knows how often and how long the Gospel message must be presented. *Jesus, The Sower*, knows how and when to plant, as well as knowing how and when to harvest.

*“Jesus, I’ve tried to reach others, but have not been as successful as I could be. Teach me how to sow the Gospel into others, and teach me how to harvest. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

Words: 257

Key Thought: Jesus sows the Gospel through us.

MARCH 19

THE DOWN PAYMENT—THE HOLY SPIRIT

“The Holy Spirit of Promise is the down payment on our inheritance, until God redeems us as at the rapture as the possession He has purchased” (Ephesians 1:13-14, Author’s Translation).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Down Payment* that guarantees you will one day be redeemed from corruption. So, don’t give up and don’t get discouraged. Every time you feel the *Holy Spirit* working in your life, realize you aren’t forgotten. Your spiritual happiness is only a foretaste of the joy to come. That’s a promise of the *Holy Spirit*.

*“Lord, I know I am Your child because You work in my life in so many ways. You enlighten me, You guide me, You give me spiritual gifts, and You give me assurance.*

*Thank You for these “Down payments” that guarantees greater future blessings to me.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Down Payment* of what you will experience once you get to Heaven. Right now you get satisfaction from eating the *Bread of Life* and drinking the *Water of Life*. Think of the unimaginable happiness you’ll experience in Heaven. Your future experiences in Heaven will be as real as your present experiences on this earth. The *Holy Spirit* is the earnest money that guarantees a future delivery on what God has promised. If you ever doubt the realities of Heaven, just look within your heart to the work of the *Holy Spirit*. He will do for you in the future when you get to Heaven, what He has done for you in the past.

*“Lord, help me look beyond the mundane issues of this life to see the spiritual realities You have for me. Lord, help me live confidently because You are my guarantee for blessings to come. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Cor. 1:18-22

Words: 258

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is your guarantee of Heaven.

MARCH 20

THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED – JESUS

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone” (Psalm 118:22).

*Jesus* is the chief Cornerstone of God’s plan, but He is also *The Stone Which the Builders Rejected*. There are many reasons why the world rejects *Jesus*. Some are spiritually blinded (2 Cor. 4:3, 4); they can’t see who *Jesus* is. Some are hard-hearted, “They are willingly ignorant” (2 Pet. 3:5). Some love their sin and won’t give it up to receive *Jesus*. How will you choose?

*“Lord, I receive You even though others reject You. I willingly believe in You when the world rejects Your claims in their life.”*

Jesus came to His people—the Jews—but they rejected His claims of deity. They charged Jesus with blasphemy at His trial. He offered them salvation (Matt. 3:17) but they charged Him with treason (John 19:12), saying Jesus wanted to be king in place of Caesar. “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him” (John 1:11). But the unbelief of that day is no different than those who reject Him today. The unbelieving heart will not receive Jesus, because “Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19). Jesus is The Stone Which the Builders Rejected. Will you build your life on Him?

*“Lord, I will not deny You, no matter how the world reacts. I will build on You, The Stone. You are My Master and Lord. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 118:1-29

Words: 227

Key Thought: You must receive Jesus even though the world rejects Him.

MARCH 21

THE SON OF DAVID—JESUS

“And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’” (Mark 10:47).

*Jesus is the Son of David*, His human ancestry and authority for ministry. God, the Father, had promised David that his son would sit eternally on the throne. *Jesus* was born to fulfill that prediction. Therefore, *Jesus* had authority that was originally given David. Blind Bartimaeus recognized *Jesus* could help him, so he called Him first “Jesus of Nazareth” (*Jesus*’ name and address), and second, “Son of David” (*Jesus*’ legal name). *Jesus* healed Bartimaeus because of his faith. Do you have faith to call out to Him for your need today?

*“Jesus, Son of David, I call out to You. I cannot make it through this day without You. Come heal My spiritual blindness; help me see Your path for me this day.”*

*Jesus is the Son of David*; He can meet your need this day. But realize there will be opposition to your faith, just as there were individuals who tried to quiet Bartimaeus when he cried out for help. But Bartimaeus would not be quieted; he cried out even louder. *Jesus* was motivated by the faith of Bartimaeus to give him help. Do you have that kind of faith to motivate God to help you? If you do, *Jesus* will say to you what He said to Bartimaeus, “Your faith has made you well” (Mark 10:52).

*“Jesus, You are the Son of David. One day You will rule the world from David’s throne. Today, I need You to rule my life from the throne of my heart. Like Bartimaeus, I need You, come help me today. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 10:17-22

Words: 259

Key Thought: Jesus wants to rule your life.

MARCH 22

THE FIRSTFRUITS—JESUS

“But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20).

The Jews brought an offering to God during the Feast of Firstfruits. It was the first they harvested. Some even say they gave God the first (in quality) from their first harvest (in sequence). God got the best of their lives and God was put first in their lives. They brought *The Firstfruits* on Sunday, the first day of the week (Lev. 23:9, 10). There is a lesson to us; we ought to give God the first of our time (Sunday), the first of our energy (early), the first of our money (tithes) and make Him first in every part of our lives.

*“Jesus, I give You first place in my schedule, in my strength, and in my love.”*

The Jewish nation was called a firstfruits offering to God out of all the nations of the earth (Jer. 2:3). The first converts in a new church were called firstfruits (Rom. 16:5). When the 144,000 arrived in Heaven, they were the firstfruits of martyrs to be offered to God. When *Jesus* was raised from the dead on the first Easter Sunday morning, He was *The Firstfruits* of the dead (1 Cor. 15:20, 23). When the Jews brought a firstfruits offering to God, it was a promise there was more to follow. When *Jesus* was raised as the *Firstfruits* for the dead, it was a promise that all who were in Christ would also be raised.

*“Lord, I don’t offer You things, or money, or time; I give myself to You as a sacrifice of Firstfruits. Be glorified in me. Amen.”*

Reading: Deut. 26:1-11

Words: 259

Key Thought: God always wants to be first in our lives.

MARCH 23

THE BELOVED—JESUS

“To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved” (Ephesians 1:6).

*Jesus is The Beloved*, the object of His Father’s love. Throughout His life on the earth, *Jesus* acknowledged His Father’s love for Him (John 3:35; 5:20; 17:23). And in return His Father said, “This is my beloved son” (Matt 3:17). *Jesus* could not have done what He did without the Father’s love and support. Now *Jesus* wants to teach you His love.

*“You are my Beloved Lord Jesus, I love You. The most important relationship in my life is to love You with all of my heart, and soul and strength. How can I love You more?”*

*Jesus* is your *Beloved*, and because you are in Him, “You are accepted in the Beloved” (Eph. 1:6). When the Father loves *Jesus*, He also loves you because *Jesus* said, “You are in Me and I in you” (John 14:20). Therefore, every benefit *Jesus* has with the Father is yours; so, let the knowledge of His love deepen your love to Him. Because the heavenly Father and *Jesus* have a love-relationship with each other, when we know someone loves us, we begin to conform to their desires and do the things they want to do. When you begin to live in His love, you will get a passion to love others as the Father and *Jesus* love you.

*“O my Beloved, I accept Your love to me. I yield my life to be filled with Your presence. Let Your love flow to me and through me to others. Amen.”*

Reading: Ephesians 1:1-12

Words: 246

Key Thought: You are loved as much as the Father loves Jesus.



MARCH 24

THE HOPE OF ISRAEL—JESUS

“. . . because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain” (Acts 28:20).

*Jesus is The Hope of Israel.* God’s people—the Jews—have suffered throughout history. Because God has promised to bless Israel, the Evil One hates them, because he hates God. The Jews have been targeted for persecution by many human enemies: Nebuchadnezzar, Haman, Adolph Hitler, just to name a few. The Evil One has used human instruments against the Jews, like King Herod who tried to destroy *Jesus* as a baby. But in spite of everything, *Jesus* is still the *Hope of Israel*. He died to forgive the sins of the world, including the sins of the Jews.

*“Lord Jesus, I marvel at the scope of history. You were born into this world to a Jewish virgin, and grew up in a Jewish home and lived in Jewish culture. In spite of all Satan has done, You are still the Hope of Israel.”*

*Jesus* will be *The Hope of Israel* in the future. There is coming a future tribulation aimed at the Jews, but *Jesus* will return to save the nation of Israel and all those who believe in Him. In that future day, He’ll still be *The Hope of Israel*. Just as *Jesus* is the hope of the Jews, He is also your hope. Look to Him today.

*“Lord, not only are You the Hope of Israel, You are my hope. You have come to help me through many trials in the past. I trust You for continual deliverance in the future. Amen.”*

Reading: Genesis 12:1-3

Words: 244

Key Thought: *Jesus* is both your hope and the hope of Israel.

MARCH 25

THE WITNESS OF GOD – FATHER

“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son” (1 John 5:9).

*The Witness of the Father* were the words He spoke at the baptism of Jesus, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:17, 17:5, John 12:28). The *Father* wanted everyone to know that He sent Jesus into the world and He approved what Jesus did. But, the Jewish leaders wouldn’t believe the *Father* actually spoke. They rejected His witness. While people today don’t hear the actual voice of the *Father*, they can read His words in Scripture. Still, they won’t believe His witness any more today than the Jewish leaders did while Jesus was on earth. Yet, the witness of the *Father* is still true; the *Father* is pleased with all Jesus was and accomplished.

*“Jesus, because I am pleased with all You’ve done for me, I worship You. I cry, ‘Worthy is the Lamb’” (Rev. 5:12).*

The *Father* has witnessed to Jesus. Are you willing to do the same thing? Will you witness to those around you about Jesus? The Bible commands, “You shall be witnesses to Me (Jesus)” (Acts 1:8). Just as some would not believe the *Father’s* actual voice, some will not listen to you. But you must witness about Jesus anyway, because the message about Him is true. A witness tells what they have seen, heard and experienced. That’s what you must do; tell others how Jesus has changed your life.

*“Jesus, I will witness for You today. I will tell people how You saved me and how You constantly guide me. Without You, I would not have a life worth living. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 John 5:1-13

Words: 262

Key Thought: You should witness to others about Jesus.

MARCH 26

THE FOUNDATION WHICH IS LAID —JESUS

“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Some young people ask today, WWJD?” (What Would Jesus Do?) There is no other foundation on which anyone can build a life than on the example of *Jesus*’ life. There is no other foundation for salvation than *Jesus*’ death. Now He stands in Heaven at the right hand of the Father as your Intercessor. He pleads forgiveness for your sins, and asks for help against your temptations. *Jesus is The Foundation* upon which you now relate to God the Father. Will you build your life upon Him?

*“Jesus, I build my life upon Your teaching for no one else gives me truth. I stake my salvation upon Your death, for You are the only forgiveness of sin. I live my life in the power of Your indwelling, for You are my only protection against evil.”*

*Jesus is The Foundation Which Is Laid.* He has done everything for you that needs to be done. When He cried on the cross “It is finished,” He completed salvation for you and for all who call upon His name. Salvation has been completed, and *The Foundation* is now laid. Your responsibility is to build your Christian life on that solid foundation. You can trust Him for *The Foundation* is trustworthy.

*“Jesus, I will look beyond my doubt and fears. I will stand securely upon The Foundation which is laid; I rest securely in You. I will look to You as my example; I will live for You as my Lord. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Cor. 3:1-23

Words: 247

Key Thought: Jesus is the foundation for a successful life.

MARCH 27

THE KING ETERNAL— JESUS

“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen” (1 Timothy 1:17).

*Jesus is The King Eternal.* Just as an earthly king rules his kingdom through His laws, so *Jesus* rules the universe by His laws. He controls the natural world through natural laws. *Jesus* allows earthly rulers to control the social and political life of people through their judicial laws. *Jesus* recognizes earthly judicial laws and calls on all people to obey them (Rom. 13:1-7). *Jesus* controls the spiritual world through spiritual laws; it is through these laws that He wants to direct your life.

*“Lord, be my King; I want You to direct my life. Come sit upon the throne of my heart to rule it.”*

*Jesus is The King Eternal.* He has always ruled the universe. Look at His natural laws, such as the law of gravity; break these laws and suffer consequences. Because He allows the Evil One to act contrary to His spiritual laws does not mean *Jesus* is not in control. He wants all people to serve Him out of love, not coercion. Those who choose to follow *Jesus* will be rewarded. Those who reject His rule will be punished. Today, *Jesus* is Lord of those who yield to Him, but in the future, “Every knee should bow . . . every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Phil. 2:10, 11). Will you recognize Him today?

*“Lord Jesus, I bow to worship You as my King. I accept Your rule upon this earth and will serve You gladly. Amen.”*

Reading: Romans 13:1-7

Words: 245

Key Thought: Jesus wants to rule your life as your King.

MARCH 28

THE BREATH OF THE LORD—HOLY SPIRIT

“The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass” (Isaiah 40:7).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Breath of the Lord*; He breathes life into all living things. It is *The Breath of the Lord* that determines how long each thing shall live. That means it is His *Breath* that determines when things will die. Originally, He breathed a life cycle into every kind of tree, plant and grass. And through intermediate forces—wind, cold, and nature’s forces—it is the *Spirit’s Breath* that determines when it dies. The *Spirit’s Breath* has breathed a life cycle of 70 years into the normal human body, and by reason of strength; some live into their eighties or beyond (Ps. 90:10). The *Spirit* knows the length of the days of your life, but you’ll not know which is the last day. So, live this day to its fullest potential; live for God.

*“Holy Spirit, I accept each day You give and I will live each one as though it is my last. I’ll live this day to the fullest. May I glorify You throughout this day.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *the Lord’s Breath*, so He gives you the Lord’s life. Since the Lord lives forever, He gives eternal life to those who believe in Christ. Since the Lord is holy, He helps you live a holy life. Since the Lord is righteous, He gives you a spirit to do the right things.

*“Holy Spirit, breathe on me. Renew Your life in me so I’ll rise up to shake off the chains that keep me from doing Your will. Amen.”*

Reading: Isa. 40:1-11

Words: 254

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit gives life to all living things.

MARCH 29

THE JUDGE OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD—JESUS

“And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead” (Acts 10:42).

*Jesus is The Judge of the Living and the Dead.* This means He is the judge of believers and non-believers, those who are living and those already dead. Those who believe in *Jesus* are saved; they have eternal life and those who don't believe in Him are dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1). *Jesus* will judge believers to give them their rewards, and He will judge the unsaved to determine their punishment (Rev. 20:11, 12). *Jesus* is the judge of all people; none can escape His scrutiny. Because you believe in Him, your sins have been forgiven. *Jesus* will not punish you in judgment, but you will have to give an account of your faithfulness and works (1 Cor. 3:12-17).

*“Lord, thank You for eternal life. Help me to serve You faithfully so I can look forward to seeing You in anger, but I look forward to receiving rewards.”*

*Jesus is The Judge of the Living and the Dead;* no one can escape His judgment throne. Some think only those living when He returns will be judged. No, *Jesus* will raise all the dead to appear before Him with the living. He is the judge of all souls in the universe; no one will be exempt. Plead His mercy today, so you won't meet him in anger in the future.

*“Lord, I know You have judged my sins on the cross; in appreciation I worship You. I know You will judge all unsaved people; so in gratitude I thank You for salvation. I know all people will appear before You; I am not perfect, so I will be judged. My only plea is Your righteousness. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Words: 277

Key Thought: Jesus will judge all people, both saved and unsaved.

MARCH 30

THE MAN CHRIST JESUS—JESUS

“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).

*Jesus* was human because He was born of the Virgin Mary. He is *The Man Christ Jesus*; therefore He understands your desires and dreams, and He knows the weaknesses of the human body. He knows what it means to be tired; He suffered on Calvary until He lost consciousness. You do not have any natural human weakness that *Jesus* doesn't understand. Therefore, *The Man Christ Jesus* can intercede to the Father for you. He can ask for help for your weaknesses. Because *Jesus* is a man, He can be your Mediator.

*“Christ Jesus, I come to You as my Mediator. You know my weaknesses and you understand my failures; ask the Father to give me strength to stand against temptation. You understand my dreams and ambitions; help me reach my life goals.”*

*Jesus* is *The Man Christ Jesus*. When the title “*Christ*” appears before the human name *Jesus*, it's an emphasis on His work as Redeemer on the cross. When the name *Jesus* appears first, it emphasizes the man who died on the cross. So in today's verse, *The Man Christ Jesus* stands at the right hand of the Father as the “man in the glory” (Heb. 7:24, 25). Your Mediator is pleading with the Father to forgive your sins. Confess all your sins now and ask for forgiveness because *The Man Christ Jesus* is interceding to the Father for you.

*“Christ Jesus, I come asking for forgiveness of sins. Be my Mediator with the Father for me. Cleanse me and make me useable to serve You this day. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Tim. 1:1-7

Words: 260

Key Thought: The man Christ Jesus is your effective Mediator to the Father.

MARCH 31

EL EMUNAH (THE FAITHFUL GOD)—TRINITY

“Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments” (Deuteronomy 7:9).

The Lord is *El Emunah*, the faithful God of the future. Some make gods with their hands and worship them. But idols are not able to do anything that God can do. They can't think, feel or act. But the Lord in Heaven knows all about you, thinks of you and loves you. The Lord has promised to guide you, protect you and “work all things together for His own good” (Rom. 8:28). Because the Father is a faithful God, He will keep His promises. The Lord is *El Emunah*, the faithful God of the past. He was faithful to bless His people when they kept past covenants and He was faithful to punish them when they disobeyed His commandments. You can see His faithfulness in judgment and you can see His faithfulness when He forgave them their sins. As the Father has been faithful to Israel, so He will be faithful to you. ““Because of Your mercies, we are not destroyed, Your compassion is new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness”” (Lam. 3:22, 23, Author's Translation). The Lord is *El Emunah*, the faithful God of the present. Our present is grounded in God's past, because God has faithfully kept His word in the past, He will be faithful to you today.

*“Lord, forgive me when I doubt Your Word and I don't believe Your promises. Thank You for Your reminder that You're El Emunah—the faithful God. Help me to walk confidently today, and serve You faithfully. Amen.”*

Reading: Deuteronomy 7

Words: 249

Key Thought: You can trust God today because He was faithful in the past.



APRIL 1

THE LORD OF PEACE—JESUS

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace always in every way” (2 Thessalonians 3:16).

*Jesus is The Lord of Peace.* As Lord He is *Master*, so *Jesus* is the *Master of Peace*. His nature is peace, so when He awoke in a boat in the middle of a violent storm, *Jesus* commanded the winds, “Peace be still” (Mark 4:39). When *Jesus* died on the cross for your sins, He made peace between God and sinners. Now because of *Jesus*, you can have “peace with God” (Rom. 5:1). Since you are a Christian, *Jesus* can calm your fears and soothe your anxieties. He can give you the “peace of God” (Phil. 4:7). Do you need peace in our heart today?

*“Lord, I come to You. Thank You for saving me and giving me the peace with God. Thank You for living in my heart to give me the peace of God. Come be the Master of my heart.”*

*Jesus is The Lord of Peace.* No other religious leader can give peace, as *Jesus* gives, because “heart-peace” doesn’t come from men, it comes from God. No activity can give peace of heart, unless it has *Jesus* as its focus. Money, fame or earthly power cannot give you peace in this life or the life to come. If you want contentment, satisfaction, and deep inner joy, come to *Jesus*. He is *The Lord of Peace*.

*“Lord Jesus, I need Your peace to settle my fears for this day. Take control of my thinking and settle my mind. Help me look at life through Your perspective. Amen.”*

Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Words: 249

Key Thought: *Jesus* can give you peace because He is the Lord of Peace.

APRIL 2

THE LORD OF GLORY—JESUS

“None of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory” (1 Corinthians 2:8).

*Jesus is The Lord of Glory*; He left Heaven and its glories to be born as a babe in Bethlehem. Heaven was magnified by the presence of *Jesus*, but He gave up its luster and glory to be born in a humble stable and to be part of a poor family. When He left the side of the Father to come to earth, He was *The Lord From Glory*. He gave it all up because of His love for fallen humanity. *Jesus is The Lord of Glory* who came to die for the world.

*“Jesus, thank You for giving up Your heavenly home to come to earth for sinners. Thank You for giving up Your glory to suffer the agonies of Calvary for me.”*

Jesus left the glories of Heaven, knowing He would return. The night before He died, *Jesus* prayed, “Glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was” (John 17:5, KJV). *Jesus* was *The Lord From Glory*, but when He returned to Heaven, He had more glory than when He left. *Jesus* had added His glorious victory over sin, death and the Evil One. Now, *Jesus* is truly *The Lord of Glory*. *Jesus* has more glory now than before He came to the world.

*“Jesus, I want my life to add even more glory to You for all You’ve done for me. I can’t fully understand Your love, but I accept it. I glorify You because You alone are worthy of glory. Amen.”*

Reading: Phil. 2:1-11

Words: 255

Key Thought: Jesus receives additional glory for His accomplishments on Calvary.

APRIL 3

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN—FATHER

“When you pray, say: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven’” (Luke 11:2).

You should pray, “*Our Father who art in Heaven.*” This is the phrase Jesus used to teach you how to pray. Notice, He didn’t use the singular possessive pronoun “*My Father.*” The plural possessive “*Our Father*” includes Jesus and you. So when you pray, “*Our Father,*” you are coming to the *Father* with Jesus. That means the *Father* will hear and answer your prayers because Jesus is your intercessor (Heb. 7:24, 25). It also means you are coming through the blood of Jesus’ cross (Heb. 4:14-16). Jesus is near to the *Father*’s heart, so when you pray with Jesus, “*Our Father,*” you get immediate intimacy with the *Father*. By coming to the *Father* with Jesus, you can be as close to the *Father* as Jesus.

*“Our Father, I come to You with Jesus, so I pray, “Our Father . . . may Your name be holy in my life today, as Your name is revered in Heaven.”*

Because you were identified with Jesus in His death, burial, and resurrection, you can pray “*Our Father.*” Because you’ve invited Christ to live in your heart (Eph. 3:17), you can pray *Our Father*. You can have confidence when you come to the *Father* with Jesus.

*“Our Father in Heaven, rule Your Kingdom from the throne of my heart. May I obey Your will in my life today on Earth, as Your will is obeyed in Heaven. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Words: 234

Key Thought: You must come with Jesus to the Father.

APRIL 4

THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH—JESUS

“One of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals’” (Revelation 5:5).

*Jesus is The Lion of the Tribe of Judah.* He fulfilled the Old Testament prediction that the King-Messiah (Gen. 49:8, 9) would come from the tribe of Judah. Just as the lion is called the ruler of the jungle, so the lion symbol is used to describe earthly rulers. *Jesus* is pictured as a lion because He will rule all mankind. Let Him rule your heart and lead you to a better life.

*“Lord, come rule my heart, because I cannot rule it. Sometimes I don’t do the things I want to do, and sometimes I do the things I don’t want to do (Rom. 7:15).”*

*Jesus is The Lion of the Tribe of Judah* who will prevail in the future to open the book and loose the seals (Rev. 5:5), so He can prevail against your unruly heart. He can rule your life and help you control your desires. He can keep you from excesses and lawlessness. But you must yield to Him for *Jesus* to control your life. Just as John wept because he couldn’t open the book, so you shouldn’t despair because of your weaknesses. *Jesus is The Lion of the Tribe of Judah*; He has strength to help control your life today.

*“Lord, I surrender my rebellious spirit to You, but I also want You to give me the power to do the will of God. When I lack inner strength and fortitude, I look to Your strength as a lion. I yield to your rule for this day. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 5:1-5

Words: 254

Key Thought: Jesus can give you strength to control your weaknesses.

APRIL 5

THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF GOD—JESUS

“For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6).

*Jesus is The Light of the Knowledge of the Glory Of God.* Just as the Father shined out of darkness to give the world physical light, so *Jesus* will shine into darkened hearts to give spiritual light concerning Himself and His kingdom. Those who are blinded by sin live in a darkened world; they can't find their way to Heaven, they live in a black, cold and threatening world. Blinded people are shut up to their own limited experience, without hope and are lost. But *Jesus* came to give them the *Light* of salvation. “He was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world” (John 1:9).

*“Lord, it feels good to live where there's spiritual light. I can see spiritual things because of You. You have shown me how to live and what will happen to me when I die. Your Light is warm and comfortable and I am confident of the future.”*

*Jesus is The Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God.* He shines light on heathen cultures that are lost in the darkness of self-worship and greed. *Jesus* helps spiritually blinded people see the plan of salvation. He shines light on the pathway to guide His followers. He puts a fire in their souls to give them hope for eternity.

*“Lord, I love to walk in the Light, because I remember how awful I felt walking in darkness. I will walk in Your Light for the rest of my life. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Words: 250

Key Thought: Jesus is the light that shows people where to walk.

APRIL 6

THE FINGER OF GOD—HOLY SPIRIT

“Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, ‘This is the finger of God.’ But Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and he did not heed them” (Exodus 8:19).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Finger of God*. He is the One used by the Father and Son to carry out divine work in the world. The *Holy Spirit* was *The Finger of God* that wrote the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone. He was the judgmental finger that brought 10 plagues upon Egypt (Exod. 8:19). He is the weather finger that controls storms and drought. He can be *The Finger of God* to touch your life today. The *Holy Spirit* wants to direct your actions and control your destiny. With His finger, you can touch your world. Will you yield to the control of the *Holy Spirit* today?

*“Holy Spirit, touch me. Just as I touch things in this world, I want You to touch me today. Use me. Give me new purpose and new energy.”*

*The Finger of God* can touch you with power so you can do the will of the Father. The *Holy Spirit* is *The Finger of God* who can touch your circumstances to solve problems and put things in order. *The Finger of God* can point you in the direction you should go. Look to the *Holy Spirit* for direction, trust Him for spiritual power, and yield to His control.

*“Holy Spirit, I need Your presence today. Come live in my body. I want to touch You with my prayers, but most importantly, I want to touch You with my heart. Amen.”*

Reading: Exodus 8:16-19; Luke 11:14-23

Words: 238

Key Thought: God uses the Holy Spirit to get things done.

APRIL 7

THE LIGHT OF THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL—JESUS

“The god of this world hath blinded (the unsaved) the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV).

*Jesus is The Light of the Glorious Gospel.* Did you see those two words, “Light” and “Glorious”? He is both the *Light* of the Gospel and the *Glory* of the Gospel. In a world where people are blinded by sin, and where people are lost in the blackness of eternal night, *Jesus* is the *Light* of salvation; He is the *Light* of the Gospel.

*“Lord Jesus, when I saw the Light, I believed. When the Light appeared in my life, I followed it. Give me more illumination today so I’ll know where to walk.”*

*Jesus is The Glory of the Gospel.* When the Shekinah Glory cloud rested on the Ark of the Covenant, the priest had to leave the Holy of Holies (Exod. 40:35; 2 Chron. 5:14). Humans couldn’t remain in the presence of the glory of God. Just as the Lord Jesus came to dwell among Israel, now He comes to live in the lives of His people. It is through His followers that He brings *The Light of the Gospel* to the world. It is not just a dazzling light that God wants unsaved people to see. He wants to bring the *Light* of His presence into the hearts of unsaved people, so they can believe the glorious Gospel. Remember *Jesus* said, “I am the Light of the world” (John 8:12).

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for living in my heart. Shine Light to the world through me. I want to shine the Light of the Glorious Gospel of Christ to all people. Amen.”*

Reading: Cor. 4:1-6

Words: 255

Key Thought: Jesus is the light that gets people saved.

APRIL 8

THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER—JESUS

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

*Jesus* is the *Only Begotten of the Father*, which means He comes from the Father and is the unique personification of the Father. To be begotten of the Father means *Jesus* is the expression of the Father. This verse emphasizes the characteristics of *Jesus* as “the Word,” which means the message and meaning of the Word reflects the Father. When the Father wants to make an utterance to the world, He does it through *Jesus*, the Word.

*“Lord Jesus, I come asking You to teach me what the Father in Heaven is like. I want to love the Father more than ever, but I must know Him better to love Him better.”*

*Jesus* is the *Only Begotten of the Father*, which means, “He is just like the Father.” If you want to see what the Father is like, look at *Jesus* in the Scriptures. If you want to know how the Father relates to you, look at how *Jesus* related to people. If you want to approach the Father, go to Him through His Son. To know the Father better, know *Jesus*.

*“Lord Jesus, I look to You to see the Father. I know the father is loving because I see how You loved people. I know the Father is powerful because I see Your awesome power in creating the universe and Your transforming power of individuals. I know the Father is kind and gentle because You are patient and forgiving to me. Amen.”*

Reading: John 1:14-28

Words: 244

Key Thought: To better know the Father, learn about Jesus.



APRIL 9

EL SHADDAI (ALMIGHTY GOD)—TRINITY

“The LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am Almighty God—El Shaddai—walk before Me and be blameless’” (Genesis 17:1).

The name *El Shaddai* means the powerful One, but it also means the Tender One. The name *Almighty* comes from *Shad*, i.e., the breast that is tender to nourish children. But remember the chest is also the symbol of power and might. The Lord is *Almighty God—El Shaddai*—a name that carries two opposite ideas; sympathy and power. *El Shaddai* is tender to those who are hurting and needy. He tenderly listens to your problems, and will comfort you. But *El Shaddai* also has awesome power to solve problems. *El Shaddai* comes to you as *El Shaddai* as He came to Abraham, asking you to trust and obey Him. *El Shaddai* is both tender to forgive your sin and powerful to deliver you from problems and sin oppression.

*“El Shaddai, You are Almighty God. I confess and repent of my sins. Be powerful to forgive them through the blood of Christ (1 John 1:7), but also be tender to fold me close to Your amazing grace.”*

The name *Almighty* means “all sufficiency.” *El Shaddai* will be everything you need; trust Him and obey Him. Your needs or emergencies will not surprise Him. He has faced them before in others. He will comfort you in your pain when you cry to Him. But *El Shaddai* is also powerful; He can deliver you and give you victory. What do you need from Him today?

*“El Shaddai, I will be close to You. Be my intimate companion to encourage me, and be my powerful God to provide for me. Amen.”*

Reading: Genesis 17:1-8

Words: 258

Key Thought: Almighty God can comfort or deliver you.

APRIL 10

THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE—JESUS

“Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day” (2 Timothy 4:8).

*Jesus is The Righteous Judge.* When you come into future judgment, He will not punish you for your sins, because He died for your sins. Your sins were judged on the cross (John 12:31, 32; 16:11) and all your iniquities were covered by the blood. When you appear before *The Righteous Judge*, He will reward you for your faithfulness and service. Every good thing you’ve ever done will be evaluated by Him (1 Cor. 3:13, 2 Cor. 5:10). Then he’ll give you your rewards, also called crowns (James 1:12).

*“Lord, You are The Righteous Judge. Thank You for forgiveness of sins. Thank You for mercy and grace. I don’t deserve it, but I accept it.”*

*The Righteous Judge* will not make mistakes when He judges people at the end of this age. Because He is omnipotent with all power, He can bring every person and all facts into His presence. Because He is omnipresent, and omniscient, He knows all things, He understands everyone’s actions and motivations. Because He is God, you can count on Him to be a *Righteous Judge*. Whereas some corrupt judges can be bribed on this earth, *Jesus* will give the right judgment in the right way. He will look at all the merits of your case when you appear before Him. You will get the appropriate rewards from *The Righteous Judge*.

*“Lord, I know You are righteous, so I rest securely in Your presence. I know You will judge me rightly. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Tim. 4:1-16

Words: 246

Key Thought: Jesus will give the right judgment in the right way.

APRIL 11

THE PRINCE OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH—JESUS

“And from Jesus Christ . . . the prince of the kings of the earth” (Revelation 1:5, KJV).

Jesus is *The Prince of the Kings of the Earth*. A prince is one who is waiting for the throne that he will formally assume in the future. Jesus is the *Prince* who will assume His throne at the second return. Then, He’ll be “King of Kings, and Lord of Lords” (Rev. 19:16). However, His future reign doesn’t deny His present rulership in the hearts of His followers, or His sovereignty in Heaven. He wants to sit on the throne of your heart.

*“Jesus, I pray, ‘Your kingdom come’ (Matt. 6:10), for the future millennium. But for today, I want You to rule my heart.”*

Jesus is *The Prince of the Kings of the Earth*, but now in His sovereign plan, He allows each earthly ruler to rule. Whereas many earthly leaders ignore Christ and violate His laws, still God recognizes “the powers (rulers) that be are ordained of God” (Rom. 13:1). Those who rebel at His authority will be punished when they stand before the judgment throne. Even when rulers rebel against God, He works His plans through them. Many rulers think they are doing whatever they want, but the Bible teaches, “The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD . . . He turns it wherever He wishes” (Prov. 21:1).

*“Jesus, You have all power in Heaven and earth. I marvel at Your patience and I praise You for working ‘all things together for good to us who love You’ (Rom. 8:28, Author’s Paraphrase). Amen.”*

Reading: John 17:1-19

Words: 249

Key Thought: Let Jesus rule your heart today because one day He’ll rule all things.

APRIL 12

MY FATHER—FATHER

“My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are one” (John 10:29, 30).

The *Father* has a special relationship to *Jesus Christ*. Jesus is His Son and we can never understand their relationship because we are human. But we can enjoy the results of that relationship. Because Jesus and the *Father* are One, you can have access to the *Father* through Jesus because You are in Christ (union) and He is in you (communion) (John 14:20; 15:3, 5). You have great security because you are in Jesus; “I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them away from me” (John 10:28, *NLT*).

Jesus called the *Father*, “*My Father*,” reflecting a unique relationship (John 5:16-18). Jesus was closer to the *Father*’s heart than anyone else because the *Father* and Son were One (John 17:11, 21). Yet, because you are in Christ, you can be as close as Jesus to the *Father*’s heart.

*“I come to You, Father, because I am in Christ. I want to be as close to You as Jesus is. Accept me and bless me because of Jesus.”*

Because Jesus referred to God as “*My Father*,” so can you. God is your *Father* who protects His children because they were given to Him by Christ. “I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them away from me, for *my Father* has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. So no one can take them from me” (John 10:28, 29, *NLT*).

*“Father, I rest confidently in Your presence, knowing Jesus gave me access to Your heart. Thank You for this peace. Amen.”*

Reading: John 10:22-39

Words: 267

Key Thought: You can be as close as Jesus is to the Father.

APRIL 13

THE ONLY WISE GOD— JESUS

“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen” (1 Timothy 1:17).

*Jesus is The Only Wise God*; idols can't speak and leaders of false religions don't know anything. Because the *Lord Jesus* created people, He knows what people think; He even knows their motives and desires. He knows everything about all people, so He knows all about you. *Jesus* knows your temptations and your strengths. He knows your spiritual dreams and your secret sin. He knows what is best for you for this day; will you let *Jesus, The Only Wise God*, guide you?

*“Lord Jesus, You know everything about me. You know I am not as strong as I want to be. Stand by me and help me today. You know what is best for this day.”*

*Jesus is The Only Wise God* who knows everything that's ever happened. He knows things that haven't yet happened and, “callesth those things which be not as though they were” (Rom. 4:17, *KJV*). *Jesus* knows what will happen to you before it happens, and He knows the things that could have happened to you, but didn't. Trust Him to guide you and protect you. Let Him help you make good decisions to keep you from physical harm and spiritual danger.

*“Lord Jesus, You know the future and I don't know what will happen to me. So, guide me this day. You have kept me from making mistakes in the past, and You've protected me from evil. You are the Only Wise God. I need Your wise guidance to keep me from making mistakes. I will depend upon Your guidance this day. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 39

Words: 259

Key Thought: The wisdom of Jesus can help you make good decisions.

APRIL 14

FAITHFUL AND TRUE—JESUS

“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war” (Revelation 19:11).

*Jesus* is called *Faithful and True*. These names were not given to Him until the end of the book of Revelation. When John saw the second coming of *Jesus* in power, he called Him *Faithful and True*. These compound names reflect His character, i.e., He is *faithful* to do all He promised, and *Jesus* promised, “I will come again” (John 14:2). *Jesus* is *True* and consistent to all that is established in the universe. *Jesus*’ second coming is the appropriate climax to all He did since Creation. *Jesus* will be *Faithful and True* throughout the great tribulation in Revelation, so He’ll be *Faithful and True* in your hour of trial. Right to the end, He’ll be the same, regardless of circumstances, regardless of pressures, regardless of other’s disappointments; *Jesus* will prove Himself, *Faithful and True*.

*“Lord, how long will my troubles last? The Evil One is strong and it’s been so long. It’s easy to get my eyes on tribulation and not on You. Help me look beyond my problem to see Your victorious triumph. How long?”*

*Jesus* will always be *Faithful and True* to the plan He established when He created all things. He will allow sin to run its course, and He will allow the Evil One to do His work. But then He’ll return, just as He promised, to judge sin and evildoers and to reward those who obey Him.

*“Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness to keep Your Word and for being truthful about the reality of sin. Because I have trusted You in salvation, I will continue trusting You today. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 19:11-21

Words: 266

Key Thought: *Jesus* will be Faithful and True to the end.

APRIL 15

SHOWERS THAT WATER THE EARTH—HOLY SPIRIT

“He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth ” (Psalm 72:6).

The *Holy Spirit* is like showers that water the earth. He will come upon His people like the necessary showers that give life to things on the earth. Sometimes He is like a pouring rain that drenches the earth and produces a flood. Sometimes He is like a gentle *Shower*—a mist—that lightly sprinkles droplets upon the leaves and grass. Sometimes the ground doesn’t need a downpour; it’s already saturated. Sometimes on a hot sweltering day, you need a few rain showers to cool you off. You need a light drizzle to refresh your spirit. Let the *Holy Spirit* be your *Shower* of refreshment today.

*“Holy Spirit, I’m waiting for a rain Shower. Lately it’s been hot and I’m exhausted. Refresh me so I can continue walking by faith.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is like *Showers that Water the Earth*. Showers come when it’s been too hot; He’ll come when you’re tempted and tired. Most people stop working during showers; would this be a good time for you to get some rest? When the rain is gently falling, it’s a time to think and enjoy the natural surroundings. Isn’t this a good time to look around, take stock of your work, and prepare for the next task?

*“Holy Spirit, rain on me. I need Your gentle presence to refresh me. I’ve done a lot of things and I’m tired. I’ve got some big tasks ahead of me and I need some rest. Holy Spirit, refresh me today. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 72:1-19

Words: 248

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will refresh you like a rain Shower.

APRIL 16

THE TRUSTWORTHY WITNESS—JESUS

“And from Jesus Christ, the trustworthy witness” (Revelation 1:5, Berkley Version).

*Jesus is the Trustworthy Witness; He came to witness the message of the Father. You can trust Jesus for He perfectly witnessed to the world what the Father wanted said. When Jesus identified Himself as One with the Father, “The Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God” (John 5:18). Jesus did what He was trusted to do and He said what needed to be said. Jesus was a Trustworthy Witness in the face of death.*

*“Lord, thank You for faithfully witnessing about the Father while on earth. Thank You for faithfully witnessing to my heart the love of the Father for me.”*

Remember the word “witness” is translated from the word for *martyr*. Those who are killed for their faithful witness are called martyrs. The Jews accused *Jesus* of blasphemy because He faithfully witnessed to them about the Father. He was killed for His witness, now He wants you to be a faithful witness for Him to the world, “You shall be witnesses to Me” (Acts 1:8). How will you witness for Him today?

*“Lord, because You died for me, the least I can do is be a trustworthy witness for You. Help me be worthy of the trust you placed in me. I will faithfully tell others what You have done for me. You can trust me to be a witness to You and the Father who sent You. Amen.”*

Reading: John 7:40-53

Words: 252

Key Thought: Jesus wants you to be a trustworthy witness for Him.



APRIL 17

THE TRIUMPHANT SON OF MAN—JESUS

“Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw . . . One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band” (Revelation 1:12, 13).

*Jesus is The Triumphant Son of Man* who stood glorified and transfigured before John on the Isle of Patmos. His hair was “as white as snow” (Rev. 1:14), a symbol of His purity. His eyes “were as a flame of fire” (Rev. 1:14), symbolic of judgment to accurately discern the nature of people. “His feet . . . as if refined in a furnace” (Rev. 1:15), were quick to burn away impurities and sin. *Jesus* wants you to be pure and truthful in all you do.

*“Lord Jesus, I bow before Your majesty; forgive my sin. Receive honor and glory from my life. Guide me to do things that will bring praise to You today.”*

*Jesus is The Triumphant Son of Man* who stood before John in priestly garments. His voice was compared to “the voice of many waters” (Rev. 1:15), emphasizing His authority. “Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword” (Rev. 1:16), symbolic of the Word of God that gives life. The brilliance about His countenance was “like the sun shining in its strength” (Rev. 1:16), reflecting His glory and transforming power. *Jesus* can transform your life. He can help you triumph over all your spiritual problems.

*“Lord, when John saw You, he fell at Your feet. I follow his example to worship at Your feet. As glorified Son of God in my life, I praise You for becoming all things for me. Help me see perfectly Your glory so I can reflect it to the world. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 17:1-13

Words: 251

Key Thought: The Triumphant Son of God can make you victorious.

APRIL 18

EL-ROI (YOU-ARE-THE-GOD-WHO-SEES)—TRINITY

“She called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me . . . .  
Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi” (Genesis 16:13, 14, *KJV*).

The Lord’s name is *El-Roi*, the God who sees everything you do. Therefore, you cannot hide anything from Him and He knows everything you are. Just as He saw Hagar running from her master, He seems you struggling with problems. Just as He appeared to Hagar to encourage her, He will come to support you. He seems your problems and knows your weaknesses. Just as He sent Hagar back to raise her son Ishmael (Gen. 16:1-16), so He has a task for you to do.

*“Lord, my sins are many; they can’t be hidden from You. Forgive my sin, cleanse me so I can walk before You in integrity. Thou God seest my struggles are great, they discourage me. Come help me get through this day. Lord, look at my talents; they are few. O God, see my ability; I am weak. How can I ever serve You?”*

Because the Lord is *El-Roi*, His ever-seeing presence should give you encouragement. Just as Hagar had to return to face conflict and problems, you can’t run from your troubles and you can’t keep problems out of your life. But the good news is you can solve your problem. *El Roi* will help you through them. You must face the difficulties from which you run, then you must call upon the Lord *El-Roi* to help you and be with you in your difficulties.

*“Lord, You see me and You know my weakness. Come to me and help me. Give me strength to face my problems and wisdom to solve them. Let me get victory from Your presence. Amen.”*

Readings: Genesis 16

Words: 265

Key Thought: The Lord sees your problems and will help you.

APRIL 19

THE TESTIMONY OF GOD—JESUS

“And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:1, 2).

*Jesus is The Testimony of God* to the world. Do not look for deep truths elsewhere; *Jesus* is the personification of truth. Do not look for mysterious wisdom; *Jesus* is the wisdom of God. Do not look for sparkling speeches or cleverly written words; *Jesus is The Testimony of God*. You’ll not find anything deeper in understanding than Christ, nor will you find anything simpler to understand than *Jesus*. Every thing God wants you to know, you’ll find in *Jesus*.

*“Jesus, I learn of You in the pages of Scripture. There is no grace greater than Your grace; no one has more love than Your love. You walked humbly among men to show us what God was like, now I bow at Your feet to exalt You in my life.”*

*Jesus is The Testimony* that God would have you know. Do not search for deep wisdom apart from Him. Do not seek to understand spiritual things that are complicated or confusing apart from Him. If you think you’ve found truth and *Jesus* is not there, you are lost in the jungle of error. God has testified what you need to know. You’ll find the answers to your questions in *Jesus* for He is *The Testimony of God*.

*“When I look into the crystal waters of a pond, I see the calm surface of a pool. Yet, beneath the surface it is deep, so deep I’ll never reach the bottom. Jesus is that pond. He is easy to understand; yet so deep I’ll never completely comprehend all He is and does. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Words: 261

Key Thought: Jesus has told us what the Father wants us to know.

APRIL 20

THE WORD OF LIFE—JESUS

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life” (1 John 1:1).

*Jesus is The Word of Life*; His words give eternal life to all who believe Him. Spokesmen for false religions speak words of death and idols cannot speak at all. As the *Word of Life*, *Jesus* communicates the life-giving message of the Father to the world. No one had seen the Father until *Jesus* came as the *Word of Life* to express what the Father was like. He spoke the message of salvation and in His death He provided life to all who would believe. The *Word of Life* is the message of His death, burial and resurrection.

*“Jesus, I know You have the words of life; sing them over again to me so I never forget their message. Sing them often to me because I love to hear them.”*

*Jesus* is the *Word of Life* that you must hear and understand to know how to go to Heaven. Then you must act on *Word of Life* to be saved. No other words have eternal life embedded in its message. Peter asked a question that tells us only *Jesus* has life-giving words. “To whom can we go, you have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). *Jesus* only has the *Word of Life* that gives you eternal life. He is the *Word of Life*; take Him into your life.

*“Jesus, I will believe the Word of Life and will walk daily according to Your message. I will love the Word of Life and cherish its message. I will share the Word of Life with those who don’t know You. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 John 1:1-4

Words: 260

Key Thought: The words of *Jesus* give life.

APRIL 21

ONE FATHER—FATHER

“Then they (the Jews) said to Him (Jesus), ‘We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God’” (John 8:41).

There is *One Father—God* of the universe. No other god can compare to Him. He created all things; idols cannot make anything. The *Father* sustains all life and order in the universe; false gods have no power to do anything. The *Father* is the personal God in whose image the first man was created; everyone who is born has His likeness. That’s why He is also the *Father* of all mankind—the *Father-God* of all. Because the *Father* has the power of personality, He knows people, loves people, and wants to have fellowship with them. Will you seek Him today?

*“You are my Father-God because You created me, but also because You saved me and made me Your child. You are the only God in my life. You are the One Father-God to whom I owe everything.”*

The *One Father—God* transcends high above all Heaven and Earth. He is the sovereign ruler of everything. Yet, He is as close to you as a parent because He is your *Father*. Just as a child owes its parents everything, so you must obey and honor Him. Just as a child must answer to its parent for its disobedience, so He is the *One Father-God* who will judge all people. Come to Him as a *Father*, so you won’t have to answer to Him as the *God of Judgment*.

*“I depend upon Your comparison as a Father to care for me and guide me. Help me to glorify You today. Amen.”*

Reading:

Words: 281

Key Thought: Knowing God is like knowing a Father.

APRIL 22

THE SON WHO IS CONSECRATED FOREVERMORE—JESUS

“For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore” (Hebrews 7:28).

As an *Intercessor*, *Jesus* doesn't need to be consecrated every day, as the Old Testament priests had to sacrifice daily for their sins. They had to be consecrated time and again because they sinned. It was impossible for them to enter God's presence unless they were cleansed each time they approached God. *Jesus* is *The Son Who Is Consecrated Forevermore*. He was eternally consecrated—prepared—to continually enter God's presence for you. *Jesus* was perfect—without sin—so He could be our Sin-bearer. So now *Jesus* is the constant Intercessor for our sins. All day and every day, He stands ready to intercede to the Father for us.

*“Jesus, I constantly need You to intercede for me because I constantly fail. I sin innocently; intercede to the Father for me. I give into temptation; pray to strengthen me.”*

*Jesus* has an “unchangeable priesthood” (Heb. 7:24). No matter what sin you commit, and no matter why you sin, He will intercede to the Father for you. Remember, “The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Did you see that word “all”? He cleanses you totally from sin; now confess it, repent, and ask *Jesus* to forgive it. Then seek His power to overcome it. *Jesus* wants to give you victory. He stands in the Father's presence for you.

*“Jesus, I am amazed at Your grace and forgiveness. Thank You for cleansing my sin. Now make continued intercession for me. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 14:32-42

Words: 246

Key Thought: *Jesus* makes constant intercession for your sin.

APRIL 23

THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD—JESUS

“Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God’”  
(Matthew 16:16).

*Jesus is The Son of the Living God;* all false gods have no life in them. False gods don’t think, love, nor do the false gods answer the prayers offered to them. They are carved from wood or stone; they can’t communicate with you and they can’t give life to those who worship them. *Jesus is The Son of the Living God;* both *Jesus* and the Father are alive, and have always lived. There was never a time when the *Living God* didn’t exist. Perhaps the greatest creative act was when the Father breathed into Adam’s nostrils the breath of life. And in that creative act life was given to Adam; and through generations of procreation, life was given to you.

*“I come to You, Living God, thanking You for creating me in Your image. Because I have a mind, I think about You. Because I have emotions, I love You. Because I have a will, I choose to follow You.”*

*Jesus is The Son of the Living God;* He gave you spiritual life through His death, burial and resurrection. “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). You have two kinds of life: (1) You got your eternal life by believing in *Jesus*, and, (2) you can enjoy satisfying life more abundantly by magnifying *Jesus* in all you do.

*“I cling to You, Son of the Living God, for without You I don’t have life. But with You in my heart, I have eternal life. Today, help me enjoy Your abundant life. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 16:13-16

Words: 264

Key Thought: Jesus gives you all types of life.

APRIL 24

THE BREATH OF LIFE—HOLY SPIRIT

“The breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them” (Revelation 11:11).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Breath of Life*. When God breathed into the nostrils of Adam, the *Holy Spirit* was *The Breath of Life* that gave him physical life. Through the continual miracles of procreation, *The Breath of Life* has reached you and given you existence. “For in him we live and move and exist” (Acts 17:28, NLT). When you were born again, the life of God entered you; the *Breath of Life* gave you spiritual life. You have life—physically and spiritually—because of the *Holy Spirit*. Now live for Him today. Because He is holy, He wants you to live a holy life. Because He is Spirit, He wants you to live a spiritual life.

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for life, both physically and spiritually. I will live for You today.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Breath of Life* that resurrected the two witnesses back to physical life (Rev. 11:11). But more than a return to their old life, they had resurrected bodies, i.e., glorified bodies. They will live forever in those renewed bodies that were transformed. Just as the two witnesses were transformed because the *Holy Spirit* is *The Breath of Life*, so you will be resurrected in the last days. You will receive a new resurrected body from the *Spirit* because He is *The Breath of Life*.

*“Holy Spirit, I know You will give me new life in the future, but today I need help. Blow Your Spirit into me. Encourage me, strengthen me, guide me and help me accomplish all I have to do. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 11:1-12

Words: 260

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit gives life to all you do.



APRIL 25

THE SON OF THE FATHER—JESUS

“Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love” (2 John 3).

*Jesus is The Son*, sent by My Father to save a sinful world (John 5:19). *The Son* is the constant object of the Father’s love (John 5:20). The Father and *The Son* are One in nature (John 10:30), but they are separate persons. They talk to each other, love each other and work together to save the world.

*“O Son of God, I magnify You for Your power and love. I know You can do all things; so work in my life today.”*

*The Son* wants you to know Him and honor Him, as He honors the Father (John 5:23). Those who do not honor *The Son*, offend the Father (John 5:23). Just as the Father raised the dead, *Jesus* gives spiritual life to those who believe in Him (John 5:20). Those who are spiritually dead in sin can have eternal life through “the words of the Son” (John 5:24), and believers who have physically died will be raised to resurrection life in the future through “the words of the Son” (John 5:25, 28). The Father has given *The Son* the power to give life to all who believe and the Father has given *The Son* authority to judge sinners at the end of the age (John 5:27).

*“Jesus, I want Your power in my life today. I want Your “words” to give me strength and optimism to meet the challenges I face. I want Your indwelling presence to encourage me for all I do. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 John 1-13

Words: 246

Key Thought: The Son of God can give energy to your Christian life.

APRIL 26

THE SON OF GOD—JESUS

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:31).

*Jesus is The Son of God*, the Second Person of the Godhead. Because the description “Son” is used of *Jesus* does not mean He is less than the Father. They are co-equal and co-eternal, and share these attributes equally with the Holy Spirit. The phrase “Son” means *Jesus* has the same nature as the Father, and that He is the personification of all the characterization of deity. *Jesus* is God; can you trust Him?

*“Jesus, I know You are God, for only God can forgive my sins and transform my life. But, I am concerned when the world doubts who You are.”*

People have always doubted the deity of Christ. Even on the cross, unsaved people mocked His claims of deity, “If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross” (Matt. 27:40). But *Jesus* didn’t respond to doubting criticism the way the world wants answers. He showed His deity in miracles of compassion and by forgiving their sins. The Holy Spirit will work in their hearts to show them who *Jesus* is (John 16:7-15). God expects them to respond to His love. *Jesus* expects people to respond to His invitation to be saved. *Jesus* is *The Son of God*, Creator, Lord, and in the final day, He’ll be their Judge.

*“Jesus, I bow at Your feet, recognizing You as God. You are the LORD of the Ages. I recognize you as my Lord this day. I worship You as the Son of God. Amen.”*

Reading: John 20:24-31

Words: 247

Key Thought: You must recognize Jesus as the Son of God.

APRIL 27

EL ELYON (MOST HIGH GOD)—TRINITY

“But Abram said to the king of Sodom, ‘I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth’” (Genesis 14:22).

The Lord is *El Elyon*, the Most High God, a name that means He owns Heaven and earth. He invites you, “Make the Lord your Refuge, make the Most High your habitation, then no plan by the Evil One shall overcome you” (Ps. 91:9, 10, Author’s Translation). Then you can respond, “I will dwell in the secret place with the Most High. I will abide under His almighty shadow” (Ps. 91:1, Author’s Translation). The Lord is *El Elyon*, the Most High God who can take care of you as He provided for His servants in the Scriptures. Look beyond your daily issues to heavenly things. He knows what will happen today . . . and tomorrow . . . and in the future. When you can’t see what’s happening—trust Him—His plans are much greater than your plans.

*“Lord, I feel threatened and sometimes I’m scared to death. Evil seems so strong in the world. Help me.”*

The Lord is *El Elyon*, the Possessor of Heaven and Earth; nothing happens without His knowledge. No one can take away your life until His appointed time. While He allows evil to run its course, the Most High God has a plan for your life. He’s fashioning you according to His purpose. Behind the scenes He works all things, together “for good to those who love Him, to those who are the called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28).

*“Most High God, I give my life to you; I yield to Your plans for this day. I look for Your protection; help me today. Amen.”*

Reading: Genesis 14:17-24

Words: 264

Key Thought: The Most High God can take care of you.

APRIL 28

MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER– FATHER

“Jesus said to her, ‘Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God’” (John 20:17).

Jesus called on *His Father* while He was on earth. Jesus said He would ascend back to Heaven to His Father (John 20:17). But Mary Magdalene tried to hang onto Him with a view of keeping Him on earth. If Mary kept Jesus on earth, He would not have been intimate with all believers, nor with His heavenly Father. But Jesus ascended to Heaven so both He and the Father could indwell all believers (John 14:21; Gal. 2:20).

*“Father, I need Your presence in my life. It will be difficult to make it through this day if I don’t have Your help. Let me come close to talk with You before I go to meet the world.”*

He is your intimate *Father*, just as He is intimate with all His children who come to Him through Jesus Christ. Because the Father is God, He is omnipresent throughout His universe which means He is equally present at all places at all times—present now, in the past, and in the future. Because you have come to the Father through Jesus (John 14:6), He can be intimate with you and with all other believers. Because you have been born again by the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-7), He is your intimate Father. What do you need from Him today? He is here for you; go to Him.

*“You are My own Father; I need You, I love You, and I worship You for all You’ve done for me. I obey Your instructions and come to You. Amen.”*

Reading: John 20:17-18

Words: 254

Key Thought: You can be as intimate with the Father as Jesus.

APRIL 29

UNDEFILED—JESUS

“For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens” (Hebrews 7:26).

*Jesus* is the perfect Son of God. Just as the sacrificial lamb had to be without blemish, so *Jesus* was the sinless substitute who died for your sin. Satan tempted *Jesus* to sin, but He rejected the enemy’s temptation (Matt. 4:1-11), so He can help you overcome your temptation or bad habits. The Jews accused *Jesus* of sin, but when He challenged them to name one sin, they were not able to do it (John 8:46). In the same way, you should have a blameless reputation before your enemies. On the night before *Jesus* died, He didn’t want to drink the cup of punishment, but He drank willingly, submitting to the suffering of the Cross (Matt. 26:39-42). Just as *Jesus* was perfectly obedient to the Father, will you willingly become obedient to the will of God?

*“Lord Jesus, You are my example for godly living; give me the power to resist sin. You are my High Priest who prays for me in Heaven; intercede to the Father for me.”*

The idea of *undefiled* means the absence of sin. But *Jesus* is more than One who never sinned; He has all the positive attributes of holiness. *Jesus* is as holy as the Father, so He can be your perfect High Priest.

*“Lord Jesus, I know You are my perfect High Priest, so I come asking You to help me in my struggles. Keep me from sin, make me holy, and use me this day. Amen.”*

Reading: Heb. 10:26-39)

Words: 244

Key Thought: Jesus can be your Intercessor because He was undefiled.

APRIL 30

YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN—FATHER

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16); “your Father in heaven . . . makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust” (Matthew 5:45); “Be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect” (Matthew 5:48).

*Your Father in Heaven* is more than a powerful Creator. *Your Father in Heaven* is Lord, but He’s more than the sovereign ruler of the universe; He’s your personal *Father in Heaven*. Just as a child has immediate access to the intimacies of his father, you have that relationship to Your heavenly *Father*. The *Father* gives you eternal life and no one is able to snatch you out of His hand (John 10:28, 29). He has prepared a home for you in Heaven, and will work all things in your life for good (Rom. 8:28). The *Father* will give you His grace and peace (1 Thess. 1:1).

*“Father, I rest secure in Your presence. Thank You for receiving me and giving me a new position in the heavenlies.”*

Now you belong to *Your Father in Heaven*. You can call on Him for answers to prayer and He will give you illumination to learn the Word of God. Because the *Father* belongs to you, you are special. You are His child so you have access to Him at any time for any plea. Because you are the *Father’s* child, all of Heaven is ready to help you.

*“Father, thank You for my special place near Your heart. I want to serve You with power so I can extend Your kingdom on earth. I want to know You intimately so I can be like You. I want to worship You so You will be glorified. Amen.”*

Reading: John 17:20-26

Words: 281

Key Thought: You received a special relationship to the Father when you became a Christian.

MAY 1

THE ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE—JESUS

“Then His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up’” (John 2:17). “Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me” (Psalm 69:9).

The disciples remembered *Jesus* as One with *Zeal for God’s House*. They observed how *Jesus* went to the synagogue each Sabbath, “. . . as His custom was” (Luke 4:16). They remembered how *Jesus* went up to Jerusalem and entered the Temple, as was required of a Jewish male. They remembered how *Jesus* cleansed the Temple at the beginning (John 2:13-22) and the end of His three-year ministry (Luke 19:45, 46). *Jesus* wanted God’s house to be reverent and clean saying, “My house is a house of prayer, but you have made it a ‘den of thieves’” (Luke 19:46). *Jesus* “was teaching daily in the temple” (Luke 19:47). Why did *Jesus* have such extraordinary zeal for the Temple? Because the Father was there.

*“Jesus, I confess I don’t treat my church as reverently as You treated God’s house. Forgive my shortcomings. Give me a holy zeal for God’s house as You demonstrated on earth.”*

When *Jesus* was on earth, *The Zeal of the Father’s House* demanded His loyalty. That’s what the phrase “eaten up” means. Does the church you attend demand your loyalty? Do you attend its meetings and do you give financially to its causes? *Jesus* felt an obligation to God’s house; He was “eaten up” with its demands. Why? Because God was present there on the day of worship.

*Lord, I renew my loyalty to my church. I will fulfill my obligations to You through my church. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Cor. 10:1-24

Words: 240

Key Thought: Christ would have You fulfill your obligations to your church.

MAY 2

THE FIRSTBORN—JESUS

“But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him’” (Hebrews 1:6).

*Jesus* was *The Firstborn* child of Mary; she had no children before Him. She was a virgin when *Jesus* was conceived in her of the Holy Spirit. She had not known a man (Lk. 1:34). It was the Father’s plan for *Jesus* to be her *Firstborn* because most mothers give more love and care to their first child. Because of this care, “The Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him” (Luke 2:40). *Jesus* was the God-man, perfect to be your Savior.

*“Lord Jesus, I praise You for Your birth and growth to full manhood. Just as the angels in Heaven worship You as the God-man, so do I.”*

*Jesus* was also “*the firstborn* of every creature” (Col. 1:15), which means He gave life to everything in the world. *Jesus* is “the beginning of the creation of God” (Rev. 3:14). Not only was *Jesus* the source of physical life, He is also *The Firstborn* from the dead, the first one to rise from the dead. Now *Jesus* is the source of all your spiritual life. Because you’re in Him, you have resurrection life (Gal. 2:20). Because *Jesus* is *The Firstborn*, He gives you a hope of future Heaven.

*“Lord, thank You for being The Firstborn of the virgin Mary to live and die on the cross for me. Thank You for being The Firstborn from the dead to give me resurrection life. Thank You for a hope of future resurrection and Heaven. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 1:1-9; Colossians 1:13-19

Words: 253

Key Thought: *Jesus* is the Firstborn of the resurrection to give us life.



MAY 3

THE HOLY ONE—HOLY SPIRIT

“I have not concealed the words of the Holy One” (Job 6:10).

*The Holy Spirit* is the *Holy One* sent from the Father to help you live godly. He is called *The Holy One* because His nature is holy. “Holy” is a word that means “separated to God” or “cut off from sin or rebellion against God.” Holy is a word that means “pure” or “pristine.” *The Holy Spirit* is sent to get sinful people ready to live with a holy God. He does that by convicting people of the sin, leading them to live godly lives and living in them as the *The Holy One*. He will sanctify you to “set you apart” from iniquity. What do you want from the *Holy Spirit* today?

*“Lord, I recognize my sin; cleanse me from all iniquity. I want to be holy; come live within my body to separate me from all that harms my Christian life.”*

*The Holy Spirit* is *The Holy One*. He will convict you of sin (John 16:7-11) and help you live close to God. He will give you a deep desire to get rid of sin. He will guide your steps to walk separated from sin. He will give you a passion to live for God (John 7:37, 38). He will help you become holy when you have a deep desire to live for God.

*“I come to You, Holy One; keep me from the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the Devil. I want to be godly; help me become more holy. Draw me closer to You. Amen.”*

Reading: Romans 8:1-17

Words: 251

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is sent to make you holy.

MAY 4

THE FORERUNNER—JESUS

“Where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek” (Hebrews 6:20).

*Jesus is The Forerunner* who has gone first to Heaven for us. Just as a delegation sends a runner to a city to announce their coming before they arrive, *Jesus is The Forerunner* who went into Heaven to announce the arrival of the church. He is your *Forerunner* who has announced your coming to Heaven. Just as a forerunner allows the people of a city to get ready for a delegation, so our *Forerunner* allows all of Heaven to prepare for our arrival. The Father has prepared a mansion for you (John 14:1-3) and *Jesus* is interceding to the Father for you. The angels are waiting for you. Everything is ready because *Jesus is The Forerunner* who prepared the way.

*“Lord Jesus, I face death with more confidence knowing You’ve gone before me to Heaven. My doubts fade when I realize You’re waiting for me. I don’t want to die, but at least I can look beyond death to see You waiting for me.”*

Not only has *Jesus* gone to prepare Heaven, He is now your Intercessor standing at the right hand of the Father, interceding for you to overcome temptation and make the trip triumphantly. So live confidently this day, because *Jesus* is preparing Heaven for you. He is praying for you as you journey homeward.

*“Lord Jesus, I know You stand at the right hand of the Father making intercession for me. Because You are in Heaven, I pray confidently and I live with assurance. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 6:1-20

Words: 248

Key Thought: Jesus is preparing Heaven for you.

MAY 5

THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE—JESUS

“For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light” (Psalm 36:9).

When you’ve been on a long hot walk, what you want is water. Sometimes the heat gets to be too much and you’re afraid of a heat stroke. You need some cool water on your tongue and something wet on the back of your neck. If you’re in really bad condition, you stick your whole head in the water. When you need water to keep from fainting, *Jesus* is your *Fountain of Life* who will give you a new presence of mind and a new focus. Do you need to cool down your anger, frustration, or bitterness?

*“Lord, I need some cool water before I leave home because it’s pretty hot out there. And, when I get home at the end of the day, I’ll need more water to refresh my life for the evening duties.”*

Sometimes at work you need a drink of water to refresh your work habits. Sometimes you need a drink of water in the middle of the night because your mouth is dry and you can’t sleep. Sometimes a drink of water makes you think well, play better, talk better, or perform better. For whatever you need, pause to drink of *Jesus*. Just as water energizes the body, so the renewed presence of *Jesus* revitalizes your life. Remember, *Jesus* called Himself “a fountain of water springing up in everlasting life” (John 4:14).

*“Jesus, I come to drink of You. Ah . . . water is good when you’re thirsty. I’ll keep coming back because I need You daily. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 36:1-12

Words: 254

Key Thought: Jesus is a fountain of work to refresh your life.

MAY 6

MIGHTY GOD (EL GIBBOR)—TRINITY

“For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe” (Deuteronomy 10:17).

The Lord is *El Gibbor*, the Mighty God of strength; He can give you endurance. He is *El Gibbor*; He can protect you in danger. He is also *El Gibbor* the firm rock; He can give you stability. Pray the words of the hymn, “Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee,” because He gives you strength, protection and stability. Some people treat God’s name like a good-luck charm, holding to a crucifix or repeating the name “God” when they are in danger. But they’re taking His name in vain because they don’t use it rightly. The mighty protection of *El Gibbor* begins with an intimate relationship. You can’t use His name as a rabbit’s foot to protect you from harm. You must know Him personally and rest in Him intimately.

*“Mighty Lord, I want to know You personally. Rock of Ages, I will hide in You. El Gibbor, let Your power and protection flow into my life.”*

*El Gibbor* can’t protect what you don’t give to Him, so you must trust *El Gibbor*. When you are busy seeking your own glory and doing your own thing, how can He fit into your life? *El Gibbor* can’t be your strength if you don’t use Him.

*“Mighty God, I surrender everything to You. Mighty Lord, I yield my ambition and my possessions; guide me this day and deliver me from the Evil One. Amen.”*

Reading: Deuteronomy 10

Words: 237

Key Thought: God can only protect what you give to Him.

MAY 7

THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD – JESUS

“Then they said to the woman, ‘Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world’” (John 4:42). “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world” (1 John 4:14).

*Jesus is The Savior of the World*, but He’s also the *Savior* of one, i.e., the individual. Notice how the circle begins large and gets smaller. *Jesus is The Savior of the World* (John 4:42) then *Jesus* is the Savior of the Church (Eph. 5:23) and finally, *Jesus* is your Savior (1 Tim. 2:3). He is the *Savior* of people one at a time. *Jesus* loves all the people in the world, but then it narrows to you; *Jesus* loves you and died for you.

*“Jesus, thank You for personal attention and for personal salvation. Thank You for being my personal Savior.”*

Since *Jesus is The Savior of the World*, He died for all, all present living people, all past living people, and all people who live in the future. *Jesus* is the *Savior* from past penalty of sin; have you asked Him to forgive every past sin? *Jesus* is also our *Savior* from the power of this evil world; has He delivered you? *Jesus* will be our *Savior* from the presence of sin at the coming day with “the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Tim. 1:10). Are you ready to meet your *Savior*?

*“Jesus, You are my Savior; thank You for saving me from past sins. I claim Your daily power to save me from daily sins. I look forward to Your personal coming to save me in the future from the presence of sin. Amen.”*

Reading: Titus 3:1-8

Words: 239

Key Thought: The Savior of the world must also be your personal Savior.

MAY 8

THE SEED OF ABRAHAM—JESUS

“Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is Christ” (Galatians 3:16).

*Jesus is The Seed of Abraham.* The Heavenly Father promised a son to Abraham who would “bless all the families of the earth” (Gen. 12:3). *Jesus* was born the Messiah, the One who would “take away the sins of the world” (John 1:29) and bring in a Kingdom of righteousness (Luke 1:33). Because Abraham believed God’s promise (Gen. 15:6), Isaac was born. Eventually, millions of Jews were born into the world; *Jesus* was one of those Jews. By faith, Abraham knew the Messiah would come from his seed, “Abraham rejoiced to see My (Jesus) day” (John 8:56). But *Jesus* didn’t come to bring salvation just to the Jews, but to all the world. He brought salvation to you.

*“Jesus, thank You for fulfilling prophecy. Thank You for coming to Earth as a Jew.  
Thank You for dying for my sins.”*

Because Abraham was a man of faith who believed the promises of God, he looked forward to the birth of *Jesus*. But you too can be a person of faith. How? You must first look back on the history of Abraham to believe that the Father’s promises apply to you. Then, you must look back to the work of *Jesus* on the cross and apply salvation to your life. Finally, by faith you must study the Scriptures and apply all its promises to your life.

*“Jesus, I believe what the Bible says about You. I trust my future to You. I know You will guide my life and bless me this day. Amen.”*

Reading: Gal. 3:13-18

Words: 253

Key Thought: God’s promise of a Messiah to Abraham applies to me.

MAY 9

ABBA FATHER—FATHER

“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father’” (Romans 8:15).

The Lord is your *Abba Father*. The title *Abba* means He is your intimate “Papa” in Heaven. The unbeliever only knows the Lord through the greatness of His power and judgment. Some believers only relate to the Lord as the *Father* of Heaven who answers their prayers. Other believers worship the *Father* because Jesus said, “The Father is seeking such to worship Him” (John 4:23). But you can know the *Father* personally by His intimate name *Abba Father*. Just as an earthly father welcomes his child to his lap and hugs him, so you can go to your intimate “Papa” for fellowship.

*“O My Father, originally I loved You for forgiving my sin. Now I love You for Your intimate love to me. Thank You for accepting me into Your family.”*

Because the Lord is your *Abba Father*, you don’t relate to Him by just keeping commandments or obeying orders. You were not just given an impersonal legal adoption. You are a member of the *Father’s* family; you belong to Him, and He belongs to you. As your heavenly *Father’s* child, you have all legal rights to His heavenly family. As your *Father’s* child, you are hugged by His arms. Don’t worry, don’t strive, just rest.

*“Lord, it feels good to feel good in Your arms. I feel comfortable to have the security of Your protection. But I don’t want to know You just to feel good; I want to know You—Abba—for Yourself. I want to love You and spend time with You. Amen.”*

Reading: Rom. 8:14-17

Words: 256

Key Thought: You can be intimate with the heavenly Father.

MAY 10

THE SENT ONE—JESUS

“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work” (John 9:4).

*Jesus is The Sent One.* *Jesus* was sent by the Father from Heaven to earth for several reasons. First, *Jesus* was *The Sent One* by the Father to reveal to people what God was like. “No one has seen God at any time . . . (Jesus) has declared Him” (John 1:18); will you learn about *Jesus* to know God? *Jesus* was *The Sent One* to let us know what Heaven was like (John 19:1-3); will you learn what *Jesus* said about your future home? *Jesus* was *The Sent One* to demonstrate God’s love to the world (John 3:16); will you accept the love of God in Christ? *Jesus* was *The Sent One* to redeem the world. “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son . . . to redeem . . .” (Gal. 4:4-5). Will you receive the redemption *Jesus* offers?

*“Lord Jesus, I know You were sent into the world to tell us about the Father. I worship the Father for sending You and I worship You for obeying His instructions.”*

*Jesus* is *The Sent One*; He obeyed the Father’s directions. In the same way, *Jesus* is sending you into the world to tell people the Gospel; will you obey? Just as *Jesus* was sent as a true witness, will you be a witness for Him?

*“Lord Jesus, send me into the world, just as the Father sent You. I will go to my friends and family to ‘tell them what great things the Lord has done for (me)’ (Mark 5:19). Amen.”*

Reading: John 9:1-41

Words: 260

Key Thought: Just as *Jesus* was sent into the world, He now sends you.



MAY 11

THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS—JESUS

“But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; And you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves” (Malachi 4:2).

The name *Sun of Righteousness* applies to *Jesus* in His Second Coming. *Jesus* is likened to the sun that has two functions; the sun burns up things, but also the sun’s warmth gives life and healing. When *Jesus* comes, His judgment will be “burning like an oven . . . all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly . . . shall burn . . . up” (Mal. 4:1). *Jesus* is like the sun that sears and scorches in judgment. But *Jesus* is also likened to the therapeutic sunlight that relieves pain, and dispels sickness. It is the same *Jesus*, and it is the same sunlight, but with opposite affect. When *Jesus* comes, how will He deal with you, in judgment or in healing fellowship?

*“Lord Jesus, I look to You for some heat on my pain and troubles. In this life there are accidents and sicknesses; shine some healing on me.”*

*Jesus, The Sun of Righteousness*, will return with healing for those martyrs who have died for the faith. He’ll completely restore those whose bodies are eaten with cancer, or dissipated with disease. The blind will see, the lame will walk, and all sickness will be healed. *Jesus* is the Righteous One, meaning He will do the right thing for us, and He will do it in the right way. *Jesus* is the source of righteousness because He is *The Sun of Righteousness*.

*“Lord Jesus, one day You will make all things right. Until that day, give us a little warm therapy for the ‘hurts’ of this life. Amen.”*

Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

Words: 261

Key Thought: *Jesus* is the Sun of Righteousness who will heal our pains and diseases.

MAY 12

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—HOLY SPIRIT

“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit ” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

The *Holy Spirit is a Gift* to you. Jesus said, “I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper” (John 14:16). The *Holy Spirit* was given to enter into the heart of every Christian. Rather than giving you just forgiveness, or just eternal life, or just access into Heaven, the Father gave you a person of the Godhead. The gift is the *Holy Spirit*. When this gift enters your heart, He brings the spiritual riches of Heaven into your life. You have the gift, now unwrap the present and take Him out of the box. When you receive an earthly gift from a friend, you either “try it on” or “see how it works.” Do the same with your gift of the *Holy Spirit*. Use Him to see how He works.

*“Holy Spirit, I don’t seek spiritual things; I seek You. I don’t seek spiritual power or blessings. I need You in my life. I receive You as a free gift.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is the Helper promised by Jesus (John 15:26). He helps the Father carry out His will on earth. He helps Jesus by delivering eternal life to all who believe in Him. He is the gift to help every believer. Will you open the gift and try it out?

*“Holy Spirit, come into my heart and help me live for You. I don’t have spiritual power. So come, “My Gift;” I receive You freely. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 2:38-42

Words: 241

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is the Father’s gift to you.

MAY 13

A SWEET-SMELLING AROMA—JESUS

“And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma” (Ephesians 5:2).

A sin offering in the Old Testament was a sweet-smelling aroma. It was not sweet just because it was pleasing to the smell, as a person is pleased with the aroma of a cooking steak. The Father was pleased because the sacrifice symbolized the repentant cry of a sinner to God. In death, *Jesus* became that *Sweet-Smelling Aroma*. He made it possible for you to be saved. Just as the sweet-smelling aroma of the altar of incense in the Tabernacle symbolized the continued prayers going up to God, so the present day priesthood of *Jesus* is a symbol of His continual intercession to the Father for you. Is the sacrifice of *Jesus* pleasing to you?

*“Jesus, thank You for your sacrificial love for me. I have learned from Your example of love. I have experienced Your love first-hand, so I will walk in love.”*

*Jesus* is A *Sweet-Smelling Aroma*; His death pleased the Father (Is. 53:10). Now *Jesus* wants you to please the Father by your godly living. Yield your heart to *Jesus* and He will help you do it. *Jesus* wants you to please the Father by yielding your time, talent, and treasure in service. He will help you accomplish much in your service for the Kingdom. *Jesus* wants you to please the Father with your worship, because “the Father seeks worshippers” (John 4:24). Magnify the Father and Son today with praise, exaltation, and thanksgiving.

*“Jesus, because You are my sweet-smelling aroma to the Father, I worship the Father though Your intercession. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 15:42-16:1

Words: 254

Key Thought: *Jesus* is our sweet-smelling aroma to God.

MAY 14

A TEACHER COME FROM GOD—JESUS

“This man (Nicodemus) came to Jesus by night and said to Him, ‘Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him’” (John 3:2).

Nicodemus called *Jesus A Teacher Come From God* because he wanted to compliment *Jesus*. Nicodemus was the most outstanding teacher in this day. When *Jesus*—who spoke accurately—called Nicodemus “The Teacher of Israel” (John 3:10), the original language suggested that Nicodemus was the most outstanding teacher in Israel. In our terminology, it means, “Teacher of the Year.” Yet, Nicodemus recognized *Jesus* was superior to Him, because Nicodemus said *Jesus was a Teacher come from God*. What do you need to learn from *Jesus*?

*“Jesus, teach me everything I need to know to be more godly and effective in service. I will become Your student.”*

*Jesus* was often called *Teacher*. Just as a teacher gives you information you don’t know, *Jesus* will teach you what you don’t know about the Father. Just as a teacher helps solve problems and makes you more effective in life, *Jesus* can lead you out of your troubles and make you effective in Christian service. Just as a teacher is a role model, so *Jesus* personifies the truth and lived a perfect life on earth. Just as a teacher loves and helps students, *Jesus* loves you and will come to help you in your hour of need. *Jesus* can meet your deepest need because He is *A Teacher Come From God*.

*“Jesus, there is so much I don’t know; let me sit in Your classroom. I will listen to You and learn from You. Teach me what I need to know. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

Words: 247

Key Thought: Jesus can teach you what you need to know.

MAY 15

JEHOVAH JIREH (THE LORD WILL PROVIDE)—TRINITY

“And Abraham called the name of the place (Jehovah-Jireh), The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, ‘In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided’” (Genesis 22:14).

The Lord is *Jehovah Jireh*, a name that means “The Lord will provide.” The Lord asked Abraham to do the most difficult thing in life, i.e., to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham was ready to do it, but the Lord stopped him, explaining He was *Jehovah Jireh*. The Lord provided a ram for Abraham to sacrifice, and He’ll provide for you when you obey Him, just as the Lord did for Abraham. *Jehovah Jireh* will provide for you when you step out in obedience, as did Abraham. How can you receive the same blessings as did Abraham? “So it is, all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received” (Gal. 3:8, 9, *NLT*). Remember, begin every task by asking for His blessings, and complete every task by claiming the promise of His help to provide for you. The secret of spiritual prosperity is the name, *Jehovah Jireh*.

*“Jehovah Jireh, give me spiritual victories today, as well as financial blessings. Help me overcome my difficulties. Lord, provide for my needs today. Jehovah Jireh, step into my life with Your presence and power.”*

Claim the power of *Jehovah Jireh* to help defeat your enemies, as did Joshua, David and Gideon. Just as you claimed blessings, you must also claim victory for your life. He will provide for you when you trust Him completely.

*“Jehovah Jireh, I surrender to Your leadership and trust Your protection. I claim Your provision and depend upon Your presence. Be near me today. Amen.”*

Reading: Genesis 22:1-18

Words: 251

Key Thought: Ask Jehovah-Jireh to provide for your needs.

MAY 16

THE BEARER OF SIN—JESUS

“So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation” (Hebrews 9:28).

*Jesus* carried the cross of Calvary until He was no longer physically able to do so. Another carried the cross to Calvary for Him. But there, *Jesus* was nailed to the cross; *Jesus* bore the sins of the world. No one else was able to take His place as *The Bearer of Sin*. *Jesus* had to do it alone, totally, and until the end. He bore the sins of many until the sacrifice was accepted and redemption was complete. Then *Jesus* cried, “It is finished.” He has done it all for you, what will you do for Him?

*“Lord Jesus, as You died for me, I will live for You. My sacrifices are small compared to Your great sacrifice, but I will bear my sacrifice for You.”*

*Jesus* didn’t bear only part of your sin, but all of it. So you shouldn’t walk in guilt nor live tentatively. Be a bold Christian because there is no sin charged against you. *Jesus* bore your sin with the right concern for others, for He said of His executioners, “Father, forgive them.” Then, He took time to welcome the repentant thief to Paradise. So, be positive when you suffer for Him, and “be concerned for others,” as you bear reproach for Him.

*“Lord Jesus, in appreciation for all You’ve done for me, I will live joyfully this day. I will not complain when things don’t go my way, nor will I gripe over irritations. Any suffering is a privilege, considering how much You suffered for me. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 23:46-49

Words: 254

Key Thought: Endure suffering because Jesus suffered for you.

MAY 17

THE SALVATION OF GOD—JESUS

“For my eyes have seen Your salvation . . . And all flesh shall see the salvation of God” (Luke 2:30; 3:6).

*Jesus* is called *The Salvation of God*, a title first given Him in Isaiah 52:10. Simeon, an old man waiting in the Temple for the Messiah, also called the Baby *Jesus The Salvation of God*. Then John the Baptist, when preaching in the wilderness, called *Jesus The Salvation of God*. Notice, *Jesus* “had come from God” (John 13:3), which means God has salvation, but *Jesus* brings salvation to Earth.

*“Lord Jesus, I thank You for coming into this world with salvation from the Father. I thank You for bringing salvation to me.”*

*Jesus* is *The Salvation of God* from your *past sins*, they cannot be charged against you. *Jesus* is *The Salvation of God* from your *present sins*, so don’t be an addict to sin, nor let the power of sin keep you in bondage. *Jesus* is *The Salvation of God* for your *future sins*. “The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). You must deal with all sin—past, present, and future—according to 1 John 1:9 . . . confession . . . forgiveness . . . cleansing. And finally, *Jesus* is *The Salvation of God* who will remove us from the *presence of sin* in eternity. There is coming a day when we’ll live in Heaven, never to struggle with sin again.

*“Jesus, You are my ‘salvation of God.’ I claim You for total salvation in every area of my life. Save me now, and save me in the future. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 3:2-6

Words: 251

Key Thought: Jesus comes from God for your complete salvation.

MAY 18

LIVING FATHER—FATHER

“As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me” (John 6:57).

The Lord is the *Living Father*. All idols are lifeless images carved from stone or wood; they neither have life nor give life. Idols are nothing more than the desires of their maker. But, the *Father* is in Heaven alive and has great desires for you today. Buddha, Mohammed, and all creators of false religions have died, but the *Living Father* will exist forever to give you eternal life. Will you receive it? The Lord is the *Living Father*; He did not have to create life, He is life. He created every living thing in the Universe. The *Living Father* gives spiritual life to those who call on Him and believe on Him.

*“O Lord, I tend to take my life for granted, except when I get sick or am threatened. Help me find meaning in my l life, and give me happiness.”*

The Lord is your *Living Father*, who gave life to Adam, and, through the continuous miracle of birth, He gave life to you. He originally blew breath into Adam who became a living soul (Gen. 2:7), so He can breathe new spiritual life into you every day. The *Living Father* can make this a wonderful day if you will let Him.

*“O Living Father, I know both my physical and spiritual life comes from You. I am grateful for another day to live for You. May my life glorify You today. Amen.”*

Reading: John 6:53-59

Words: 235

Key Thought: The Living Father can make your life meaningful.



MAY 19

A STRONG CONSOLATION—JESUS

“That by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation . . . this hope we have as an anchor of the soul . . . where our forerunner has entered (Heaven) for us” (Hebrews 6:18-20).

*Jesus* is your *Strong Consolation* to overcome doubts. Don't worry about your eternal destiny, *Jesus* is your hope. Doubts come from the heart because believers still have an old sin nature (1 John 1:8-10). So, don't look within your heart when you have doubts, look to *Jesus The Strong Consolation*. You can be sure of Heaven because He is already there for you. Just as a boat is *anchored* in the harbor to keep from drifting with the tide out to sea, *Jesus* your anchor is already securely grounded in Heaven; He'll keep you from drifting. Just as a royal delegation will send a *forerunner* into a city so its citizens can prepare for the dignitaries, so *Jesus* is your forerunner who has gone to prepare Heaven for you because He knows you are coming. Your doubts will disappear when you look to *Jesus* standing in Heaven waiting for you.

*“Lord Jesus, I have doubts when I rely on my ability to reason things out. But when I look to You, my doubts go away; then I know Heaven is sure.”*

When you have *Jesus* in your heart, He is your *Strong Consolation* to take away doubts. He is standing in Heaven waiting for you. So walk in this life with assurance, play with confidence, serve without any doubts, and lay hold of the hope set before you.

*“Lord Jesus, I know intellectually about Heaven, but I know You are in my heart, so I know I am going to Heaven. You are my Strong Consolation . . . my anchor . . . my forerunner. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20

Words: 267

Key Thought: Looking to Jesus takes away doubts.

MAY 20

A STRONGHOLD IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE—JESUS

“The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him” (Nahum 1:7).

Ever since Eve disobeyed the command of God, there has been trouble on earth. There have been political troubles, financial troubles, family troubles, and inner troubles. Just as Eve didn't have the power to say “No,” so all people struggle with the power of self-discipline. Because we can't say “No,” we bring trouble upon ourselves, just as Eve brought it upon herself and all her posterity. No one can escape trouble, “Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble” (Job 14:1). But God knows our trouble, so He promised to be *A Stronghold In The Day Of Trouble*.

*“Lord, You know the troubles I face; help me. You know the future troubles that are coming . . . troubles I don't know about . . . prepare me.”*

The reference to “the days of trouble” has a two-fold application. It applies to the future day of God's judgment. When you're in *Jesus*, He will be your *Stronghold* to protect you in the day of judgment. The second application is to all kinds of present-day troubles. He will protect you inwardly by giving you courage, patience, and hope. He will help you outwardly when you follow the principles of Scripture. He will give you victory through prayer and His divine sovereign work. Don't worry about getting lost and not finding the *Stronghold*. He knows where you are and He'll come get you.

*“Lord Jesus, teach me how to solve troubles when I can have victory. Teach me how to live with trouble that I can't eliminate then. Amen.”*

Reading: Nahum 1:1-7

Words: 263

Key Thought: Jesus will help us with our troubles.

MAY 21

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER—HOLY SPIRIT

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:37, 38).

The *Holy Spirit* is *Rivers of Living Water*; He quenches your thirst. When you're almost thirsted to death, He is *Water* who restores your life. When you're tempted to drink at a polluted fountain of the world, He is the only *Water* that will give you health. When you've spent all your energy working too hard, He is *Water* that will revive your spirit. When you've ignored the Lord and gotten dirty from sin, He is the fountain of *Living Water* to wash away your filth. Come to Him, get clean, and drink!

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for the constant invitation to drink. I need Water . . . I want Water . . . I like Water. Here I come!”*

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Rivers of Living Water*. Because He is God, He is the eternal source of spiritual refreshment and renewal that flows from the heart of God. When you have the *Holy Spirit* in your heart, you have it all. The source of *Living Water* will flow from you out to others. But He is more than one river of *Water*; He is multiple *Rivers of Water*. How many? As many as you need, and more – enough for every person ever born again into the family of God. He is enough *Water* to satisfy all people, and He is *Living Water* to satisfy all needs. Come and drink.

*“Holy Spirit, I bow to worship You for spiritual satisfaction. I come to You to drink. Ah, this Water is good! Amen.”*

Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

Words: 254

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will satisfy your longings.

MAY 22

A RANSOM FOR MANY—JESUS

“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28, *KJV*).

A *Ransom* is the price paid to release someone who is captured or kidnapped. Satan tempted Eve to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; she gave to Adam and they both ate. In that act of disobedience, they were captured by Satan, both them and all their posterity. To release these captives, a price was paid, “You were not redeemed with corruptible things . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb” (1 Pet. 1:18, 19). *Jesus* gave His life’s blood to pay the ransom price; He was *A Ransom For Many*. *Jesus* is “the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world “ (John 1:29). While the blood was the price for everyone in the world, it only applied to those who believe in Him and receive Him as Savior. It was *A Ransom For Many* but it only applied to those who received it.

*“Jesus, I love You because You first loved me. I will serve You because You paid the ransom for me.”*

*Jesus* is the perfect example of a servant who ministers to others. He did not think of Himself, but thought of others. But He did more than think of us, He came and took the initiative. He gave His time, His strength, and His life for our ransom.

*“Jesus, I will give my life for others because You have given Your life for me. I will think of others, give my time for others, and take the initiative for others. Amen.”*

Reading: Matt. 20:20-34

Words: 262

Key Thought: Give your life for others as Christ gave His life for you.

MAY 23

A REFINER'S FIRE—JESUS

“But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap” (Malachi 3:2).

*Jesus is The Refiner's Fire* to judge those who call themselves God's children. *Jesus* will return to separate true believers from those who only call themselves Christians. The silver ore was crushed into small granules and then ground into powder. Water was poured over the powder to wash away the dross. The remaining silver-like powder was melted in a crucible. The more heat – *Refiner's Fire* – that was added, more lead dross came to the surface. By blowing hot air over the melted surface, lead dross was blown away, leaving pure silver. When *Jesus* returns, He will judge all to determine who are His true believers. His breath is the Word of God; it will blow away the dross.

*“Lord Jesus, I'm not perfect, but I believe in You with all my heart. I love You with all my heart, soul, and strength.”*

There is much ore that looks like silver, but it's not. In the same way, there are many who look like Christians, but are not. Sometimes, we are crushed by persecutions and ground to powder by trials; even then, true believers are not always identified. The water of the Word of God is poured over us in sermons and Bible readings, but even that doesn't single out true believers. Only the *Refiner's Fire* of judgment will identify those who truly belong to Christ.

*“Lord Jesus, I know in my head that You exist. I know in my experience that I've asked You to come into my life. I know in my innate being that I'm Your child. Amen.”*

Reading: Rev. 20:11-15

Words: 260

Key Thoughts: Jesus will judge all those who call themselves Christians to determine those who are real.

MAY 24

THE GOD OF FORGIVENESS—TRINITY

“But You are God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness” (Nehemiah 9:17).

The Lord is Elohim-Selichot, *The God of Forgiveness*. When you look at God through the cross, you hear Him say, “Forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Luke 23:34). How could God forgive those who crucified Jesus? Because they didn’t understand who they were killing, or because they were just carrying out orders. Being vicious was just their nature. God knows all about us, and He knows all of us. If God didn’t forgive any of us, none of us would be forgiven. But, He forgave those who crucified Jesus, just as he’ll forgive you. Just as the very nature of people is to sin, so the very nature of God is to forgive.

*“Lord, Your forgiving nature is just the opposite of my sin nature. Thank You for forgiving my sin. I don’t deserve it. Help me walk today as a forgiven person.”*

God has two sides to His nature. God is just—Elohim-Mishpat—which means He must punish those who break His laws. But the other side of God is love; God forgives any and all who say, “I’m sorry” and come to Him through Christ. The cross has two sides: the judgment side is God’s punishing sin, and the loving side is God forgiving your sins. Through the cross, you obtained, “Redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins” (Eph. 1:7).

*“Lord, I’m glad You don’t kill me every time I sin. I will live today as a “forgiven saint;” Thank You for forgiveness that daily changes my life. Amen.”*

Reading: Nehemiah 9:5-38

Words: 256

Key Thought: God’s forgiveness will change you.

MAY 25

A RIGHTEOUS MAN—JESUS

“So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, ‘Certainly this was a righteous Man!’” (Luke 23:47).

*Jesus was A Righteous Man*, which means *Jesus* did right things, in the right way. A *Righteous Man* is right in his desires, thoughts, in the things he does, and in the way he does things. The centurion knew the trial and execution of *Jesus* was not fair. He saw the Jewish leaders first accuse *Jesus* of blaspheme, and when Pilate wouldn’t recognize that as a legal indictment, the charge against *Jesus* was changed to treason. The centurion heard Pilate say, “I find no fault in Jesus,” yet the Jews crucified Him anyway. *Jesus* forgave His executioners and then told the repentant thief, “Today you will be with me in Paradise.” When the centurion saw the integrity of *Jesus* in the face of lies and dishonesty, he confessed, “This is a righteous man.”

*“Lord Jesus, I don’t measure up to Your righteous standard. I don’t always do the right things; forgive me.”*

When the Jewish leaders and the Roman establishment schemed against *Jesus*, heaven came to His defense. The bright noonday turned to darkness. When God couldn’t look on the unfolding tragedy, the heavens became dark. As *Jesus* died, an earthquake rumbled over Jerusalem and the surrounding hills. God’s earth was protesting the despicable things done to God’s Son. When the centurion had seen it all, he cried, “This was a righteous man.” *Jesus was A Righteous Man* because He was God incarnate in human flesh.

*“Lord Jesus, You always did the right things; I recognize You as a righteous man. I worship at Your feet. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 23:46-49

Words: 257

Key Thought: People recognized Jesus as a righteous man because He did all things right.

MAY 26

A STAR OUT OF JACOB—JESUS

“I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; a Star shall come out of Jacob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israel” (Numbers 24:17).

*Jesus* is pictured as *A Star Out of Jacob*. Just as mariners plot their course by the stars, so the Lord wants to direct your life by *The Star Out of Jacob*. Just as stars give light in the black night, so *Jesus, The Star of Jacob*, gives light to a world darkened by sin. Just as stars tell us the time and seasons (Gen. 1:14), so *Jesus* gives meaning to your appointment calendar. Just as stars warn people that they have a limited amount of time left on this earth, so *Jesus, The Star of Jacob*, gives hope. Look to Him for meaning in your life.

*“Jesus, I look to You for direction this day. Guide me to make good choices and help me shine Your light to those about me.”*

Those who walk in darkness hurt themselves; they need *Jesus The Star of Jacob* to show them the way. Those who are lost in the black night are cold and disoriented; they need *The Star of Jacob* to point them to the warmth of God’s love. *The Star of Jacob* reminds people that the Father loves them and has a wonderful plan for their life. Carry the light of *Jesus* to them (John 8:12; Acts 2:1-4); He wants to light the way of everyone coming into the world (John 1:4).

*“Jesus, I want to be guided by Your star. Keep me warm near the fire and shine a reading lamp in my heart so that I can learn. Light my path, and help me walk in the light. Amen.”*

Reading: Numbers 25:1-25

Words: 261

Key Thought: Jesus gives light to help people find the right path.



MAY 27

HIS NAME IS FATHER—FATHER

“I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive” (John 5:43).

*His Name is Father*; that means “*Father*” is more than a title. Men on earth are called by the title “*Father*” because that is a description of all who sire children. But throughout eternity past, the First Person of the Trinity was known by His name *Father*. He was called *Father* by His Son, Jesus Christ. Why is *Father* His name? The title reflects the intimacy of relationship He had with Jesus and He can have with you. The most important aspect of God is not His awesome power or His omniscient knowledge; the most important characteristic of God is His relationship with people; He is *Father*.

*“I worship You as My God because of Your almighty power. I magnify You as my LORD because of all You’ve done for me. I follow You as my Master because of Your wisdom and miracles. But I know You intimately because You are my Father.”*

People did not pray to God in the Old Testament using the name *Father*, so Jesus came to teach them to pray, “Our heavenly Father . . . hallowed be Your name” (Matt. 6:9). As a child goes to an earthly father with his needs, so you can take your requests and call Him by name—*Father*.

*“My heavenly Father, hallowed be Your name in my thoughts, actions, and service. I love Your name, Father. It cheers me when I am down. It gives me strength to serve when I am weak. It guards me against evil when I’m tempted. Because I know You by Your name, I come calling You Father. Amen.”*

Reading: John 12:27-50

Words: 266

Key Thought: Call Him by His name, Father.

MAY 28

A PROPHET MIGHTY IN DEED AND WORD—JESUS

“And He said to them, ‘What things?’ So they said to Him, ‘The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people’” (Luke 24:19).

God sent prophets to speak His message, but many times people wouldn’t accept their message. So some prophets predicted the future to give them credibility; other prophets did miracles to get people to believe their message. The Bible describes these “prophets . . . who have . . . predicted signs or miracles” (Deut. 13:1, 2, *NLT*). Just as God’s prophets in the Old Testament came with supernatural predictions and miracles, so *Jesus* came doing supernatural things as He preached to the multitudes. *Jesus was A Prophet Mighty in Deed and Word.*

*“Lord Jesus, I believe in the miracles recorded in the Bible. Lord Jesus, I believe the truth You spoke in sermons. But I mostly believe because You came into my heart and saved me.”*

*Jesus* did miracles for many reasons. He healed because He had compassion on those who suffered. He did supernatural acts to demonstrate His deity. *Jesus* did signs and wonders because the Old Testament predicted the Messiah would do them. *Jesus* worked miracles so His disciples and others would believe in Him. *Jesus* did miracles because it’s only natural for God to do the supernatural. Today, let *Jesus* speak to you as *A Prophet* who has God’s message for you. Today, let *Jesus* do something supernatural for you.

*“Jesus, thank You for doing miracles while on earth; they give credibility to Your message. But, thank You for the miracles of my new nature and spiritual sight. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Words: 242

Key Thought: *Jesus* did miracles to give Him credibility to His sermons and claims of Deity.

MAY 29

THE JUST ONE—JESUS

“Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers” (Acts 7:52).

Stephen preached a convicting sermon (Acts 7:1-53) to those ready to kill him. The Jewish leaders stoned Stephen just as they were previously responsible for the crucifixion of *Jesus*. Stephen said the coming of *Jesus, The Just One*, was foretold in Scripture. Stephen was suggesting *Jesus* was not guilty, but *Jesus* was crucified unjustly. Stephen was saying *Jesus* was innocent. *Jesus* did not die because He broke a law, but His death was a substitute for everyone who had broken the law. *Jesus* died on the Cross so people wouldn't have to die eternally in Hell.

*“Lord Jesus, You are The Just One who died for me. Thank You for taking my place.”*

The title *Just* comes from *dikaios*, a word also translated “righteous.” *Jesus* was always right—He never sinned—He was right in character and actions. “For the Father made *Jesus* who never sinned to become our sin, so that we might have His righteousness” (2 Cor. 5:21, *Author's Translation*). There is a double transfer in this verse. First our sins were transferred to a sinless *One*, and second; His righteousness was transferred to us. It's not just enough to have your sins forgiven to go to Heaven, You must be good, or in the words of this verse, you must be righteous. In His substitution for us, *Jesus* did two things: He took away our sin (minus) and He gave us His righteousness (added).

*“Lord Jesus, You came into my heart to take away my sins and give me Your righteousness. You made me 'good' enough for Heaven. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 7:51-60

Words: 262

Key Thought: *Jesus* makes us good enough to go to Heaven.

MAY 30

THE BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY—HOLY SPIRIT

“The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life”  
(Job 33:4).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Breath of the Almighty*; He gives life to all living things. When Adam was originally created, God breathed into his physical lungs and that clay body came alive. That was the *Holy Spirit* that entered into Adam’s body. The *Holy Spirit* is life and gave Adam human life. Through the continual miracle of procreation, physical life was passed on to you. In the life of God, you live and move and have your being (Acts 17:28).

*“Holy Spirit, I thank You for physical life. Help me bring glory to the Father, Son, and Yourself this day. Keep my physical life strong so I can develop my spiritual life.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Breath of the Almighty* who first gave you spiritual life. When you became a Christian, He entered your life through the new birth—you were born again—now the *Holy Spirit* indwells your life. “Unless one is born of . . . the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (John 3:5). Now, the *Holy Spirit* is present in your physical body to accomplish all the work that the Father and Son want to do through you. Will you yield to the *Spirit’s* leading and let Him guide you today? Will you yield to His power, and let Him work through you today?

*“Holy Spirit, I am weak; I yield to Your power to overcome temptation. I rely on Your power to live for You. Fill me with Your presence to accomplish Your will this day. Amen.”*

Reading: Job 33:1-7; Genesis 2:1-7

Words: 256

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is God’s Breath that gives me life.

MAY 31

THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD—JESUS

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation” (Colossians 1:15).

*Jesus is The Image of the Invisible God* you can't see. Throughout history people have asked to see God, but God has protected them, “No man shall see Me, and live” (Exod. 33:20). But there's another answer, “You can't see God because there's nothing to see.” *Jesus* told the Samaritan woman, “God is Spirit” (John 4:24), and a spirit has no flesh or material substance to see. But still people want to see God. So they can see God by looking at *Jesus*. Read the pages of Scripture to see *Jesus*' character and miracles. See His acts of kindness. When you see *Jesus* in the Bible, you'll see God. You'll see how God in human flesh acted and reacted, for *Jesus* is God. He's *The Image of the Invisible God*.

*“Lord, in the pages of Scripture, I see kindness in Your face. I feel the forgiveness of Your grace. When I can't see anything else, the image of God I trace.”*

An image is an exact reflection. The original object can't move without the same movement in the image. *Jesus is The Image of God*; He is One with the Father, One in love, goodness and grace. *Jesus* said, “He who has seen Me, has seen the Father” (John 14:9). To know the Father more intimately, look at *Jesus*; He is *The Image of the Invisible God*.

*“Jesus, I praise the Father in whose image You exist. One look at You satisfies my curiosity about God. You are the matchless beauty of Deity. Amen.”*

Reading: Colossians 1:1-15

Words: 254

Key Thought: *Jesus* shows us how God would live and act in human flesh.

JUNE 1

THE HOPE OF GLORY—JESUS

“To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27).

*Jesus is Your Hope of Glory.* All people will die, except those who meet *Jesus* in the rapture. No one looks forward to death; for most, it’s a painful departure from this life. But when you walk through your personal valley of death, He’ll be with you. When you step into death, you’ll come out on the other side in His presence. But you won’t take that step alone, because when you “walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you don’t have to be scared because He is with you” (Ps. 23:4, Author’s Translation). Yet, some believers have difficulty believing there is life beyond the grave. To prove that the Lord will be with them in their death, He reminds them to look within their hearts at Christ’s indwelling because Christ is their *Hope of Glory*.

*“Lord, I’m grateful that You came into my heart. Now, I have confidence of my future home in Heaven.”*

The indwelling of *Jesus* is your *Hope of Glory*. This assurance is your riches of glory. Don’t spend this wealth on doubt. The unsaved can’t understand this assurance; it’s a mystery to them. Yet, they would spend their life’s savings to live beyond the grave. But Heaven can’t be bought with money and confidence doesn’t come from wealth. When you have Christ in your heart, you have the riches and *Hope of Glory*.

*“Lord, I know I’ll live forever, but don’t look forward to pain that is associated with death. Help me look beyond death to the Hope of Glory. Amen.”*

Reading: Colossians 1:24-29

Words: 258

Key Thought: The indwelling Christ is your hope of enjoying the glories of Heaven.

JUNE 2

FATHER OF THE FATHERLESS—TRINITY

“A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation”  
(Psalm 68:5).

God is the *Father of the Fatherless*; He cares for the poor and needy. The *Father* cares for those who can't look after themselves, and for all people who belong to Him. The orphans who walk with God can claim the Scripture, “When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take care of me” (Ps. 27:10). Many times God uses the church to care for the needy through homes, orphanage, hospitals, etc. At other times, God cares for the needy by individual Christians. If you have plenty, let the *Father* use your resources to care for someone in need. If you are in desperate conditions, call unto your heavenly *Father* for help.

*“Father, I am happy in Your presence. Although I have needs in my life, I am satisfied because You are my Father. You have taken care of me and I know You'll take care of me in the future.”*

God is *the Father of the Fatherless*. Because He created the universe and mankind, He is the sovereign Father of all. Because believers have come to God through Jesus Christ, He is their personal heavenly Father. When God's children call unto Him, He is their intimate *Father* who provides for them. What can the *Father* supply for you today?

*“Father, I have no need when I look to You. But when I look at my schedule or I look out my window, I see needs everywhere. Thank You for taking care of me. Use me to meet the needs of the needy. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 27:9-15

Words: 258

Key Thought: The Father in Heaven cares for the needy.

JUNE 3

THE HIDDEN MANNA—JESUS

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it” (Revelation 2:17).

The Rabbis taught that when the Messiah came, He would find the hidden Ark of the Covenant and feed the people manna that was originally kept in the ark. Since God supplied manna for Israel to eat in the wilderness, the people expected their Messiah to feed them the same way. But *Jesus* corrected their false expectations, “. . . the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (John 6:33). Then, to make sure all understood, *Jesus* said, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35). He was not going to give them physical bread to keep their bodies alive; He was spiritual bread. “If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever” (John 6:51).

*“Lord Jesus, I have believed in You. I have eaten Your bread and You are good.”*

When *Jesus* spoke of giving “*hidden manna*,” it was not some stale bread left over from the wilderness wanderings. *Jesus* was not even talking about yesterday’s bread; that’s day-old bread. The Jews were looking for a pot of old manna. They were like people looking for a huge pile of bread to last them the rest of their lives. Who wants a warehouse full of old bread when you have *Jesus*, the bread maker? He says, “Whoever eats (of Me) . . . I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:54).

*“Jesus, I come daily to eat at Your table. Your bread is fresh and good. I feel strong when I eat of You. Amen.”*

Reading: Exodus 16:1-36

Words: 260

Key Thought: Jesus is the manna that feeds.



JUNE 4

THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH—JESUS

“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:18).

*Jesus is The Head of the Body*; the One who gives direction to the Church. Just as a head does the thinking for the human body, let *Jesus* do your thinking today. Just as the head makes choices, let *Jesus* guide your decision-making processes today. Just as the head sees the surrounding world, and hears things, and appreciates the aroma of good things, so *Jesus* is your contact with the spiritual world. He knows what has happened to you in the past and He knows what will happen in the future. Let *Jesus*—your Head—guide you today. He knows that good encounters and evil experiences are headed your way. Look to Him—your Head—for guidance this day.

*“Lord Jesus, I worship You for being the Head of the body—the Church. But I want more than knowledge about You. Come be the Head of my life.”*

When the head is removed, the body dies; for it can’t work, play, serve, or worship, without the head. You need Christ for everything you do. You need Him more than once a week on Sundays, and more than once a day for re-vitalization. You need *Jesus* every minute of every hour. *Jesus, The Head of the Body* is the secret of living.

*“Lord, be my eyes so I can see spiritual things. Be my ears so I can hear the Father’s voice; help me smell the sweet aroma of Your presence. I crown You as the Head of my life. Amen.”*

Reading: Rev. 22:1-5

Words: 250

Key Thought: Jesus must be the head of your life.

JUNE 5

THE FATHER OF SPIRITS—FATHER

“Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?” (Hebrews 12:9).

When you worship the *Father*, remember, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24). The *Father* is spirit, that means He doesn’t have a physical body, no one should make any images, idols or statues to Him. His nature is spirit, but that doesn’t mean He’s like smoke or an illusion. The *Father* is a person with the power of personality, i.e., intellect, emotion and will. He has existence and the *Father* is the powerful Creator, Eternal Sustainer, and Infinite Judge of the universe. The *Father* is spirit and is the *Father of Spirits*.

*“Father, come visit here, let me feel your presence. I bow before you to worship You for Your awesome greatness. I pray to receive Your personal care for me this day.”*

The *Father* is omniscient; He knows all things possible, so He knows all about you. The *Father* is omnipotent; He has all power to do everything that is possible to do, so He can “work all things together for good” for you. The *Father* is omnipresent; He is present everywhere at the same time. So, He can be close to you and receive your worship. Therefore, worship Him in spirit, and He will hear your prayers.

*“Father, I know You are here near me. You know all about me and You know what I should do today; guide me. You have all power; work out Your will in my life. Amen.”*

Reading: Heb. 12:6-15

Words: 244

Key Thought: The heavenly Father is near you to help you.

JUNE 6

THE HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY AND POWER—JESUS

“And you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power”  
(Colossians 2:10).

*Jesus is The Head of All Principalities and Power*, which means laws and authority originally came from Him. Because He is righteous, He wants you to live by His righteous principles. These are the principles by which the Lord rules the world, whether it's the principles (laws) of nature, the principles by which governments exist, or the ethical principles that guide human conduct and human relationships. Also, the spiritual principles of peace and brotherly kindness come from the Lord. Commit yourself to learning all you can about the laws of this world (which come from God) so you can understand how the Lord guides and controls all things.

*“Lord, teach me to live by Your principles so I can please You and be like You. But, I know my weakness; give me power to live by Your principles.”*

*Jesus is The Head of All Principality and Power*. The power of laws and principles flowed into the natural world when He created everything in the beginning. The principles by which people live flowed into humanity when He created people in His image. The principles by which He sovereignly guides all things come from His power, for *Jesus is The Head of All Principalities and Power*.

*“Lord, I want to live by Your principles because I don't know all things, teach me Your laws. Because I am weak, I need Your strength. Because I am needy, I come to You for help. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 119:1-16

Words: 241

Key Thought: Know the Lord's principles, because they are the secret to successful living.

JUNE 7

THE LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD—JESUS

“All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8).

As Israel faced the first Passover, “Moses called all the elders . . . and said to them, ‘Take lambs for yourselves according to your family’” (Ex. 12:21). Each father placed his hands on the head of the lamb to confess the sins of each family member. Their sins were transferred to the lamb, then it was killed; the lamb died instead of the family. *Jesus* was “the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Since *Jesus* is called “God’s Lamb,” that suggests God sent His Lamb—His Son—to die for the sin of the world.

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for dying for the world, but thank You most of all for dying for me.”*

There was a historical event when God’s Son died on the cross. But God doesn’t have a calendar and He doesn’t keep time as humans. God is eternal without time. He has always loved us and always planned to give His son to die for our sins. *Jesus* is *The Lamb Slain From the Foundation of the World*. At another place, the Bible reminds us, “You were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb . . . foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you” (1 Pet. 1:18-20).

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for planning my salvation from the foundation of the world. Thank You for coming to die on a cross for me. Amen.”*

Reading: Isa. 53:1-7

Words: 260

Key Thought: The sacrifice of Jesus was planned in ages past, but was accomplished on the cross.

JUNE 8

THE BREATH OF YOUR NOSTRILS—HOLY SPIRIT

“The foundations of the world were uncovered at Your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils” (Psalm 18:15).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Breath of God’s Nostrils*. When God breathes judgment, the *Holy Spirit* executes His punishment. Sometimes in Scripture God judged *directly*, such as striking a person with leprosy (Num. 12:9-12), or striking a person dead (Acts 5:1-11). The *Holy Spirit* is God’s direct instrument to carry out that punishment. Sometimes, God judged *indirectly*, such as shutting up Heaven that it did not rain, or sending a plague of locusts. Sometimes God used a storm or other natural means. The *Holy Spirit* was God’s indirect instrument behind the apparent natural disaster. He was God’s indirect instrument. He can work good in your life, directly or indirectly. Or, He can be the force of God’s punishment, directly or indirectly.

*“Holy Spirit, if I’m doing anything that will lead to judgment, show me; I will repent and change. Breathe good things upon me.”*

*The Breath of God’s Nostrils* controls nature. Sometimes disasters come upon you, not because you sin or are disobedient. You may think you’re being punished for something you did, but look behind the event. What you think is punishment, may be God’s classroom to instruct you about His grace. Remember, all things—including loss—will work together for good to those who love God (Rom. 8:28). Examine your loss to find what God is teaching you. Learn what He wants you to know, then pray for the *Breath* of good things to blow upon you.

*“Holy Spirit, let me feel Your breath of good things. I don’t pray for harmful consequences, but help me learn from them when they come. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 18:15-50

Words: 265

Key Thought: God controls the circumstances that control your life.

JUNE 9

THE LIFE—JESUS

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me’” (John 14:6).

Jesus is *The Life*; He is the source of life. He embedded the world with His life when He created it (Col. 1:16). The smallest building block of the universe is the cell, made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons, all held together by the enormous power of *Jesus* who “holds all creation together” (Col. 1:17, *NLT*). *Jesus* is also the source of human life, for the first parents were made in God’s image when God’s life was breathed into Adam, and he became “a living being” (Gen. 2:7).

*“Lord Jesus, I thank You for life in my physical body. I thank You for food to eat, water to drink, and air to breathe. I thank You for mental and spiritual life.”*

*Jesus* is the source of spiritual life. *Jesus*, the life of God, was put to death, but arose on the third day. He is “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25). The Bible was referring to *Jesus* when it states, “The life was manifested” (1 John 1:2). The apostle John said, “. . . we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us” (1 John 1:2). Have you seen and received this life?

*“Lord Jesus, I have received Your life—eternal life—when I was saved. I get enlightened from reading the Scriptures. I experience renewed life when I fellowship with You in prayer. I worship You for heavenly life. Amen.”*

Reading: John 3:22-36

Words: 247

Key Thought: You get the life of Jesus when you receive Him into your life.

JUNE 10

THE LAWGIVER—JESUS

“There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?” (James 4:12)

The Lord is *The Lawgiver*; He runs the world through natural laws such as the law of gravity. No one can break these laws without suffering consequences. He also runs the spiritual world through moral laws. Because no one has perfectly kept all laws, no one can enter Heaven. *Jesus* fulfilled the Law in His death; He nailed the law to His Cross. No longer will broken laws keep you from going to Heaven (Col. 2:14, 15). Christianity is not about keeping rules or laws; it’s about knowing *Jesus*. When you please Him, you satisfy all the laws for *Jesus* created the laws; He is *The Lawgiver*.

*“Lord, it’s sometimes hard to keep the laws because I have a rebellious streak in my heart. Help me submit to You. Help me live by Your principles.”*

Don’t be just a law-keeper; these people are called legalists. Look behind laws to see their purpose because laws were given to point you to God. *Jesus* said the greatest law of all is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and the second is to love your neighbor as yourself (Matt. 22:38-39). When you live by the meaning of these laws, you will have a worthwhile life.

*“Lord, forgive me for just keeping laws for legalistic purposes. Show me Your purpose behind Your laws. I love You with all my heart, my soul, and my mind (Matt. 22:37-40). Show me the real meaning behind Your laws and give me the right attitude to live by them. Give me the power to keep them. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 27:35-40

Words: 263

Key Thought: Focus on Jesus, not impersonal laws.

JUNE 11

A GOOD MAN—JESUS

“And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people” (John 7:12).

As the Feast of Tabernacles approached, *Jesus* was the main topic of discussion. The people wondered if *Jesus* would come to the feast because there were rumors the Jewish leaders would arrest Him. *Jesus* had broken their Sabbath laws and He claimed to be God. Some said *Jesus* was a *Good Man*, others didn't think so. Some said *Jesus* was a Prophet (John 7:40); others knew He did miracles. Some thought *Jesus* was in fact their Messiah (John 7:41). During the life of *Jesus*, as in the world today, “There was a division among the people because of Him” (John 7:43). Liberals say the Bible is not authoritative, so *Jesus* is only a mere man. Some historians say *Jesus* was only a good man, so they won't be saved by Him. The problem is *Jesus* is the Lord God who demands our loyalty and total love.

*“Lord Jesus, I recognize You are the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity. I bow to worship You as my Savior.”*

To say *Jesus* is a *Good Man* is only a first step, but not enough to save you. It doesn't take much to acknowledge *Jesus* is good, but it demands your total response to acknowledge *Jesus* is Lord. What must you do? “For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9, *NLT*).

*“Jesus, I confess that You are much more than a Good Man; You are the Lord of the universe; You are my Lord. Amen.”*

Reading: John 7:1-13

Words: 242

Key Thought: It's not enough to recognize Jesus as a good man; He must be your Lord.



JUNE 12

THE CONSOLATION OF ISRAEL—JESUS

“And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him” (Luke 2:25).

*Jesus was The Consolation of Israel.* The word “consolation” means comfort; Israel was waiting for God to send the Messiah to deliver them from oppression and suffering. They wanted the Messiah to give them comfort. Many Jews in *Jesus*’ day were looking for political deliverance from Rome. They were oppressed financially, socially, and to some degree, spiritually. To those Jews, the Messiah would free them from military bondage; then they would be comforted. Since much of life is “expectation and perception,” because the Jews expected the wrong kind of deliverance, they wrongly perceived whom *Jesus* was and what He came to do.

*“Lord Jesus, give me eyes to see You clearly, and give me a clear mind to understand You properly, and give me a willing heart to follow You gladly.”*

*Jesus* did come the first time to sit on a military throne in Jerusalem. He came to sit on the throne of the heart of his followers. His consolation is not outward, but inward. *Jesus* came to rule people’s thoughts, and dreams, and courage. When *Jesus* rules people’s hearts, He conquers people from within. He is the inner *Consolation of Israel* or the comforter of hearts. When He comes a second time, *Jesus* will conquer outwardly and rule from Jerusalem.

*Lord Jesus, come rule my heart. You are the fulfillment of my dreams; You are my comfort from oppression and suffering. Amen.”*

Reading: Isa. 40:1-31

Words: 233

Key Thought: Jesus offers inner comfort to us.

JUNE 13

THE DELIVERANCE OF ZION—JESUS

“And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls” (Joel 2:32).

The phrase *Deliverance of Zion* is a reference to *Jesus* with a twofold application. First, it is a reference to the future physical deliverance of the nation Israel. Armies shall come against Israel to destroy her, but when Israel calls upon the LORD *Jesus*, He will come to deliver the nation. Even though it's only a remnant that calls on the Lord, He will be the *Deliverance of Zion*. If the Lord has promised to deliver His people in the future, don't you think He can come to deliver you in your present troubles?

*“Lord, I know You are my Deliverer. I call on You today to help me in my difficulties.”*

The second application is to those who call upon the Lord today. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter quoted this reference – Acts 2:17-21 – and applied it to those who were listening to him that day. Your task is to call; the Lord's task is to deliver. Your call must be sincere; are you a seeking believer? Your call must be toward the Lord, not to a church, religion, or any other cause. Have you called to the Lord? When you call, it must be outward, because the Lord wants our outward response. You don't have to shout; He can hear you if you whisper. The key is doing it, not thinking about it or planning to do it in the future. Call to Him now.

*“I call out Lord. I have thought about it, but now I do it. I need You, Lord; come deliver me. Amen.”*

Reading: Joel 2:28-32

Words: 259

Key Thought: The Lord delivers those who call on Him.

JUNE 14

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS—FATHER

“I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days” (Daniel 7:13).

The Lord is called *The Ancient of Days*. He is eternal; He knows everything that is knowable. Nothing has happened in the past that escaped His knowledge; so He knows everything you have done in the past, and what you will do today. He knows what is best for you. Will you come to Him for direction this day?

*“Lord, You have all knowledge; I come seeking Your answers to the problems I face today. I need Your direction.”*

The Lord is called *The Ancient of Days*, because He has always existed. He has great wisdom. He knows that you are trying to connect all the pieces of your life. But remember, the only “perfect” life is the one lived according to His will. The Lord is called *The Ancient of Days*. To Him yesterday is like tomorrow. Because He is God, He knows all things potential, and “callesth those things which be not as though they were” (Rom. 4:1, *KJV*). He knows what will happen to you if you do evil, and He knows what will happen if you do right. He has a perfect plan for you. Let Him guide you this day to do the right thing in the right way.

*“Lord, I accept Your will as the best plan for my life. I will do the right things no matter what consequences I suffer for doing right. I will do right; because it is your perfect plan for my life. I will put You first in all things. Amen.”*

Reading: Daniel 7:1-27

Words: 253

Key Thought: Because God knows everything; He has a perfect plan for your life.

JUNE 15

CLOUD—JESUS

“. . . what happened to our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. God guided all of them by sending a cloud that moved along ahead of them, and he brought them all safely through the waters of the sea” (1 Corinthians 10:1, *NLT*).

*Jesus* is a picture of the *Cloud* that led Israel through the wilderness. He knew what He was doing when Israel followed Him to a dead-end at the Red Sea. There were mountains on both sides, and Pharaoh’s army was chasing them from behind. There was no way across the sea. Why did *Jesus* put them in such a dangerous position? So His people would look to Him. Have you ever been at a dead-end? Perhaps *Jesus* led you there to teach you the greatest lessons in life. You’re never at a dead-end by yourself. Don’t fear, for He is behind you, keeping the enemy away. Don’t panic, He has a solution; you can leave a dead-end as a victor.

*“Lord, too often I am problem focused, not victory focused. Teach me to look beyond my dead-end situations to see You at work in my life.”*

When you get to a dead-end, do what Israel did. First, wait on the Lord. Perhaps He’s stopped your progress so you can learn about your finiteness and His almighty power. Just as Israel didn’t expect the Lord to roll back the sea, maybe you don’t know yet how He’ll solve your problems. Just as Moses lifted his rod for Israel to go forward, so *Jesus* wants you to walk forward through your obstacles. If *Jesus* doesn’t test your faith, you’ll not trust His guidance.

*“Lord, thank You for the dead-ends of my life that make me look to You. Today, I look to You and call on Your power to see me through my obstacles. It’s good to get going again. Amen.”*

Reading: Exodus 14:18-21

Words: 269

Key Thought: Look for God’s purpose when you come to a dead end.

JUNE 16

THE COMMANDER OF THE HOSTS OF THE LORD—JESUS

“So He (Jesus) said, ‘No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.’ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, ‘What does my Lord say to His servant?’ Then the Commander of the LORD’s army said to Joshua, ‘Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.’ And Joshua did so” (Joshua 5:14-15).

*Jesus is The Commander of the Hosts of the Lord.* When Joshua was surveying the apparently impregnable Jericho before attacking the city, the Lord appeared to Joshua. Originally, Joshua thought the Lord was a soldier, so he asked, “Are You for us or for our adversaries?” (Josh. 5:13). The Lord was not on either side. The Lord simply answered He was *The Commander of the Hosts of the Lord*. Joshua fell on his face, calling him, “my Lord” (Josh. 5:14). The answer to victory over Jericho was not getting the Lord on Joshua’s side, but Joshua getting on the Lord’s side. When Joshua submitted to the Lord, he was given a divine strategy to win the battle (Josh. 6:2-5).

*“Lord, too often I beg You for help in my plans. Teach me to submit my plans to You. I want to be on Your side.”*

When the Lord appeared to Joshua, it was a Christophany, an appearance of Christ in the Old Testament. Because the *Commander* was called “Lord,” victory comes when you yield to His plans. Because the *Commander* is over the angelic host, victory comes when you get heavenly power on your side. Because the *Commander* told Joshua to take off his shoes because he was on holy ground, you must worship to get victory.

*“Lord, I realize I’m in a spiritual battle. I want to join Your army; show me what to do. I want spiritual victory. Send angelic hosts to help me. I want fellowship with You, so I worship You. Amen.”*

Reading: Joshua 5:13-21

Words: 256

Key Thoughts: Since Jesus is our Commander in battle, we must join His army.

JUNE 17

THE FULLNESS OF GOD—HOLY SPIRIT

“. . . to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:19).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Fullness of God*. He is sent into your life by the Father and Son to fill you with all the things you need to live for God. The *Holy Spirit* will fill you with spiritual power to withstand temptation, and fill you with wisdom so you can live godly. He will fill you with spiritual understanding to interpret things in your life, and He will fill you with spiritual knowledge so you will know what to do. What part of your life is empty? Let the *Holy Spirit* fill you with *The Fullness of God*.

*“Holy Spirit, I want to be more spiritual; fill me with Your Spirit. I want to be more holy; fill me with Your holiness.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Fullness of God*; when you have Him in your life, you are filled with the Godhead. You have Christ dwelling in your heart to ground your life in divine purpose (Eph. 3:17). You have the Father to strengthen you (Eph. 3:14-16). You have the *Holy Spirit* to help you comprehend the breadth, length, depth, and height of the love of God (Eph. 3:18). Call on the Trinity today, they will fill your life with *The Fullness of God*.

*“Holy Spirit, I have a lot to do today; I need Your enablement. I am not as godly as I want to be; make me holy. Fill me up, I am empty and need Your presence. Amen.”*

Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Words: 244

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit can fill your life with meaning.

JUNE 18

I AM—JESUS

“Now when He said to them, ‘I am He,’ they drew back and fell to the ground”  
(John 18:6).

*Jesus* is the *I AM*, the eternal all powerful LORD. Moses asked the Lord what was His name. The Lord answered, “*I AM WHO I AM . . .* Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, *I AM* has sent me to you” (Ex. 3:14, KJV). The name LORD comes from the Hebrew verb “to be,” first person, repeated twice. When you say LORD, you are pronouncing twice, *I AM I AM*. God exists in Himself and by Himself.

*“Lord Jesus, You are the great I AM, You are without beginning, and without end . . .  
You exist by Yourself and of Yourself. YOU ARE THE LORD.”*

*Jesus* used metaphors to tell people what He was like. *Jesus* said I am Bread . . . Light . . . Door . . . Good Shepherd . . . Resurrection . . . True Vine . . . etc. But *Jesus* was saying more than comparing Himself to bread that satisfied or a way to Heaven, etc. *Jesus* was telling His listeners He was the LORD of the Old Testament. When the soldiers came to arrest *Jesus*, they asked, “Are you Jesus of Nazareth?” *Jesus* pulled aside His humanity and His glorious deity came bursting out. The soldiers fell backward to the ground in response. How will you respond to His awesome glory?

*“Lord Jesus, I bow myself to the ground. You are the Lord God of glory. I worship You the great I AM. Amen.”*

Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Words: 248

Key Thought: Jesus is the great I AM of the Old Testament.

JUNE 19

IMMANUEL (GOD WITH US)—JESUS

“They shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, ‘God with us’”  
(Matthew 1:23).

The angel told Joseph to name Him *Immanuel*, which means “God with us.” When *Jesus* was born, God visited humanity. He came to live with people and die for the sins of the people. *Jesus* was God even though many did not recognize Him. Today, *Jesus* is still *Immanuel* even when people don’t feel His presence. Because *Jesus* is with us, you can get Him to help you face your problems. He’s with you, even when you don’t realize He’s near. However, you must call on *Immanuel* to get His help. He is *Immanuel*, which means He’ll be there when you need Him.

*“Immanuel, there are many times I can’t feel Your presence. I want to feel Your nearness. I pray about my problems, but they’re still here. I know You’re by me. Manifest Yourself; help me make it through my day.”*

Because He’s *Immanuel*, you can win when you let Him direct your efforts. First, He will give you hope when you feel like giving up. Then He will give you a courageous spirit to carry you through the rough spots. Next, He will show you what to do and guide your steps. Finally, He’ll give you tenacity to press on to victory. *Immanuel* is with you, but you must call on Him to get help.

*“Immanuel, I know You are with me. Help me feel Your guiding presence this day. Release Your indwelling power to do everything I’m supposed to do. I claim Your presence for victory today. Amen.”*

Reading: Matt. 8:1-18

Words: 251

Key Thought: Jesus will be with you everywhere because he is God.



JUNE 20

LEADER—TRINITY

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters . . . He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me” (Psalm 23:1-4).

The Lord is your Shepherd; He will lead you. Sometimes the Lord will lead you to still waters; at other times he will lead you through right paths. Because He is God, He knows the best path for you today. He knows the problems you will face today so follow Him closely. He knows what troubles await you and may even lead you into some troubles to strengthen your faith. Just as the *Father* didn’t deliver Jesus out of suffering, so He may not take away your pain. But remember, when He leads you through the valley of the shadow of death, He will be with you.

*“Lord, I know You lead me, and I know suffering is inevitable in this life, but I don’t like pain. Help me accept pain and learn from it.”*

Follow the Lord closely today. He knows when to start walking and He knows when you should stop. If you start walking when He says, “Stop,” you may get into deeper trouble. If you obey the Lord, He will give you peace in the shadows of your dark valley; stay close to Him and obey Him. When the Lord says, “Stop” He may be keeping you from going deeper into more severe trouble. But no matter what happens, He’ll be with you.

*“Lord, I’ll walk when You tell me to “go,” and I’ll wait for You when You say, “stop.” I’ll do what You tell me to do, because I want to be what You want me to be. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 103:1-14

Words: 255

Key Thought: Follow closely the Father’s lead.

JUNE 21

JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD—JESUS

“I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin” (Romans 7:25).

His name was *Jesus*. That’s the name given to Him by Mary and Joseph. Throughout the gospels, He is called *Jesus*. His office is *Christ*, much like a man has the office of “minister” or a woman has the office of “teacher.” The office *Christ* in the Greek language is the word Messiah in Hebrew, which comes from the root “to anoint.” When you say *Jesus Christ*, you are saying *Jesus The Anointed One*. People were inaugurated into office in the Old Testament by anointing; they had oil poured over them, a symbol of riches, prosperity and the Holy Spirit.

*“Jesus, I come to You through your earthly name. I thank You for coming to Earth for me. Christ, I come to You through Your office; You are the One who died for me.”*

His title is Lord. Just as the executive leader of the United States has the title President, *Jesus* has the eternal title *Lord*. With His title *Lord* goes ownership and control. Does *Jesus* have control over your life? Also, this title gives Him authority to direct people under Him and punish those who disobey His laws. Have you let *Jesus* direct your life? He is *Jesus Christ our Lord*, but is He your personal Savior and Master?

*Thank You, Jesus, for coming into my life to save me. Now I give you control of my life; I make You my Master. Jesus Christ, You are my Lord. Amen.”*

Reading: Romans 10:1-17

Words: 242

Key Thought: Jesus wants to be your Lord and Savior.

JUNE 22

JESUS OF GALILEE—JESUS

“Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, ‘You also were with Jesus of Galilee’” (Matthew 26:69).

*Jesus of Galilee* was both His name and address, i.e., the area from which He came. The angel told Mary to name Him *Jesus*. His name *Yehosha* (Hebrew) is a derivative of Joshua, and means “Jehovah saves”. *Jesus*, who came to save sinners, is from Galilee, so He was called *Jesus of Galilee*. The Old Testament predicted the Messiah would come from Galilee “by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles” (Isa. 9:1). Did you see that *Jesus*’ home area was called “Galilee of the Gentiles?” He was a Jew from the place where many Gentiles lived because He is the Savior of all, both Jews and Gentiles.

*“Jesus, I know You came to Your people, but You died for all. I thank You for dying for me.”*

The people of Jerusalem during *Jesus*’ day were prejudice against anyone from any other place. The servant girl sarcastically referred to Him as *Jesus of Galilee*. Once before, some had questioned if their Messiah could come out of Galilee (John 7:41). Another even claimed, “No prophet has arisen out of Galilee” (John 7:52). Yet, God has sovereignly arranged that His Son would be born in Bethlehem, according to the prediction of Micah 5:2, the town of privilege. *Jesus* grew up in the city of Nazareth in Galilee, fulfilling the prophecy, “He shall be called a Nazarene” (Matt. 2:23).

*“Jesus I know Your earthly home was in Galilee, but now I want You to make Your home in my heart. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 2:13-23

Words: 254

Key Thought: God prepared a specific location for *Jesus*’ birth and home.

JUNE 23

THE FATHER—FATHER

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him” (1 John 3:1).

*The Father* in Heaven is likened to an earthly father who loves his children before they are born. Your heavenly *Father* loved you long before you loved Him; He loved you before you were born. Just as an earthly father fellowships with his children, so your heavenly *Father* offers you His fellowship. Just as earthly children have access to their fathers, so you access Him through Jesus Christ. Just as earthly fathers guide their children in life’s accomplishments, your heavenly *Father* wants to guide you today. And just as earthly fathers want their children to be like them, so your heavenly *Father* wants to conform you into His image.

*“Thank You, Father, for loving me. Help me learn about You, and become conformed to Your image. Help me know Your will and walk according to it.”*

Your heavenly *Father* sometimes pushes you to walk, just as earthy fathers want their children to walk. Sometimes your heavenly *Father* wants you to run fast when you are still growing. Why does He seemingly put more on you than you can bear? So you’ll grow stronger and accomplish more. But learning is sometimes hard and discouraging. Sometimes we want to give up, but our earthly father encourages us—just as our heavenly *Father*—so we’ll grow stronger and accomplish much with our life. Maybe the heavenly *Father* is allowing difficulties in your life so you’ll do more for Him.

*“Father, thank You for difficulties that make me stronger. Thank You for your unending encouragement. Help me reach the goals you set for me. Amen.”*

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-6

Words: 261

Key Thought: The Father encourages us to grow beyond our comfort level.

JUNE 24

JESUS OF NAZARETH—JESUS

“Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph’”  
(John 1:45).

When you say *Jesus of Nazareth*, you are repeating His name and home address. *Jesus* came as a baby, so He had to be born somewhere—it was Bethlehem. *Jesus* was a child, so he had to grow up somewhere—it was Nazareth. He didn’t grow up in Jerusalem near the Temple, even though *Jesus* called the Temple, “My Father’s house” (John 2:16). The corrupt priest, who eventually bribed Judas to betray *Jesus*, might have tried to corrupt the boy *Jesus* if He grew up there. *Jesus* grew up in a small, out-of-the-way town in Galilee. His main influences were His father, mother, and the people of Nazareth. The word *Nazareth* comes from the Hebrew root *Noz-ar*, meaning, “separated.” *Jesus* was separated from outside influences in this small town, as the town people separated themselves from others. Gentiles were living in the region because it was known as “Galilee of the Gentiles” (Isa. 9:1). Nazareth was a perfect place for a Jewish boy to grow up, yet have a heart for all people and become “the Savior of the world” (John 4:42).

*“Lord, I praise You for perfectly guiding the childhood of Jesus so He could become my Savior.”*

Just as *Jesus* had a perfect childhood, commit yourself to give your children or grandchildren the best possible conditions for them to grow in nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:1-4).

*“Jesus, I know You love the children of the world. Help me to fulfill Your passion by loving all children, and teaching them Your truth, and leading them to salvation. Amen.”*

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-15

Words: 262

Key Thought: The boyhood of Jesus prepared Him to be your Savior.

JUNE 25

THE KING OF PEACE—JESUS

“To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated ‘king of righteousness,’ and then also king of Salem, meaning ‘king of peace’ (Hebrews 7:2).

*Jesus is The King of Peace*; no one can have peace apart from Him because He is the original source of peace. While on earth, *Jesus* could calm tremendous storms, for He had power over nature’s violence. *Jesus* also calmed the disruptive demoniac of Gadera because He had power over human nature. *Jesus* can give you peace when you’re in the eye of a circumstantial hurricane. He can give you self-control and an inner calm, when you receive His peace. When you let Him sit on the throne of your heart, *The King of Peace* works all things together for good. What do you need today?

*“Jesus, I look to You for inner peace. While I may not be responsible for all the troubles in my life, I am at least responsible for my reaction to them. Lord, help me react properly way, the way You want me to react.”*

Satan is the author of confusion, strife, and violence, but *Jesus* brings peace and He rules by peace. When you’re anxious and upset, you’re not in the center of His will. But when *Jesus* controls your life, you’ll experience self-control and you can enter the center of His will. Will you invite *King Jesus* to sit on the throne of your heart today?

*“Jesus, teach me to look at trouble through Your eyes. Show me how to react when things around me are coming apart. I invite You to control my life and bring peace to my heart. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 62:1-12

Words: 249

Key Thought: You’ll get peace and self-control when Jesus controls your life.

JUNE 26

THE GIFT OF GOD—HOLY SPIRIT

“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” (John 4:10).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Gift of God*. He is the One who gave eternal life to you at salvation. He is called *The Gift* because salvation is a gift (Eph. 2:8, 9). You cannot work for anything that He gives; you must receive the gift freely from Him. When you let the *Holy Spirit* control your life, you have peace . . . wisdom . . . understanding . . . courage . . . and a sound mind.

*“Holy Spirit, I receive You into my life. I take the gifts You offer to me. Come into my life to empower the gifts You’ve given me. Show me how to use the abilities I have.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is called *The Gift of God* because He will give you spiritual gifts or abilities for your Christian service. He gives the spiritual gifts of evangelism, teaching, exhorting, managing, serving, and mercy showing. The *Holy Spirit* gives you the enabling talents of faith and wisdom for you to be effective. Every good gift comes from the Father (James 1:17), and is delivered to believers by the *Holy Spirit*. Do you know what your dominant spiritual gift is? Do you know how to use it? Ask the *Holy Spirit* to reveal your spiritual gifts to you, then ask Him to help you use them in ministry.

*“Holy Spirit, I ask for You to show me my spiritual gifts. Show me how to use them properly. Give me power to use them. Amen.”*

Reading: Romans 12:1-8; Ephesians 4:7-16

Words: 250

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is The Gift of God to us.

JUNE 27

A NAME FOR SALVATION—JESUS

“. . . that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:31).

The angel commanded, “Call His name *Jesus*, for He will save His people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). The name *Jesus* was pronounced *Yeshua*, which meant “Jehovah Saves.” In the Hebrews language, His name was Joshua; *Jesus* was named after the general who conquered the Promised Land for Israel. Many Jews were looking for their Messiah to be a soldier—general who would drive the Romans out of their land. *Jesus* came to give personal redemption, not political victory. He offered Himself as their Savior from sin, not deliverance from military tyranny. Salvation was not in military triumph, salvation was inward, “You must be born again” (John 3:3).

*“Just as the fishermen left their nets to follow You, I surrender all to You—Jesus. Just as you said to “take up your cross daily,” I repent today of my sins.*

The name, *Jesus*, saves, “There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). You are saved “Through faith in His name” (Acts 3:16). But salvation’s not merely repeating His name, outwardly. No! His name stands for the person of *Jesus*, who came from God. His name stands for His death to forgive sins. His name stands for His triumphant resurrections to give you new life. His name saves you because, “As many as receive Him . . . became the children of God . . . who believe in His name” (John 1:12).

*“Lord Jesus, I believe in Your name. I now ask You into my heart. Thank You for salvation. Amen.”*

Reading: Matt. 12:15-21

Words: 261

Key Thought: The name of Jesus represents His divine person and His saving death.



JUNE 28

THE HOLY ONE AND JUST—JESUS

“But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you” (Acts 3:14).

The Jewish leaders rejected *Jesus, The Holy One and Just*. They accused *Jesus* of being a blasphemer of God and a traitor to His nation. They called Him a liar, a winebibber, a hypocrite, and said He did miracles by the power of Satan. But *Jesus* is *The Holy One*, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Son of God. *Jesus* was pure and separated from sin. He could do no sin for He was God. When you sing three times, “Holy, holy, holy,” you correctly repeat the word “Holy” for each member of the Godhead. *Jesus* is *The Holy One*, just as the Father and Spirit are holy. Will you worship His holiness?

*“Lord Jesus, I testify You are holy. You are holy in Your nature, Your works, and Your dealings with all mankind.”*

*Jesus* is *The Just One*; He never did anything unjustly. He did not treat the Jews unjustly, even though they lied about Him. He did not treat His Roman executors unjustly, even though they nailed Him to a cross. Just as He treated everyone justly in His earthly life, so He will treat you justly in all areas of your life. You can trust Him. Because His nature is just, *Jesus* will always do the right thing.

*“Lord Jesus, I have trusted You for eternal life. Now I trust You to guide and help me live this day. Help me to be holy as You are holy. Help me treat all people justly as You treat them. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 3:1-16

Words: 253

Key Thought: Because Jesus is holy and just, He will always treat you fairly.

JUNE 29

MY HELPER—TRINITY

“So we may boldly say: ‘The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 13:6) “Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!” (Psalm 30:10).

The Lord is your *Helper*; He is the One who comes alongside to assist you do what you can't do. In other cases the Lord assist you in doing what you should do, but you don't want to do. All three persons of the *Trinity* are your *Helpers*: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. First, the Father is your *Helper*. Psalm 30:8 describes, “I cried out to You, O Lord.” The Lord did not ignore the cry, nor did the Lord leave that person unfulfilled when he cried, “Lord, be my helper” (Ps. 30:10). Second, Jesus is your *Helper* in danger or trouble, He “will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5). Since the Father and Son will help us, we should not fear what our enemies can do.

*“Lord, You are my Helper; I can't make it without You. Because You help me through trouble and frustration, I will trust You.”*

Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit to help us (John 14:16, 25). He helps us find salvation, regenerates us with the new birth, indwells us with His presence, baptizes us into the body of Christ, seals us until the rapture, and guarantees our eternal life. The Holy Spirit will convict us of sin, teach us what we need to know, guide us, give us gifts for service, and fill us with power in our ministry.

*“Lord, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to help me find salvation. Thank You for the Holy Spirit who helps me in Christian service and uses me in ministry. Amen.”*

Reading: Ps. 30:1-12

Words: 258

Key Thought: The three members of the Trinity each have a role in helping my Christian life.

JUNE 30

## HE WHO HAS THE BRIDE—JESUS

“He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice” (John 3:29).

The bride is the church – born again believers – who have been saved. *Jesus* is the bridegroom; it is *He Who Has The Bride*. In our society the man usually courts the woman, just as *Jesus* is the One who seeks the lost. In our society, the man usually asks the marriage question, just as *Jesus* calls us to salvation. In our society, the man usually pays the price for the engagement ring, just as *Jesus* is the One who paid the ultimate price for our redemption. The man usually takes the initiative, “just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her” (Eph. 5:25). Because *Jesus* has done everything, it is *He who has the Bride*.

*“Jesus, when I hang on to You, it’s good to know that You are hanging on to me. I know I belong to You.”*

Because the groom takes the initiative, the bride usually says “yes.” Have you said “yes” to *Jesus*? Because the groom first loves the bride, she usually follows his leadership. Have you followed *Jesus*? Because the groom protects his bride and seeks her welfare, the bride will go live with him. Have you let the Lord *Jesus* care and protect you? “For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body” (Eph. 5:29, 30).

*“Jesus, I look to You for all my needs. I will obey You, love You, and live for You. Amen.”*

Reading: Ephesians 5:22-33

Words: 252

Key Thought: Jesus is the Bridegroom who looks out for us, as well our needs.

JULY 1

ROCK OF SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT—JESUS

“And by a miracle, God sent them food to eat and water to drink there in the desert; they drank the water that Christ gave them. He was there with them as a mighty Rock of spiritual refreshment (1 Corinthians 10:4, LB).

The Lord was in the Shekinah cloud that led Israel to Meribah (Exod. 17:1-16), and when they arrived, the oasis was dry. The Lord knew there was no water even before He led them to a dry hole. He was not punishing them or frustrating them. He wanted Israel to do more than drink physical water; He wanted them to drink spiritually from Himself. The dry hole of Meribah revealed Israel’s spiritually famished condition. Sometimes, He may lead you to a dry hole to help you see your spiritual emptiness, and then the Lord wants you to call on Him. Perhaps you’ll be willing to drink of Him when He gives you water. Will you drink from the *Rock* today?

*“Lord, now I know why there are dry holes in my life. Help me look beyond my troubles to see You in my life. I’m thirsty and need water. Quench my spiritual thirst.”*

Just as Israel had to repent and cry out for water, so you must turn to *Jesus* when you’re spiritually thirsty. Just as Moses had to strike the rock in faith, so you must come to *Jesus* through Calvary, for it was there He was smitten for you. Just as the Lord wanted to help Israel more than they sought Him, so He wants to give you a fresh drink of water today. When you drink from Christ, He’ll satisfy the longings of your heart.

*“Lord, the dry holes in my life make me thirsty for nourishment and satisfaction. Ah, Your water is good. Amen.”*

Reading: Exodus 17:1-16

Words: 258

Key Thought: Jesus allows me to get thirsty so I’ll drink of Him.

JULY 2

OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER—FATHER

“Our earthly fathers correct us, and we still respect them. Isn’t it even better to be given true life by letting our spiritual Father correct us?” (Hebrews 12:9, *CEV*).

The Lord is called *Our Spiritual Father*. All spirits in the universe are subject to Him. Also, all people have a spirit and they too are subject to the Father. Just as an earthly father loves and directs his children, so *Our Spiritual Father* loves and directs His children on earth (Gen. 50:20; Ps. 119:71; Rom. 8:28). Will you let Him teach you today? An earthly father provides protection and provision for his children, just as the heavenly Father cares for you. *Our Spiritual Father* wants to demonstrate His protection and care of you. Will you accept it today?

*“O Spiritual Father, I come to fellowship with You this day. I recognize Your authority over my life. I want to please You, serve You, and worship You.”*

Because He is *Our Spiritual Father*, He has the right to correct you. People reverence their physical fathers who corrected them; will you not reverence the Lord when trials come? Relationship is the key bond between a father and his child. It is a relationship of love. Because a father loves his children, he corrects them to bring out the best in them. Sometimes a momentary correction in the long run is for the child’s good. Your heavenly *Father* corrects you because He loves you.

*“You are my Father; I submit to Your correction. I accept Your plan in my life. Help me learn from my affliction and become godlier. Amen.”*

Reading: Matt. 7:25-29

Words: 238

Key Thought: Our Spiritual Father wants a relationship with you.

JULY 3

GOOD MASTER—JESUS

“Now behold, one came and said to Him, ‘Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?’” (Matthew 19:16, *KJV*)

The rich young ruler went to Jesus asking, “Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?” (Matt. 19:16, *KJV*) He wanted to go to Heaven, and thought he had to do something to get there. He called *Jesus* GOOD MASTER, but *Jesus* turned away his acknowledgement, “Why do you call Me good?” (Matt. 19:17) *Jesus* didn’t deny He was *Good*, for He was God who is *Good*. *Jesus* uses this question to impress upon the young man the seriousness of his request. To paraphrase *Jesus*’ meaning, “Are you sure you know what good means?” What the young ruler didn’t realize was that it took divine forgiveness to get to Heaven. *Jesus* said to him, “If you want to enter . . .” (Matt. 19:17), which suggests he was still on the outside of Heaven.

*“Lord, You are Good, not because I said it, but because You are God.”*

*Jesus* told the young man to keep the commandments, which he claimed he had kept. So, *Jesus* touched his besetting sin – money – when *Jesus* said, “Go, sell what you have . . . he went away sorrowful” (Matt. 19:22). He didn’t just have money; his money had him. He was guilty of greed and financial lust. He had broken the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment, “You shall not covet . . .” (Ex. 20:17).

*“Lord, I realize just being good is not enough, and calling You good will not get me to Heaven. I call You my Savior; by grace, You have forgiven all my sin. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 19:16-26

Words: 258

Key Thought: Jesus must be more than a Good Master; He must be your Savior.

JULY 4

THE GOOD SHEPHERD—JESUS

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep” (John 10:11).

*Jesus* called Himself *The Good Shepherd* because He does what good shepherds do; they give their life for their sheep. They give up the pleasures of home to live outside in the pastures with sheep, just as *Jesus* gave up the glories of Heaven to come to earth for His sheep. A good shepherd gives up his freedom to watch sheep; *Jesus* gave up His eternal existence to take on the limitations of human flesh. A good shepherd gives up his sleep to go searching for lost sheep; *Jesus* came to earth searching for the lost (Luke 15:4-7). A good shepherd gives up his safety to brave the storm or fight a predator; *Jesus* came to earth to be tempted, ridiculed, and persecuted. A good shepherd will die protecting his sheep; *Jesus* gave His life on the cross for the world. *Jesus* said, “Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring” (John 10:16).

*“Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd who gave Your life for the world. You are my Shepherd; I feel safe in Your presence.”*

*Jesus* is *The Good Shepherd* who asks you to become a shepherd for His sheep. He told Peter, “Take care of my sheep” (John 21:16, *NLT*). Just as *Jesus* is your *Shepherd*, you must become a shepherd to someone who needs your care. Peter wrote, “Care for the flock of God” (1 Pet. 5:2, *NLT*).

*“Lord Jesus, You are my Shepherd; thank You for caring for me. I will give shepherd care to someone else. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-11

Words: 259

Key Thought: The Good Shepherd gives His life for you.

JULY 5

THE GLORY OF THE LORD—HOLY SPIRIT

“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 by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Glory of the Lord*. He brings honor and prestige to the Father and the Son. When you look into the mirror to see God, you see the *Holy Spirit*. And the more you look at His glory to learn about God, the more you are transformed to be more Godlike. When you look at His *Glory*, you are elevated to a higher level of praising and exalting God. The *Holy Spirit* is *The Glory of the Lord* that brings out your best worship. When you look into the mirror of God, you will be elevated to a higher level of worship.

*“Holy Spirit, when I see anew the Glory of the Lord, I begin worshipping. I want to see more glory so I can have more intimacy in worship than ever before.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Glory of the Lord* who wants to change your life so you will be more like God. To be godlier, you must have a vision of what you want to be. Then you must aspire to have it. When you see the *Glory* of the *Holy Spirit*, you will want to be more like God. So, look to the *Holy Spirit* in Scripture, look to the *Holy Spirit* in prayer, and look to the *Holy Spirit* in meditation.

*“Holy Spirit, make me godly. I will study about You in Scripture to learn more how You work in my life. When I see You in the mirror of Your glory, I stretch myself to be more godly, and worship You. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:6-18

Words: 262

Key Thought: When you see the Holy Spirit, you will worship better.



JULY 6

THAT GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP—JESUS

“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant” (Hebrews 13:20).

There are many roles for the *Shepherd of the Sheep*. *Jesus* is the *Shepherd* who takes care of us (Ps. 23:1). All the sheep have to do is keep in good relationship with the *Shepherd* to receive His care. *Jesus* is the good *Shepherd* who gives His life for the sheep (John 10:11). Just as a shepherd sacrifices his family time and the comforts of home to be with his sheep, *Jesus* gave up Heaven for us. *Jesus* is also *The Good Shepherd* who said, “I lay down my life” (John 10:17).

*“Lord Jesus, You are my Shepherd who has died for my sins. You are my Shepherd who leads me daily and takes care of me.”*

*Jesus* is also called the *Great Shepherd* because He safely delivers His sheep to Heaven. The basis for the complete and final salvation of His sheep is first “the blood” that forgives the sheep, and second, the resurrection of our “Lord Jesus for the dead” that gives eternal life to the sheep. Because salvation is complete, the *Shepherd* can “make you complete in every good work to do His will” (Heb. 13:21). That means you can complete the Father’s will. How can that happen? Because the *Great Shepherd* works “in you what is well pleasing in His (the Father) sight” (Heb. 13:21).

*“Lord Jesus, I am complete in You. You have taken away all my sins, you have given me eternal life, You have worked in my life to help me please the Father. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 13:1-24

Words: 252

Key Thought: The Great Shepherd is great because He delivers me to Heaven.

JULY 7

GREATER THAN JONAH—JESUS

“The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here” (Matthew 12:41).

Jonah was one of the greatest preachers because his preaching called the entire city of Nineveh to repentance. Nineveh contained, “more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons” (Jonah 4:11). Jonah was also great because of the depth of their response. “So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them” (Jonah 3:5). The king believed and published a command, “Let every one turn from his evil way . . . Who can tell if God will turn . . . so that we may not perish” (Jonah 3: 8, 9). Jonah began one of the greatest revivals in the Old Testament, yet *Jesus* was a *Greater* preacher than *Jonah* because the revival of Jesus broke out at Pentecost and influenced the world.

*“Lord Jesus, I know You are a great preacher because of the influences of Your message on others. But, Your greatest preaching changed my life.”*

At first, Jonah didn’t want to preach to Gentiles, so he sailed the opposite way. That’s where God turned him around through a storm and great fish. Jonah instigated a great revival among Gentiles – an act unthinkable to the Jews of his day. *Jesus* is like *Jonah* because *Jesus’* message has reached beyond Jews to the Gentile world. But, *Jesus* is *Greater than Jonah* because He loves the world and died for them.

*“Lord Jesus, thank You that the Gospel was big enough for the Jews – God’s chosen people – and even for Gentiles, like me. Amen.”*

Reading: Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1-10

Words: 256

Key Thought: Jesus is Greater than Jonah because He died for Jews and Gentiles.

JULY 8

GOD OF MY PRAISE—TRINITY

“Don’t stand by silently, O God of my praise, while wicked people slander me and tell lies about me” (Ps. 109:1, *Author’s Translation*).

David made it a habit to praise God all the time. David called THE Lord—*The God of my Praise—Elohim Tehilati*—a title that came from his daily experience. But David couldn’t understand how God could let people criticize him and tell lies about him, especially since he consistently praised God. Maybe that’s your question. You wonder why some people criticize you, especially when you have a good relationship with God. Even though you try to work hard and do right, some people stab you in the back. Even though you put God first in your life, some people seem to reject you.

*“Lord, I try to serve You and I continually praise You, yet I have enemies. Why?”*

The law of unintended consequences says your praise to God doesn’t make people like you; rather, they reject you because they reject God. Your goodness convicts them of their sins, and in anger they turn against you. Whenever you praise God, they reject God for the same reasons you serve Him. They don’t want someone else—God—running their lives. They want to be the center of their lives; they don’t want to put God there. So, don’t let their negative reactions ruin your good positive life; praise God anyhow. He is your Lord and Savior; make Him continually *The God of Your Praise*.

*“Lord, I will praise You when those around me criticize You. I will also praise You when those around me join in worship. I will not let anyone influence my worship of You. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalms 109-1-31

Words: 258

Key Thought: Make Him the God of Your Praise, no matter the circumstances.

JULY 9

GREATER THAN OUR FATHER ABRAHAM—JESUS

“‘Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?’ Then the Jews said to Him, ‘You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM’” (John 8:53, 57-58).

Abraham was one of the greatest patriarchs in the Old Testament. He is the Father of Israel, for all Jews came from him. Abraham perhaps had the greatest faith in God of all Old Testament believers. He is known as the Friend of God (2 Chron. 20:7; James 2:23) and God called him, “my friend” (Is. 41:8). But *Jesus was Greater Than The Father Abraham* because *Jesus* was the great *I AM*; *Jesus* is God.

*“Jesus, You are greater than the Old Testament fathers; You are greater than the angels, You are my Lord and Savior; You are the Lord God of the Universe.”*

The Jewish leaders rejected *Jesus* even though they witnessed His miracles. They refused to accept *Jesus*, even though He proved to them from Scriptures who He was (Matt. 21:23-22:46). The Jewish leaders called *Jesus* a sinner, accused Him of being born out of wedlock (John 8:41), attributed His miracles to Satan (Matt. 12:24), and said He had a devil (John 8:52). They sarcastically asked, “Are You greater than our father Abraham?” (John 8:53). *Jesus* replied, “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day” (John 8:56). They said, “You’re not fifty years old, how could you see Abraham?” *Jesus* answered, “Before Abraham was, I AM” (John 8:58). To *Jesus*’ response, they picked up stones to kill Him. What is your response? You must either pick up stones to cast at Him or fall at His feet to worship Him.

*Jesus, I fall at Your feet to worship You. You are the great I AM, the eternal God of the ages. Amen.”*

Reading: John 8:37-59

Words: 264

Key Thought: Because *Jesus* is greater than Abraham, you must worship Him as the great *I AM*.

JULY 10

GREATER THAN OUR FATHER JACOB—JESUS

“Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?” (John 4:12).

The woman at the well asked *Jesus*, “Are You *Greater than our Father Jacob?*” She was being sarcastic, assuming in her mind that *Jesus* was not greater. Little did she know at the time that the answer to her question was, “Yes!” Even though *Jesus* came from the line of Jacob (Matt. 1:2), He was much greater because He was the Son of God. The woman learned that *Jesus* was the “I Am” (John 4:26), and that He indeed is, “the Christ, the Savior of the world” (John 4:42). What are your questions about *Jesus*?

*“Jesus, I believe You lived a perfect life and died a cruel death as a substitute for my sin. Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God, but most importantly, I believe You are my personal Savior.”*

The woman at the well didn’t understand the “living water” that *Jesus* offered to her. At first she tried to tell *Jesus* that He didn’t have a rope or bucket. When *Jesus* offered her water so that she would “never thirst” (John 4:14), she again was wrong, thinking it was physical water (John 4:15). When she properly understood that *Jesus* was the Messiah, she ran to tell, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did” (John 4:29). Have you met *Jesus* in a personal experience, as did the woman at the well?

*“Jesus, You have answered my questions, just as You answered the woman at the well. I will go tell others about You, just as the woman at the well did. Amen.”*

Reading: John 4:12-29, 39-42

Words: 261

Key Thought: Because Jesus is Greater than our Father Jacob, He can meet our needs.

JULY 11

FATHER IN HEAVEN—FATHER

“Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven” (Matthew 6:8, 9).

Just as everyone on earth has a father, you also have a *Father in Heaven*. When you were born again of the Spirit, you received your heavenly *Father's* nature. Let your new divine nature control your life so you can live above the old life. Also, you received the heavenly *Father's* life and now you have eternal life. Let your earthly life reflect your heavenly father's gift to you. You were given a new standing in Heaven; the heavenly *Father's* infinite resources are at your disposal. Since you are a child of the *Father* and a member of His family, you can call other believers sister and brother, and receive their love as you love them.

*“Father, I am humbled to be Your child. I come to You in prayer, just as a child comes to an earthly father, asking for Your blessing on my life today.”*

You have a *Heavenly Father*; take time to fellowship with Him today. Enjoy your relationship with the *Father*. Take time to learn what He can do for you, so you can walk in His will. Take time to worship Him, remembering what Jesus said, “The *Father* seeks worship.” When you worship and magnify the *Father in Heaven*, He in turn will enrich your life and bless you abundantly.

*“O Father in Heaven, thank You for giving me entrance into Your family. I want to grow in my relationship with You and become more like You. I will worship You today. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 6:6-15

Words: 248

Key Thought: Take advantage of the things you get from the heavenly Father.

JULY 12

GREATER THAN SOLOMON—JESUS

“The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here” (Matthew 12:42).

Solomon was one of the wisest men to ever live; yet *Jesus* was *Greater than Solomon*, because *Jesus* was the source of wisdom. Solomon was wise because He asked God for wisdom. At the beginning of his reign, Solomon confessed, “I am a little child” (1 Kings 3:7). So Solomon prayed, “Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9). Like Solomon, we can ask for wisdom; “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all . . . and it will be given to him” (James 1:5). If you want to be wiser than you are, learn from Christ in the Bible. The more you know of Him, the wiser you’ll be.

*“Jesus, I want to be wiser. I will master the Scriptures and will learn more about You. Take away my spiritual blindness so I can see and learn.”*

Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, and some of the Psalms. He had a reputation of being greater than the wise men of Egypt and of the East, and was an expert in zoology and botany (1 Kings 4:32-39). His greatest achievement was building Solomon’s Temple, not because of its grandeur, but because God Himself came in a cloud to dwell in the Temple (1 Kings 8:10). Solomon pointed us to Christ, who was greater than he was.

*“Jesus, no one can be compared to You, for You are greater, wiser, and more glorious than all humans, all angels, everything. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-28

Words: 254

Key Thought: We can get the wisdom of Solomon from Jesus.

JULY 13

HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD—JESUS

“Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:  
... ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’” (Matthew 21:9).

On Palm Sunday *Jesus* rode victorious into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowds spread palm branches and their coats on the road. They cried out, “*Hosanna*,” and called *Jesus* “Son of David” which meant they recognized *Jesus* was heir to David’s throne. The crowd recognized *Jesus* as their Messiah-Deliverer. They wanted *Jesus* to proclaim Himself King of Israel, raise an army and drive the Romans into the sea. They recognized *Jesus* as the *One Who Comes In The Name of the Lord*. Palm Sunday had everything to do with rightful *ownership*. *Jesus* owned the right to be their King. *He* had the royal rights to a kingdom on earth, but *He* would not exercise His rights on Palm Sunday. *Jesus* would patiently wait until Good Friday to die for the sins of the world. *Jesus* wanted to first rule them internally from within their hearts.

*“Jesus, You are LORD; thank You for coming to established Your kingdom in my heart. I yield to Your rule.”*

*Jesus* came peacefully the first time upon a donkey to establish His rule in the hearts of His subjects. *Jesus* will come a second time in war, riding upon a white horse to conquer His enemies. Then, *He* will come in the name of the Lord to establish His earthly kingdom. *He* will institute social justice and set up world peace.

*“Jesus, I look forward to Your coming to establish justice and peace in the world. Help me live for You in this present world that has so little peace and justice. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Words: 258

Key Thought: *Jesus* came the first time to rule the hearts of people.



JULY 14

HE—HOLY SPIRIT

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you”  
(John 14:26).

The *Holy Spirit* is a person. *He* is not like smoke, fog, or a cloud, or any other false idea that people have of Him. *He* is the Third Person of the Godhead. Use the pronoun *He* when you pray to Him, because *He* is a person. The *Holy Spirit* is a person who has the ability to think infinitely; therefore, *He* knows all about you. The *Holy Spirit* is a person who has the infinite capacities of emotion; therefore, *He* feels deeply for you. The *Holy Spirit* is a person with the divine power of will; therefore, *He* can choose to do wonderful things for you when you obey the commands of Scripture. What would you like for the *Holy Spirit* to do for you today?

*“Holy Spirit, I realize You know all about me, so forgive my shortcomings and errors. I feel Your love for me; help me love You in return. I want You to strengthen my will to live godly.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is the Third Person of the Trinity. *He* can be denied (2 Tim. 3:5), lied to (Acts 5:3), resisted (Gen. 6:3) and blasphemed (Matt. 12:31). Because *He* is a person, you can obey Him (Heb. 3:7-11), desire Him (John 7:37, 38), and follow Him (Gal. 5:16, 25). Call on Him today to help you glorify the Father.

*“Holy Spirit, I need Your help today. Come show me how to live more godly. Come fill me with power to overcome temptation. Enter my life to make me holy like You, and make me spiritual like Your nature. Fill me today. Amen.”*

Reading: Galatians 5:16-28

Words: 267

Key Thought: I should pray to the Holy Spirit as a person.

JULY 15

HE THAT FILLS ALL IN ALL—JESUS

“Which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all” (Ephesians 1:23).

*Jesus* is the One Who *Fills All in All*. Think of all you want to do for God; you can do it if you have faith to move mountains (1 Cor. 13:2). Think of all your dreams to pray . . . to worship . . . to grow more godly; you can reach all your dreams if you pray properly . . . worship properly . . . and learn properly. *Jesus* can help your dreams become a reality; He is the One who *Fills All In All*. Think of all your heartaches . . . your failures . . . your disappointments; you must confess them to *Jesus*. He can forgive your sins, make you forget your failures, and cover up your mistakes. Will you let *Jesus* be *All In All* to you?

*“Lord Jesus, I need You now more than ever. I’m human and I can’t do it all; I can’t be all I want to be. Help me.”*

*Jesus* will be your *All In All*. In all problems, look to Him. In all relationships, look to Him. In all endeavors, look to Him. In every area of your life, look to Him. When you focus completely on *Jesus*, He changes your selfish dreams into spiritual dreams. When *Jesus* is the aim of living, you get new goals and new desires. Then He *Fills All In All*.

*“Lord Jesus, I need You to be present in all areas of my life. I need You to give me new goals and new dreams. Be my All In All. Amen.”*

Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Words: 261

Key Thought: *Jesus* gives you new goals and helps you reach them.

JULY 16

FULLER'S SOAP—JESUS

“But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap” (Malachi 3:2, *KJV*).

*Jesus* is likened to *Fuller’s Soap*, which was the best cleansing and whitening agent of its day. Before dyeing, *Fuller’s Soap* was used to completely clean woven cloth from oily or gummy substances found on natural raw fiber. The cloth was soaked in water, then spread and sprinkled with powdered ashes (alkali or lye), then wrung together and pounded so the soap would penetrate every fiber. The cloth was rinsed continually in a running stream to wash away the alkali or lye, then spread out to dry. Today’s scripture is set in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ when He judges His people. *Jesus* is compared to soap that will penetrate every fiber of our being to determine the credibility of our faith.

*“Lord Jesus, I know You are coming back to judge all people. I know You will judge rightly and You will judge deeply. Cleanse me now so I will be ready for judgment in the future.”*

Because *Jesus* will judge us like the process of Fuller’s soap, make sure you are cleansed through and through from sin. Only faith in *Jesus* will make us a Christian. Make sure you are like those who appeared before God in Heaven, who have “washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev. 7:14). No one can gain perfection by their own works, and no one can live without sin. But all can be perfectly clean by His blood.

*“Lord Jesus, I know I have sinned and I am not perfect, but I have believed in You. Cleanse me from every sin. Amen.”*

Reading: Malachi 3:1-6

Words: 267

Key Thought: Jesus will thoroughly examine you for sin.

JULY 17

THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH—TRINITY

“Far be it from You (God) to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (Genesis 18:25)

The Lord God is *The Judge of All the Earth*. Abraham asked, “Will the judge of all the earth do right?” The answer is “yes.” God will always do right, because He has a righteous nature. The Lord has done everything possible for the salvation of all. The Father revealed their lost condition to them through nature (Rom. 1:18-20), through the conscience (Rom. 2:14-16), and through the existence of law (Rom. 2:1-3). *Jesus* died for their sins. The Holy Spirit spoke to their hearts, drawing them to salvation (Gen. 6:3). The Lord God has done the right thing for everyone to be saved.

*“Yes Lord, I believe You are fair. Yes, Lord, I Believe You are the judge of all the earth and everyone will appear before You. Yes, Lord, I know You will always do the right thing.”*

The Lord God is *The Judge of All the Earth*. *Jesus* will judge all believers at the Judgment Seat of Christ (Bema) to give His followers rewards (2 Cor. 5:10). The Father will judge all unbelievers to find out if their names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life and will punish them according to their works (Rev. 20:12-15). The Lord deals with all people fairly, but it’s grace we need; not judgment. The Lord can look on the death of *Jesus* and forgive us if we’ll repent and trust Christ.

*“Lord, I fully trust You now and will trust You in the day of judgment. When You see my sin, look at the blood of Jesus that forgives me. Look on me through grace. Amen.”*

Reading: Genesis 18:23-33

Words: 2666

Key Thought: The judge of all the earth will always do the right thing.

JULY 18

ONLY POTENTATE—JESUS

“He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,” (1 Timothy 6:15).

There are different kinds of power that *Jesus* has as a leader. A judge has judicial power because the entire police force backs up his decision. A policeman has physical power to wrestle a suspect to the ground. A legislator has legal power to make laws to influence many. When *Jesus* is called *Potentate*, it is describing Him as a soldier-King with omnipotent power to do great feats. The title *Potentate* comes from *dunamai*, as in “the power of God to salvation” (Rom 1:16). We got our word dynamite from the root for potentate.

*Jesus* is described as the *Potentate*, King of Kings, which means he is like a fighting king who leads His army into battle. *King Jesus* is not like a weak old man who lets younger knights fight for Him. He can wield a sword, as well as play out a winning strategy. As King of your life, *Jesus* has a strategy to make you a winner; will you follow Him? As the mighty *Potentate*, *Jesus* can give you a new “dynamic” to resist sin or win over addiction. Will you let Him do it? The title *Potentate* is used to describe *Jesus* when He returns in power and glory. It is then He will lead the armies of Heaven to defeat the armies of Satan.

*“Lord Jesus, I know You have all authority, so I will follow Your commandments. I know You have all mighty power, so I trust You to give me strength to overcome sin and live for You. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:1-15

Words: 256

Key Thought: You need the mighty power of Jesus to live for Him.

JULY 19

OUR PEACE—JESUS

“For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation” (Ephesians 2:14).

Most people think peace is the cessation of war, or peace is doing something enjoyable, such as sitting by a lake or enjoying mountain scenery. These illustrations reflect only one kind of idyllic peace, but the word *peace* means “to join two opposing forces.” *Jesus* is *Your Peace* because He joined you to the Father. When you were opposed to the Father in selfish rebellion, *Jesus* joined you to Him. When the Father could not accept you because of your sin, *Jesus* was *Our Peace* who turned the Father towards you, and you towards Him.

*“Lord Jesus, You are my Peace. I’ve come to the Father through You. Now I need to trust You to bring peace to my surroundings. Come give peace to my world.”*

*Jesus* is *Your Peace* who can give you an inner calm to deal with the pressures of this day. When you let “the peace of God rule in your hearts” (Col. 3:15), you can adequately deal with circumstances. Invite *Jesus* to come control your life; He knows your future and what will happen. He can guide you, protect you, and give you victory in the future. When you let *Jesus* control your life, He gives you inward peace; He calms your worries, and He gives you meaningful direction.

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me peace with God so that I am saved. Also, thank You for inner peace to control my thoughts and life. I yield to Your will for today. Amen.”*

Reading: Philippians 4:1-8

Words: 249

Key Thought: Jesus gives you the peace of God.

JULY 20

GOD AND FATHER—FATHER

“We bless our God and Father . . . have been made in the similitude of God”  
(James 3:9).

The Lord is both your *God and Father*. He’s not just your God who is powerful and far off. But, He is also your *Father*, who is close to help you. Just as Adam was created in the image and likeness of the Lord, you are similar to your earthly father in physical nature,. You have the image of both your physical father and heavenly *Father* through the miracle of procreation and birth. But Adam marred the image of God through disobedience, and that image is marred in you. Now you must take a journey back to God to become like God. Your journey is to become godly like your heavenly *Father*.

*“Father, I have a desire to be like You; help me conform myself into Your likeness.”*

The Lord is your *God and Father*; He created you with a rational mind to think. He put within you the capacity for deep emotional feelings, just as He has love for that which is good and hate for that which is evil. The *Father* gave you the power of will. Just as the *Father* has the ability to choose, He allows you the opportunity to make choices in life. Your intellect, emotions and will are the power of personality. You have the power of personhood, just as God. And what is the purpose of that power? The *Father* created you with the ability to know Him, to love Him, and to choose to worship Him. He is your *God and Father*; you belong to Him just as an earthly child belongs to its human father.

*“I worship You, my God and Father, for Your awesome creation power that formed me in Your image. I want to be like You; I want to be godly. Amen.”*

Reading: James 3:1-12

Words: 294

Key Thought: You can become godly like God.

JULY 21

THE PRIEST OF THE MOST HIGH GOD—JESUS

“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him” (Hebrews 7:1).

Melchizedek was *The Priest of the Most High God*, and because He was a type of *Jesus*, Melchizedek was a foreshadow of His ministry. The title, *Most High God*, is El Elyon, “the God who rules Heaven and Earth.” When people don’t know what to call the Father or how to approach Him, at least they can come to Him as the Creator and Ruler of Heaven and earth. Since no human can create the universe, all should recognize that there is only one Creator—God. Melchizedek recognized the legitimate God who ruled the earth and prayed to Him. Melchizedek’s prayer was a prototype of *Jesus’* ministry; He intercedes to El Elyon because *Jesus* is *The Priest of the Most High God*. Pray to the Father through *Jesus* today.

*“Lord Jesus, I know You stand in Heaven before the Creator God. Remember me in Your intercession. I’m only one small person out of six billion people on this planet; please remember me.”*

*Jesus* is the priest for all, He is your *Priest*. He will not forget you. Just as Melchizedek interceded for Abraham, so *Jesus* will intercede for you. Just as Melchizedek had bread and wine to feed Abraham when he was exhausted and hungry, so *Jesus* will feed you on heavenly things. Just as Melchizedek and Abraham fellowshiped together, so you can fellowship with *Jesus* today.

*“Lord Jesus, I look to You to intercede for me this day. Feed me spiritually and let me fellowship with You today. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 7:1-3

Words: 250

Key Thought: Jesus is your Intercessor before the God of Heaven and earth.



JULY 22

PRINCE AND SAVIOR—JESUS

“Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:31).

After being released from prison, Peter told the Jewish leaders that *Jesus* was the *Prince of Salvation and the Savior of Israel*. Peter understood his audience—the Jewish leaders—who were still looking for Messiah. They had rejected *Jesus*. So Peter called *Jesus* a *Prince*. A prince is one scheduled to be king, but he is not yet ruling on the throne. That’s a true picture of *Jesus*, He is not yet ruling on the throne of Israel. When *Jesus* returns to earth in power and glory, He will be called King of Kings, and He will rule on David’s throne. When *Jesus* first came to earth, He offered a kingdom of inward peace and inner righteousness. *Jesus* knew the way to influence nations was to rule the hearts of individuals. Is *Jesus* your King?

*“Jesus, You are my King and You rule my heart. I know one day You will rule the outward affairs of all people.”*

*Savior* is the second title used by Peter to describe *Jesus*. By calling *Jesus Savior*, Peter was pointing the Jewish leaders back to the accomplishments of the Cross. In His death, *Jesus* became the *Savior* of the world (John 4:42). So in this quick description of *Jesus*, Peter gives the Jewish leaders a backward and a forward look. In the past, *Jesus* is *Savior*; in the future *Jesus* the *Prince* will become the King of Israel.

*“Jesus, I praise You for past salvation, and I worship You as the coming King of All Kings. Amen.”*

Reading: Zechariah 14:1-9

Words: 253

Key Thought: Jesus is the Savior and coming King.

JULY 23

HIS SEED—HOLY SPIRIT

“Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God” (1 John 3:9).

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Seed* who was planted in your life when you were born again. It was His presence that delivered eternal life to you, as well as a new nature and new desires. Just as a seed planted in the ground will grow and bring forth its fruit, so the *Holy Spirit* is the *Seed* planted in your heart who will bring forth the fruit of righteousness and godliness. A seed has all the ingredients of what it will be when fully grown, so the *Holy Spirit* has everything you need to be completely godly and fully effective as a servant of God.

*“Holy Spirit, I know You were planted in my heart. Thank You for the good things that have grown there. I praise You for new desires and new character. Keep me growing to be like Christ.”*

God’s *Seed* planted in your heart cannot bring forth bad fruit. The *Holy Spirit* cannot sin, nor can He tempt you to sin (James 1:13). You were given a new nature that is a divine creation; it cannot sin. Listen to the urges of your new nature and follow it. Do not give into the desires of your old nature, because it’s the source of your temptation and problems. If you listen to the old nature, it will lead you astray. Listen to the *Holy Spirit* and He will grow good fruit in your heart.

*“Holy Spirit, I want to be godly; grow the fruits of righteousness in my heart. I reject temptation and the lust of the old nature. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 John 3:1-10

Words: 263

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is a Seed who grows good things in you.

JULY 24

THE PRINCE OF LIFE—JESUS

“And killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses” (Acts 3:15).

Before His death, *Jesus* was also called *The Prince of Life*. Because a prince is one who is waiting to ascend the throne, the name *Prince of Life* was a prediction of His coming resurrection. Because He is *Life*, death could keep Him in the grave. When *Jesus* was raised from the dead, He was given new resurrection life. The predicted *Prince of Life* becomes the resurrection and life to all who would believe. After the resurrection, *Jesus* ascended to His throne in Heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father. Now, *Jesus* is more than *The Prince of Life*; He is the reigning King of Heaven. Today, He wants to enrich your life.

*“Lord Jesus, when You died, my sins were nailed to the cross. When You arose from the dead, I arose with you (Gal. 2:20). Now, let Your resurrection life flow through me.”*

*Jesus* gives eternal life to all who believe in Him, so they can live forever (1 John 5:12). He gives them abiding life so they can be fruitful in (*Jesus*) the vine (John 15:1-5). He gives them the power of resurrection life to overcome sin and temptation. He gives them satisfying life so they can enjoy fellowship with Him. He gives them heavenly life so they can worship Him. Will you do that now?

*“Lord Jesus, I thank You for eternal life that I will live forever. I praise You for the power of resurrection life and its victory over sin. Now I worship You for all you are.”*

Reading: Matthew 27:50-28:7

Words: 259

Key Thought: Jesus gives life to you.

JULY 25

THE MAN CHILD—JESUS

“And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne” (Revelation 12:5, KJV).

*Jesus* is called *The Man Child* because He was born to live as a man and die for the sins of the world. When Mary and Joseph first saw *Jesus*, He was a baby in the manger, but the Heavenly Father always saw *Jesus* as the fully-grown man hanging on the Cross, because *Jesus* was born *The Man Child* to die for sins. But *Jesus* was more than one man who died; He was every man, for all mankind was identified in Him on the Cross. Just as all died in Adam, so all were made alive in Christ (1 Cor. 15:22). He was more than just one man hanging on the Cross; *Jesus* was you, because He became your sin-bearer. Your sins were on *Jesus* when He died.

*“Lord, I thank You for being born as a child, and growing to be a man, then dying for me. Thank You for giving me eternal life.”*

Satan knew *Jesus* was the promised *Man Child* who would deliver the world, so throughout the Old Testament, Satan tried to eliminate the Jews so *Jesus* wouldn't be born. In the life of *Jesus*, Satan tried to prematurely kill Him so He wouldn't die on the Cross. But *Jesus* prevailed for you, so today will you live for Him?

*“Lord, You understand the pressures of life because You lived as a man. You were tried, hurt, and disappointed. You know what it's like to be tempted, because You overcame temptation. Help me overcome my temptations and limitations today. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 12:1-17

Words: 255

Key Thought: Because *Jesus* was a man, He understood your problems and is willing to help you.

JULY 26

SONG—TRINITY

“The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him” (Exodus 15:2).

You will want to sing when you see what God is doing in your life, because He is your *Song* of victory. Just as Israel recognized her helplessness in the face of an enemy, so you must realize you will face opposition from the world, the flesh, and Satan. Just as Israel recognized that God gave her a great victory (Exod. 15:1), so you will sing praises when you overcome your enemies. Just as Israel exalted the Lord after a victory, so you must praise Him in song when your enemy is defeated and when you win a great battle (Exod. 15:2).

*“Lord, sometimes I sing triumphantly because You give me a great victory. Sometimes, I sing reverently when I consider Your grace. Sometimes, I sing worshipfully when I consider Your awesome presence.”*

If you have no song to sing, it's because you don't see the Lord working in your life. When you are happy, the Lord is your *Song* of rejoicing. When sorrows break your heart, the Lord is your *Song* of consolation. When you meet the Lord in prayer, He is your *Song* of worship and adoration. There is no better theme to sing than to sing about the Lord. There is no better purpose to sing than to sing to Him.

*“Lord, my song exalts You for salvation, and my song blesses You for giving me victory. Amen.”*

Reading: Exodus 15:1-21

Words: 231

Key Thought: Sing about the Lord and to the Lord.

JULY 27

THE MAN OF SORROWS—JESUS

“He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him” (Isaiah 53:3).

*Jesus is The Man of Sorrows.* When the soldiers crushed a crown of thorns on His head, it left gashes on His forehead and blood obscured His vision. When they scourged *Jesus* with a whip—39 times—the beating left Him in agony. They mocked Him, stripped Him of all dignity, and made Him carry His cross to Calvary. Beyond the physical torture, the disciples ran away, Peter denied Him, and Judas betrayed Him. But *Jesus* suffered this all for you.

*“Lord Jesus, You have endured suffering for me; help me be faithful when mocking and persecution come.”*

When soldiers nailed *Jesus* to the cross, He knew it was only a matter of time before He would die. He cried, “I thirst.” They pierced His side with a spear. But that was just physical torture. When *Jesus* took on the sins of the world, He suffered all the spiritual agonies of Hell, crying out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” The greatest suffering of all was for the Son of God to be separated from the heavenly Father. There was nothing beautiful in the *Man of Sorrows* on the Cross—except the beauty of salvation it secured. Nothing lovely, except the salvation of countless souls. Nothing wonderful, except the praise of the ages to the Lamb slain for the sin of the world.

*“Lord Jesus, I worship You for being the lamb slain for the sin of the world. I praise You for being my sin-bearer. Amen.”*

Reading: Isaiah 53:1-12

Words: 250

Key Thought: I must live for Jesus because of all He suffered for me.

JULY 28

THE MAN—JESUS

“Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, ‘Behold the Man!’” (John 19:5).

*Jesus is The Man* that the Jewish leaders brought to the Roman governor Pilate to be tried. They said *Jesus* claimed to be God, “He has spoken blasphemy!” (Matt. 26:65). Pilate interrogated *Jesus*, but found no crime in Him. Still the Jews cried out for His blood. So Pilate had *Jesus* flogged with whips and sticks. The Roman governor wrongly thought that a brutal beating would satisfy the bloodthirsty Jews. Then Pilate presented *Jesus* to the crowd exclaiming, “Behold the Man!” By calling *Jesus* a man, perhaps Pilate thought the Jews would go away when they saw Him brutally beaten. But the crowd cried, “Crucify Him!” What do you cry when you see *Jesus The Man*?

*“Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins when I see Your sufferings. I cry out for forgiveness and mercy. You are the Son of God.”*

*Jesus is The Man* who was tried by a Roman court. *Jesus is The Man* who died for your sins. *Jesus is The Man* interceding for you at the right hand of the Father in Heaven. *Jesus is The Man* who will return from Heaven to judge the world. *Jesus is The Man*, who also is God.

*“Jesus, I worship You for Your great divine glory, because I don’t understand why You would become a man to die for me. I bow in human amazement at your greatness. Amen.”*

Reading: John 19:1-6

Words: 230

Key Thought: The Son of God became a Man for us.

JULY 29

ONE SPIRIT—HOLY SPIRIT

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:13).

The *Holy Spirit* is the *One Spirit* who baptized you into the body of Christ. He placed you into Christ so that when Jesus died, you were identified in His death. When Jesus was buried, your sins were buried with Him. When Jesus arose from the dead, you were in Jesus receiving new life. The Third Person of the Trinity is the *One Spirit* who baptized you into the body of Christ with all other believers.

*“Holy Spirit, it is a privilege to be united with Jesus in His death, burial and resurrection. Now I’m in Christ with all other believers..”*

The *Holy Spirit* is the *One Spirit* who gives us love for others. When you meet other believers—even for the first time—there’s oneness because you both love the same Lord. No other spirit can give you that feeling or common bond with other believers. You can pray with them, share your testimony or worship together, all because you are one in the Spirit. The *Holy Spirit* is the *One Spirit* who gives unity to the body of Christ; “There is one body and one Spirit” (Eph. 4:4). So realize, He works to give you and all other believers unity of heart and purpose. You should fellowship together, pray together, serve together, and when difficulties come, sacrifice and suffer together.

*“Holy Spirit, help me get along with other believers, especially those I’ve had trouble with. Help me love other Christians so the world can see Jesus in us. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Words: 251

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit gives unity to the body of Christ.



JULY 30

THE MEDIATOR—JESUS

“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).

A *Mediator* is a middleman between two persons, or someone who acts on your behalf before an organization or person of authority. *Jesus* is your *Mediator* to the Father. Just as a lawyer is a mediator who represents you before a judge, so *Jesus* is your *Mediator* who gets your sins forgiven. Just as a sales agent represents you in a business contract, so *Jesus* is your *Mediator* who presents your prayers to the Father. How can *Jesus* represent you today?

*“Jesus, I can’t represent myself; I’m too imperfect to stand before the Father’s throne to present my prayers to Him. I will pray through You because the Father will listen to You.”*

A human mediator could never represent you to the Father. Another mediator would have to intercede for his own sin. Also, a human mediator would have his own fleshly agenda, so he wouldn’t be concerned with your needs and problems. Because *Jesus* is God, He knows the Father’s heart; He can properly represent you to the throne. Because *Jesus* lived as a perfect man, He knows your human inclination and He can be a *Mediator* for you. Go to the Father through *The Mediator*.

*“Jesus, I am left alone and lost if you are not my Mediator. Come to me, plead my case, forgive my sins and deliver me to Heaven. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Words: 225

Key Thought: Jesus is the only One who can be your Mediator to the Father.

JULY 31

THE MIGHTY GOD—JESUS

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Wonderful things happen to those who recognize *Jesus* as *The Mighty God*, and call upon Him. When people refuse to recognize *Jesus* as their *Mighty God*, He cannot bless them for they have shut the spiritual window of their life. But to those who have yielded their life to *Jesus*, He can be their *Mighty God*. Everything promised in Scripture can happen to you because *Jesus* is mighty to bless those who have faith to receive it. What is your greatest desire today? “Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart” (Ps. 37:4, *KJV*).

*“Lord, I recognize Your might, but my problem is outward. I don’t have enough faith to trust You to do mighty things in my life. I believe in my head; overcome the unbelief of my heart.”*

*Jesus* is *The Mighty God* to answer prayer. He is also *The Mighty God* to overcome bad habits, or to give you strength to resist temptation. He is *The Mighty God* to give you peace in the middle of a storm. He can take you off your wayward path and give you purpose in life. He transforms from the inside out. If you need a spiritual “make over,” call on *Jesus*, your *Mighty God*.

*“Jesus, be mighty to discipline my thoughts. Be mighty to focus my emotions in worship to You. Be mighty to strengthen my will against temptation. Be mighty to strengthen my will against temptation. Be mighty to use my body as Your temple. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 9:2-13

Words: 247

Key Thought: Jesus can change you from the inside out.

AUGUST 1

YOUR EXCEEDINGLY GREAT REWARD—TRINITY

“After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward’” (Genesis 15:1).

The Lord God is *Your Exceedingly Great Reward*; because when you get to Heaven, He will give you spiritual treasures that He is holding for you. But, it’s not money or jewels you’ll get; the Lord is your treasure. “In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Ps. 16:11). Abraham fought a battle for righteousness sake (Gen. 14:1-16), yet he refused to take the earthly treasures that were rightfully his (Gen. 14:17-24). Abraham received a reward greater than gold or silver. He enjoyed the happiness of Divine presence; the Lord was his reward. People on earth strive for gold to make them happy, but they don’t realize that the greatest happiness of all is found in the presence of God. If your life is empty, let the Lord fill it with His presence.

*“Lord, I confess I am empty. Fill me with Your presence. Let me experience Your goodness today.”*

The Lord God is *Your Exceedingly Great Reward*. Once you fix your love on Him, your money will have new meaning. You will get joy donating to many righteous causes. All your work for the Lord will bring you greater pleasures because you’ll glorify Him in all you do. You won’t use all your energy pursuing pleasures; but you’ll do the Lord’s will, which will bring you the greatest happiness of all.

*“Lord, show me the path of life and give me fullness of joy in Your presence. Let me find pleasures forevermore at Your right hand (Ps. 16:11, Amplified). Amen.”*

Reading: Gen. 15:1-7

Words: 257

Key Thought: The Lord God is the greatest source of reward and happiness in life.

AUGUST 2

THE MINISTER OF THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY—JESUS

“We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle . . .”  
(Hebrews 8:1).

*Jesus* is seated at the right hand of the Father to be your *Minister in the Heavenly Sanctuary*. *Jesus* is there to help you. Because you are in Christ, and He indwells you (John 14:20), you are as close to the Father as is *Jesus*. So don't worry about judgment, for *Jesus* has taken your punishment. Now your concern is to please the Father and worship Him. Do that through *Jesus*, for He will present your request to the Father. Because the Father loves *Jesus* and accepts Him, you have immediate access through the Son; He is your *Minister of the Heavenly Sanctuary*.

*“Father, I am not worthy to enter Your presence, but in Jesus I stand perfect before You. My words are inadequate, but in Jesus my speech is perfect. My prayers are filled with doubts, but in Jesus I pray boldly.”*

You have instant access to the Father through *Jesus* who is your *Minister of the Heavenly Sanctuary*. *Jesus* is glorified when you pray through Him, for this is the fulfillment of His sacrifice. The Father is glorified by your worship, for that is the reason He sent *Jesus* to die for you.

*“Jesus, some of my prayers are selfish and some are surrounded with fears. Search my true heart and present those prayers to the Father that He should hear. Present my prayers in the way they should be offered. Because You are my Minister in the Heavenly Sanctuary, I pray with confidence. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 8:1-6

Words: 247

Key Thought: *Jesus* makes my prayers effective.

AUGUST 3

THE FRIEND OF PUBLICANS AND SINNERS—JESUS

“The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’” (Luke 7:34).

*Jesus* was called *The Friend of Publicans and Sinners*; not a complimentary term in His day. Jews especially hated Publicans because they “sold out” to the enemy, i.e., Rome. Roman officials “sold” the right to Jewish citizens who collected taxes for Rome. These Publicans bought the right to collect taxes, and then added their profits or wages. If the unwilling Jewish taxpayer refused to pay his taxes, Roman soldiers were used to reinforce the Publican demands. Publicans were religiously unclean because they fellowshipped with Gentiles, and morally unclean for taking advantage of the poor and innocent. Because the common people hated Publicans, when *Jesus* went to eat with them, some observers questioned *Jesus*’ motives, or at least His judgment. *Jesus* responded to this criticism, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance” (Mark 2:17).

*“Lord Jesus, You did not come just for good people, but You came to save all kinds of sinners, including me.”*

The Jewish people also criticized *Jesus* for eating with sinners. There were people of Jewish blood who refused to keep the Jewish law, attend the Sabbath observance, or honor God. The average Jew considered a “sinner” lost. But *Jesus* wanted everyone to know He came into the world—to save one and all—no matter if they were morally upright or outwardly sinful.

*“Jesus, You were The Friend of Publicans and Sinners while on Earth. Now You welcome all people to salvation.”*

Reading: Luke 5:27-32

Words: 256

Key Thought: Jesus loves and accepts any and all, no matter if they are morally upright or outward sinners.

AUGUST 4

THE ANOINTING—HOLY SPIRIT

“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him” (1 John 2:27).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Anointing* who comes to give you spiritual insight. When you don't understand the Scripture, let Him anoint your spiritual eyes to see what the passage says. When you don't know where to go, let Him anoint your understanding so you can choose the right paths. When you can't see Jesus working in your life, let Him anoint your spiritual perception. Remember Jesus promised that He would come to help believers glorify the Son (John 16:14). Let the *Holy Spirit* magnify Jesus in your life today.

*“Holy Spirit, I want to glorify Jesus. Come anoint me with Your presence so I can see the work of Jesus in my life and glorify Him with my praise. I need Your anointing today.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Anointing* who comes to enlighten the Scriptures in your heart. But He doesn't work in a vacuum; you must read and memorize the Bible. You must study the Bible, comparing Scripture to Scripture. You must use commentaries and dictionaries. You must give time meditating on the Word of God. Then you must ask for Him to come help you understand spiritual things. When you seek enlightenment of the *Holy Spirit*, you are asking for *The Anointing* of the *Holy Spirit*. He will come shine light on your darkened understanding.

*“Holy Spirit, come shine Your light in my mind. Help me to see everything You want me to know, then help me do all You want me to accomplish. Come anoint me to know the Scripture. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 John 2:20-28

Words: 256

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit anoints you to understand the Bible.

AUGUST 5

MY ANOINTED—JESUS

“Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever” (1 Samuel 2:35).

The title *Anointed* in Hebrew is Messiah; in Greek it is Christ. Jesus Christ is the *Anointed One*. He is Messiah. The heavenly Father calls *Jesus* “*My Anointed*,” that’s because *Jesus* fulfilled the prophecy of the three-fold anointed office. Just as a priest was anointed with oil to sacrifice for sins, so *Jesus* was anointed with the Holy Spirit to offer a sacrifice for our sins. Just as a prophet was anointed to speak for God, *Jesus* was the Father’s prophet who brought the message of grace. Just as the king was inaugurated into office by an anointing oil, so *Jesus* was the Father’s *Anointed One* to rule the hearts of all people.

*“Jesus, I thank You for being the Anointed Priest to bring me salvation. I thank You for being the Anointed Prophet to deliver the word of God to me. I thank You for being the Anointed King to rule my heart. Anoint me for service today.”*

The anointing is for cleansing; let *Jesus* deal with your sin. The anointing is for victory; let *Jesus* deliver you from temptation and trouble. The anointing is for power; let *Jesus* use you today. The anointing is for joy; let *Jesus* give you happiness today. Do you need a fresh anointing to face this day?

*“Jesus, it’s hard to stay fresh; sometimes my daily life gets boring. Anoint my waiting soul. I’m walking through a hot barren world. Let the oil of Your presence flow into every crack and crevice of my heart. Ah! Your oil feels good. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Samuel 2:12-36; 4:10-22

Words: 258

Key Thought: The anointing of Jesus gives you a fresh start for a new day.

AUGUST 6

MY DELIVERER—JESUS

“But I am poor and needy; yet the LORD thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God” (Psalm 40:17).

There were many deliverers in the history of God’s people: Noah delivered the human race from a judgmental flood; Moses delivered Israel from Egypt; Deborah delivered God’s people from the Canaanites, Gideon from the Midianites, and David from the Philistines. But each time a human leader delivered God’s people; eventually they drifted back into sin. The greatest *Deliverer* is *Jesus*. His past death delivered us from sin’s penalty; He “forgives all your iniquities” (Ps. 103:3). His present indwelling delivers us from the power of sin; “Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence” (Ps. 91:3). His future coming will deliver you from the presence of sin; “Who delivers us from the wrath to come” (1 Thess. 1:10).

*“Lord Jesus, I praise You for delivering Your people in the past. But most of all, I praise You for delivering me.”*

*Jesus* is your *Deliverer*. He saved you, “He has delivered us from so great a death” (2 Cor. 1:10). You can have victory over addiction and habits; “He has delivered us from the power of darkness” (Col. 1:13). He delivers from persecution (2 Tim. 3:11), and in the final day, He will deliver you to Heaven; “Jesus . . . delivers us from the wrath to come” (1 Thess. 1:10).

*Lord Jesus, I praise You because You saved me when I was in sin. You brought me close when I was far away and You delivered me when I was in trouble. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 40:1-17

Words: 250

Key Thought: Jesus will deliver you in many ways.



AUGUST 7

THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE—TRINITY

“Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle” (Psalm 24:8).

Look to *The Lord Mighty in Battle* to give you victory in life. Battles are not easy; they’re tough, threatening and tiring. *Jesus* went through many sufferings on earth. His disciples left Him, Peter denied Him, and the Roman soldiers beat Him and finally they crucified Him on a cross. When the enemy thought they won the battle in killing *Jesus*, it was in His death that the victory was won. Since the world hated Him, the world will oppose you. You will always have to fight the world, the flesh, and Satan. Your enemies will be too strong for you, so you must look to *The Lord Mighty in Battle*. He will come to your rescue when you call upon Him.

*“Lord, help me see my enemies through Your eyes. You defeated them on the cross, give me faith to claim victory today.”*

When you think sin will defeat you, remember victory begins in your mind. You must want to win and look to His strength for victory. When you plan to win, remember victory comes when you stand by the Lord. He will help you defeat the enemy. When you’re near Him, you can be victorious in His strength.

*“Lord, I’ll not look at the strength of the enemy; I’ll look to Your might. I know You defeated the enemy on the cross, so I’ll trust You to win the victory today. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 61:1-12

Words: 235

Key Thought: Claim the victory of Jesus to win battles over sin.

AUGUST 8

THE MYSTERY OF GOD—JESUS

“That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ” (Colossians 2:2).

*Jesus* wants you to have full assurance of your salvation. You can know that you are saved, and you can know how to please the Father. You can know these things because *Jesus* lives in your life and gives complete confidence to you. The world doesn't understand this mystery, but the Father and *Jesus* have taken the mystery out of your relationship with Them. The fact that the Son indwells you is a mystery to the world, but you understand it because you originally asked *Jesus* into your heart when you were saved. *The Mystery of God* is the fact that *Jesus* indwells you to give you full assurance of sins forgiven and a future home in Heaven.

*“Lord, I want to know everything about my salvation. Sometimes, I just don't understand some things You are doing in my life. Sometimes things puzzle me.”*

*Jesus* is *The Mystery of God*; in Him are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:3). When you don't understand what's happening in your life, learn more about *Jesus* to find answers for your questions. When you are not sure what to do, come to *Jesus* for guidance. He can help you learn things about *The Mystery of God*.

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for teaching me how to live the Christian life. Thank You for new life and a future hope of Heaven. Help me learn more about how to live for You. Amen.”*

Reading: Colossians 2:1-7

Words: 240

Key Thought: Knowing *Jesus* is the key to understanding the mysteries of God.

AUGUST 9

A REPROACH OF MEN—JESUS

“But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people”  
(Psalm 22:6).

Today, the name of *Jesus* is revered and respected by His followers. But, there was a brief window of time when the followers of *Jesus* fled and hid themselves. The name *Jesus* was a *reproach* to them. When *Jesus* was arrested, “all the disciples forsook Him and fled” (Matt. 25:56). What would you have done? Peter ran away, but not too far because he got entrance into the High Priest courtyard. A servant girl—the gatekeeper—recognized Peter and said, “You also were with Jesus of Nazareth” (Mark 14:67). Peter denied it three times in rapid succession, and the third time, “he began to curse and swear” (Mark 14:71). Why? Because *Jesus* had been a *reproach* to him. Has *Jesus* ever become a *reproach* to you? Have you ever denied Him?

*“Lord Jesus, I am not perfect. I do not always speak up as a Christian, but You are not a reproach to me. I will speak boldly in Your name in the future.”*

When Peter denied *Jesus*, he fulfilled the Old Testament prediction that *Jesus* would be *A Reproach of Men*. Hanging on the cross, *Jesus* was cursed, mocked, spat upon, and rejected by the multitudes. But even in His rejection, a thief believed in Him, His mother and John were commissioned by Him, and at His death, the Centurion recognized *Jesus* as a righteous man.

*“Lord Jesus, there are many who reject You in this world, but You are not a reproach to me. I take the name Christ; I am glad to be a Christian. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 14:66-72

Words: 259

Key Thought: Jesus is either a reproach to you or He is your Savior.

AUGUST 10

THE BLESSING—HOLY SPIRIT

“I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring”  
(Isaiah 44:3).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Blessing* you need. It's not help you need, it's the *Holy Spirit*. It's not money you need; it's the *Holy Spirit*. He is *The Blessing* you must have to fill up that hole in your life. Don't seek money or happiness, or success; seek the *Holy Spirit*. It's not an ambiguous blessing you need; the *Holy Spirit* is the blessing you need.

*“Holy Spirit, I will seek You so I can have spiritual blessings in my life. I have occasional emergencies, but most of the time I just have pressures. Bless me with Your presence this day. Be with me in all that I do today. Bless my testimony to expand Your kingdom.”*

*The Blessing* you seek is the *Holy Spirit*. He will add value to all that you are and all that you do. He is *The Blessing*. “He can bless you and keep you; He can make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; He can give you peace” (Num. 6:24-25, author's paraphrase). The *Holy Spirit* is *The Blessing*. You must yield to His control so He can bless your workplace and the work of your hands. The *Holy Spirit* is financial blessing; you must yield the use of your checkbook to Him, so He can add financial value in your life.

*“Lord, You are my Blessing. I look to You and not to money, position, or things. Add value to all I do and help me be a blessing to others as You have blessed me. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 4:14-29

Words: 258

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is The Blessing you need.

AUGUST 11

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD—HOLY SPIRIT

“The Spirit of the LORD came upon him (Othniel), and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand” (Judges 3:10).

When *The Spirit of the Lord* came upon Othniel, it was the *Holy Spirit*—the Third Person of the Trinity—who empowered him for service. When *The Spirit of the Lord* comes upon you, He will help you live a godly life and serve with power. Just as *The Spirit of the Lord* came upon Othniel to give him victory over a profane enemy, so He can fill every corner of your life with renewed energy. But He can’t fill the empty parts of your life if you don’t yield them to Him. Right now stop your self-efforts. Cry out for the strength of *The Spirit of the Lord* to empower you.

*“Holy Spirit, I come to You for victory. Help me overcome outward temptations. Give me the courage to overcome inner doubts. Give me discipline to overcome my rebellion.”*

Just as *The Spirit of the Lord* strengthened Othniel to overcome a Syrian king, so the *Holy Spirit* can fill you with power that you’ve never experienced. But He will not fill a dirty vessel. Sin keeps the *Holy Spirit* from filling every crevice and cranny of your life. Deal with your rebellious attitude in a spiritual way, so the *Spirit* can be poured out in full power.

*“Lord, I repent of my sin and turn to You. I confess my sin and ask forgiveness. Holy Spirit, let Your power flow into my life. Come, flow quickly into my life to fill every empty corner with Your power. Flow, Spirit, flow. Amen.”*

Reading: Judges 3:1-12

Words: 252

Key Thought: You must prepare for the Holy Spirit before He will flow into your life.

AUGUST 12

THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY—JESUS

“. . . Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments”  
(Revelation 16:7).

When *Jesus* comes in judgment, He will come as *The Lord God Almighty*. *Jesus* will come as the Lord, the One who control all things. Today, the Lord allows evil rulers to make war, innocent victims are killed, disease runs rampant in many places, and crime seems unstoppable. While it seems *Jesus* is not in outward control, He is working inwardly to control the inner life of His followers. Will you let Him control your life? *Jesus* is *The God* who created all things; that means He has “the eternal power” (Rom. 1:20) to do all God wills to do. But it seems God is holding back His power because Christians suffer, the church is persecuted and evil thrives. But that is not true. God’s power is not measured by what evil does or doesn’t do. God allows evil in the world to test the obedience of His servants to determine if they will love Him more. Are you loving Him more? *Jesus* is also *The Almighty*, the One who exercises divine will, the One who works His plan in your life. Is He working His purpose in your life? In today’s world, *The Lord God Almighty* is exercising divine patience until evil runs its course. At the Second Coming, *Jesus* will manifest Himself as *The Lord God Almighty*. He will directly control all things, and He will accomplish His Almighty will.

*“Lord Jesus, come! I wait for Your return to earth to rule everything. I wait for Your power to accomplish Your will. But until You return, come rule my life with Your power. Amen.”*

Reading: Rev. 16:1-21

Words: 266

Key Thought: Jesus has the power to control everything when He returns.

AUGUST 13

THE WINDOW OPENER—TRINITY

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10).

The Lord will *Open the Windows of Heaven* and pour out a blessing on all who bring the tithe to Him. It’s not just money the Lord wants from people; it’s their worship and obedience. When a person gives ten percent of “all thine increase” (Deut. 26:12), then the Lord responds by giving him the best of life, the provision for his needs, and the Lord will manifest His presence to them. Notice, the Lord does not give everything a person wants, but He provides spiritual blessings for those who put Him first in their life. People spend their money for happiness, or on provisions for their needs. When we “spend” our money on God, we get the benefits for which others spend their money. God in Heaven sees what we do and gives us the “blessings” we seek in life.

*“Lord, I acknowledge Your ownership over my life, including my time, talents, and treasures. I will give You ten percent of all I have, knowing You will take care of my needs.”*

Heaven is stored with blessings and goodness for God’s people. However, you can have them now by total obedience to God. When you do God’s will and call upon Him, He will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing for you in this life.

*“Lord, forgive me when I’ve not obeyed You. I commit myself now to giving financially to Your cause. I look forward to receiving Your blessings from the open windows of heaven. Amen.”*

Reading: Malachi 3:7-11

Words: 252

Key Thought: God opens windows when you obey Him.

AUGUST 14

THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT—JESUS

“And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, ‘Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!’” (Revelation 19:6).

*Jesus is The Lord God Omnipotent.* Because *Jesus* is God who created all things (John 1:3); He has all power. What power do you need from Him today? Because *Jesus* is the Lord who controls all things by His laws and sovereignty, will you let Him control your life today? Because *Jesus* is *Omnipotent*, He has the potential ability to do everything that is possible to do. Obviously, He will not make yesterday not happen because that would mean God would have to deny He existed. Nor will God not make  $2 \times 2 = 3$  for that denies truth. An *Omnipotent God* can do anything He wills to do, but He will not go against what He has previously done. When *Jesus* comes to finally judge the world, He has power to judge exactly as He wills. Therefore, you want to be in the center of God’s will when He comes.

*“Lord Jesus, be the Lord who controls my life. Be The Omnipotent One whose will I do. Be the God who gives me power to accomplish Your will.”*

*Jesus* will manifest Himself fully as the *Lord God Omnipotent* when He returns to earth. Today, *Jesus* allows individuals to rebel against His control, deny His power, and reject His will. But what about you, will you yield to His control? Will you claim His power? Will you do His will?

*“Lord Jesus, I want to glorify You with my life. I submit to Your control, and I claim Your power; help me do Your will. Amen.”*

Reading: Rev. 19:1-10

Words: 257

Key Thought: Jesus is the Lord God Omnipotent who wants to control your life.



AUGUST 15

LORD JESUS CHRIST—JESUS

“My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality” (James 2:1).

We usually think of *Jesus* as having three names: *Lord*, *Jesus*, and *Christ*. But He’s entirely different from people today who have a first, middle and last name. When you call Him *Lord*, that’s His title. You are referring to His deity. No one gave Him the title *Lord*, for He has eternally been *Lord*. When you call Him *Jesus*, you are referring to His humanity. The angel Gabriel told Mary to call Him *Jesus*, a Greek name that means “Jehovah Saves.” When you call Him *Christ*, you are referring to His anointed office. Just as prophets, priests, and kings were anointed into their office, *Jesus* came as Prophet to give the message of God, as Priest to bring salvation, and as King to rule the hearts of His followers.

*“I worship You as Christ who brought me salvation, as Jesus the virgin-born Son of Mary, and as my King, who sits on the throne of my heart.”*

Why does *Jesus* have so many names, titles, and descriptive metaphors? Men who do many things have many titles (dad, husband, uncle, boss, deacon, etc.), so *Jesus* has over 700 names because He is and does a vast number of things. The names you call Him are not as important as your response to Him. He wants your love and obedience.

*“Jesus, You are my Redeemer, Intercessor, Guide, Protector, and Friend. You came to me as light, water, bread, shepherd, vine, and resurrection. But most of all, You are my Lord and You are My Savior. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Tim. 1:1-2, 12-17

Words: 255

Key Thought: Jesus has many names to elicit many responses.

AUGUST 16

THE BREATH OF GOD—HOLY SPIRIT

“As long as my breath is in me, and the breath of God in my nostrils” (Job 27:3).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Breath of God*. When the Father wants to give life to anything, the *Holy Spirit* is breathed into all things. The *Holy Spirit* was the *Breath* that God blew into the nostrils of Adam and he lived. The *Holy Spirit* was the *Breath of God* hovering over the waters when life was given during Creation (Gen. 1:2). *The Breath of God* blows like the wind over hills and oceans to give life to nature. The *Holy Spirit* is the *Breath of God*—the wind that blows where it wishes—to bring eternal life to those who believe in Jesus (John 3:7, 8). Let the *Holy Spirit* breathe new life in you today.

*“Holy Spirit, I need new enthusiasm to worship and serve You. Breathe new excitement and anticipation into me. Blow Your new life in me today.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *God’s Breath*. Just as you must breathe air to exist, so you must have the *Holy Spirit* to have eternal life. Breathe the *Holy Spirit* for illumination when You’re spiritually blind. Breathe the *Holy Spirit* for guidance when you don’t know what to do. Breathe the *Holy Spirit* for strength when you think you can’t go on. Breathe the *Holy Spirit* for encouragement when things fall apart. Let the *Holy Spirit* be the air you breathe.

*“Holy Spirit, I breathe You into my cluttered lungs. Clean out my selfish ways and make me holy. Get rid of junk in my schedule and make me spiritual. Holy Spirit, make me ‘holy’ and make me ‘spiritual.’ Amen.”*

Reading: Job 27:1-24

Words: 261

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit breathes new enthusiasm into you.

AUGUST 17

LORD—*KURIOS*—JESUS

“You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am” (John 13:13).

*Jesus* is the *Lord* of Heaven, the *Lord* of the universe, the *Lord* of the church, but most of all He should be your personal *Lord*. Just as a human can be lord of a manor because he owns the house, and directs its activities, so *Jesus* should be Lord of your body—His Temple—because He provides for your needs and directs your activities. *Jesus* wants to be more than a guest in your home; He wants the title deed so that you belong to Him.

*“Jesus, enter my life as you might enter a home. Make my heart Your home. Live in my body.”*

If *Jesus* is your *Lord*, He should rest in the “living room” of your life. *Jesus* should feel comfortable in the recreation room where you play and entertain yourself. *Jesus* should be invited into your dining room when you eat and satisfy your appetite. He won’t be happy if you eat the garbage of this world. Would *Jesus* rest comfortably in the bedroom of your life? Do you have a besetting sin hidden in the basement? When you invite *Jesus* into your home, He doesn’t enter as a decoration or a “celebrity” to give your home status. He doesn’t come as a vacation guest or as a friend who “pops in” on the weekends. *Jesus* comes to be the *Lord* of your house.

*“Jesus I give every room in the house to You. Enter each room, cleanse it and make it Your own. I will make You Lord of my life. Amen.”*

Reading: John 13:1-17

Words: 258

Key Thought: Jesus will not be Lord at all, unless He is the Lord of all.

AUGUST 18

LORD OF LORDS—JESUS

“He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords” (1 Timothy 6:15).

Many in the world call *Jesus* “lord,” but He is more, *Jesus* is *Lord of Lords*. A lord holds vast properties and assets. *Jesus* is *Lord* because He owns the world and rules the universe. A lord directs those under his rule. *Jesus* is *Lord* because He holds the destiny of all people in His hand. A Lord is the absolute owner of all he surveys. *Jesus* is the *Lord* of everything because He created all things. Because He died for all people, all will one day bow to His rule. Because He will come in the future to judge all, you must be accountable to Him for how you live.

*“Lord, there are many who will not recognize Your rule in their lives, but I acknowledge You as my Lord. Teach me to adjust to Your rules. Let my submission be a testimony to others.”*

There are many lords in this world who are called presidents, prime ministers, governors, mayors, and billionaires. They rule empires. While they will not recognize the *Lord’s* rule on earth, nor will they rule according to His “righteous laws,” one day they will acknowledge *Jesus* is “*King of Kings and Lord of Lords*.” Then every knee will bow, including theirs (Phil. 2:11, 12).

*“Jesus, I know You will rule everything in the future, but I am concerned about this day. Come take control of my heart, be my Lord. Be glorified in all I do and say. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Tim. 6:15-21

Words: 244

Key Thought: Jesus will rule all things one day, so submit to Him today.

AUGUST 19

THE PILLAR OF FIRE—TRINITY

“And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people” (Exodus 13:21, 22).

The Lord is a picture of *The Pillar of Fire* that led Israel through the wilderness. But it was more than a flame; it was His presence with His people. *Jesus* is a light to guide, protect, and comfort His people. When Isaiah went into the Temple, he saw the smoke from the sacrificial altar drifting up into Heaven. That was the Shekinah glory cloud that symbolized God’s presence. Then Isaiah cried out, “I saw the Lord” (Is. 6:1-3). Because the Lord is light, He will give illumination, wisdom, and guidance.

*“Lord, thank You for light in my life. Let me experience Your presence today. I want to see You.”*

The Lord manifested Himself in a *Pillar of Fire*, but if you took away the smoke and the clouds, you wouldn’t see anything, for there’s nothing to see. No one can see God because God is Spirit (John 4:23). But in order for people to know where God was located, He appeared in a column of smoke, or fire, or a thick cloud (Ex. 40:34, 35). God is invisible, so He can be everywhere present at the same time. God is Spirit, so He can be near you and indwell you. Just as the Lord led Israel by a *Pillar of Fire*, let Him lead you today.

*“Lord, I feel comfortable in the fire of Your presence. Thank You for light and direction. Lead me today. Amen.”*

Reading: Exodus 13:20-14:20

Words: 237

Key Thought: The Lord can lead you today as He led Israel in the wilderness.

AUGUST 20

A MALEFACTOR—JESUS

“They answered and said unto him, ‘If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee’” (John 18:30, *KJV*).

To the Jews who arrested *Jesus*, He was a *Malefactor*, a name that means “evildoer.” They knew *Jesus* was not a *Malefactor* because their witnesses disagreed in their testimony against Him, and the Jews bribed them to lie. But still, they accused *Jesus* of being a *Malefactor*, even though *Jesus* was perfect and without sin. He could say to the Jews, “Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin?” (John 8:46, *NLT*). Pilate would testify, “I find no fault in Him” (John 19:6). Yet, in the irony of this situation, the Jews accused an innocent man of being an evildoer when in actuality, their lie made them the guilty ones. “Jesus did not sin, but He was made sin for us” (2 Cor. 5:21, Author’s Translation). *Jesus* took on the sin of the Jews, the sin of the world, your sin.

*“Lord Jesus, I know You are the perfect Son of God. I also know You became sin for me. Thank You for Your death for my sins.”*

The names that were given to *Jesus* reflect the roles that people projected on to Him. *Jesus* was a *Malefactor* in the eyes of those who hated Him. They hated Him because He attacked their dead religious rituals. *Jesus* was a rival “religious” leader because *Jesus* gave the multitude hope, something they couldn’t do. *Jesus* taught the truth, lived a perfect life, and established a kingdom of peace and righteousness.

*“Lord Jesus, the world has called You a Malefactor, but I call You my Savior. The world calls You an evildoer, but I call You my Redeemer. Amen.”*

Reading: John 18:30-38

Words: 267

Key Thought: The world calls Jesus a Malefactor, but He is the Savior.

AUGUST 21

MASTER—*EPISTATES*—JESUS

“And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net” (Luke 5:5, KJV).

*Jesus* sat in Peter’s boat preaching to a large crowd. When *Jesus* finished, He told Peter, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch” (Luke 5:4). Because *Jesus* knew all things, He knew Peter had fished all night but didn’t catch anything. Peter called *Jesus* *Master*, a title of respect that a worker would call a boss. Peter was respectful but replied, “I will let down the net” (Luke 5:5). Did you see what Peter said? He would cast only one net, not all of the nets that *Jesus* originally commanded. Don’t we do the same thing? Aren’t we guilty of partial obedience to *Jesus*?

*“Jesus, forgive me for the times I have not completely obeyed You. Teach me to completely obey Your commands.”*

Notice what happened when Peter let down only one net. “They caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking” (Luke 5:6). Perhaps the singular net would not have been broken if Peter had let down all the nets? Isn’t partial obedience, full disobedience? When Peter saw his net breaking and the boat filled with fish, he fell at *Jesus*’ feet, crying out, “O Lord” (Luke 5:8). Notice the change in titles. *Jesus* is no longer just respected as a boss; *Jesus* is now revered as Lord. Do you just respect *Jesus* as your boss, or do you revere Him as your Lord?

*“Lord Jesus, I revere your miracle-working powers, but I bow in worship because You are the Lord of the Universe; You are my personal Lord. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Words: 260

Key Thought: Jesus is more than a Master; He wants to be Your Lord.

AUGUST 22

A NEW SPIRIT—HOLY SPIRIT

“Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 11:19).

The *Holy Spirit* is the *New Spirit* that enters a person’s heart at salvation. He enters a hard heart with the love of God to soften it. When people realize how much the Father loves them, and how much Jesus suffered for them on the cross, they’ll soften in repentance and faith. The *New Spirit* will give them a new view of their sins, a new view of the Gospel, and a new view of salvation. But most of all, the *New Spirit* will give them a new heart to call upon God. Let the *Holy Spirit* give you a new life. Let the *Holy Spirit* show you what new things He can do for your today.

*“Holy Spirit, I need a new perspective on life. Give me a new focus on my possibilities. Use me in a new way today.”*

The *New Spirit* is sent into your life to show you all the new things you get at salvation. You get peace (John 14:27), guidance (Gal. 5:25), assurance (Eph. 4:30), illumination (1 Peter 1:12) and you are filled with the presence of the *Holy Spirit* for new service (Eph. 5:18). When you get the fullness of the *Holy Spirit*, many new possibilities open up to you.

*“Holy Spirit, come touch me in a new way. I want all the new things You have for me. Make this a wonderful day. Amen.”*

Reading: Ezekiel 36:25-36

Words: 232

Key Thought: Holy Spirit gives new things to believers.



AUGUST 23

MEEK—JESUS

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls” (Matthew 11:29).

*Jesus* called Himself *Meek*, because He personified meekness. He calls us to a life of meekness, instead of living arrogantly and boastfully. Because *Jesus* is humble, He calls us not to serve ourselves, nor live for selfish advancement. Because *Jesus* was submissive to the Roman authorities and those over Him, His example calls us to meekness and yieldedness. We are to obey the rules, because God has put them over us. *Jesus* did not seek His own will; He testified, “I do always these things that please the Father” (John 17:4-6). But we are the opposite of *Jesus*; we seek our own fulfillment, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Isa. 53:6).

*“Lord, I am human and I follow my impulse to live for selfish purposes. Teach me to be meek like Jesus. Teach me to live for You.”*

*Jesus* is called *Meek* because He left His lofty position in Heaven, laid aside His glory, and accepted a humble birth in a stable. He prayed when facing suffering, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will” (Matt. 26:39); Yes, *Jesus* meekly accepted the cross for you; what will you give up for Him?

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for Your sacrifice. Help me learn from Your meekness; help me to be like You. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 11:28-30, 26:36-46

Words: 248

Key Thought: You can learn meekness from Jesus.

AUGUST 24

MERCY SEAT—JESUS

“And above it [the Ark of the Covenant] were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat” (Hebrews 9:5). “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world (1 John 2:2).

The Lord has a throne in Heaven, but He did not let His people build Him a throne on earth. Rather, He instructed Moses to build an Ark of the Covenant (the word ark meant box) (Exod. 25:17) where He would be present. The lid of the box was called the mercy seat because that’s where the Lord came to sit. It’s much like a human father sitting on a cedar chest (the approximate dimensions of the ark) to change his shoes; so God came to sit on His box—Ark of the Covenant. It’s ironic that the God of Heaven had to sit on a box and not a throne. Blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat once each year, symbolic of God’s covering their sin. God wanted to sit where the blood was sprinkled. The mercy seat was symbolic of forgiven sins.

*“Lord Jesus, You are my Mercy Seat, for it was Your blood that redeemed me. I worship You for salvation completed.”*

The Shekinah cloud sat on the mercy seat. The glory of God—His presence—was in that cloud as it filled the Holy of Holies. That’s as close as anyone could see God sitting on anything on this earth. Just as God’s glory came to sit on the mercy seat in the Old Testament, invite *Jesus’* presence to fill your world and influence you today.

*“Jesus, You are the propitiation—satisfaction-- for my sins. When You died for me, it was Your blood that was sprinkled on the mercy seat. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 9:1-11

Words: 256

Key Thought: God sits on the Mercy Seat to forgive my sins.

AUGUST 25

EL OLAM (EVERLASTING GOD)—TRINITY

“Then Abraham planted a tamarisk (oak) tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God” (Genesis 21:33).

The Lord is *El Olam*, the God of mystery that is unknown to you. His name *Olam* means secret or hidden. There are many things about God that are hidden in the clouds of eternity. You’ll not be held accountable for the things you don’t know about God, but for the things you know. These are the difficult challenges in life. The Lord is *El Olam*—the God of mystery. One day you’ll understand the events of today when you look back to see God’s good plan for you. He is directing all things, even when you can’t see what’s happening.

*“El Olam, You made me human and finite. Teach me to trust You even when my path is cloudy. Teach me to follow You when I don’t understand the events around me.”*

Abraham planted a grove of trees that would outlive his normal life in Beersheba, thereby symbolizing a relationship with God that would extend beyond his earthly life. *El Olam* is the God beyond this life. Even when you can’t understand what’s happening in your life, look beyond your circumstances to see His everlasting nature. Call on Him—the *Everlasting God*—to extend your influence into the future. And when you think your life is a mystery, remember God has a plan for you; and one day it’ll be crystal clear to you.

*“O, Everlasting God, accomplish Your plan in my life. Help me trust You when I don’t know what You’re doing. Help me follow You when I can’t see where I’m going. Amen.”*

Reading: Genesis 20, 21

Words: 257

Key Thought: Trust the Everlasting God who has a plan bigger than this life.

AUGUST 26

MESSIAH—JESUS

“And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined” (Daniel 9:26).

In the Old Testament, the people of God looked forward to *Messiah*, i.e., their Deliverer. The title *Messiah* meant “Anointed One.” Just as David was anointed king and drove the heathen out of the Promised Land, the Jews looked forward to their coming *Messiah* to drive the Romans into the sea. Just as prophets were anointed to speak God’s message, so the Jews looked for their *Messiah’s* coming with God’s Word. Just as the priests were anointed to make sacrifice for sins, so the Jews looked for their *Messiah* to bring in universal peace and forgiveness of sins. *Jesus* was the *Messiah*, i.e., God’s Anointed One. He came fulfilling the three-fold anointed office of Prophet, Priest and King.

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for Your priesthood to forgive my sins. Thank You for being a prophet to bring the message of love. Thank You for being a king to rule in my heart.”*

*Jesus* is the *Messiah*, the Anointed One. He wants to anoint your mind to understand the Scriptures, so study the Word daily. He wants to anoint your prayer life for effective intercession, so bring your requests to God. He wants to anoint your quiet time with His presence, so seek *Jesus* now.

*“Lord Jesus, my life is empty; I need a fresh filling today. Pour Your presence into my life. Anoint me with Your power to live above temptations and trouble. Anoint me with peace and confidence to live for You this day. Amen.”*

Reading: Dan. 9:24-27

Words: 246

Key Thought: Jesus can anoint your life so you can live above temptations and troubles.

AUGUST 27

THE LORD AND SAVIOR—JESUS

“For so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:11).

*Jesus* is both *The Lord and Savior*. He is the *Lord* of the universe because He created everything. He is the *Lord* of the nations because He created the first humans. He is the *Lord* of nature because He holds everything together by His power. *Jesus* could have forced the first parents to be obedient, but untested obedience doesn't glorify the Father. He had to give Adam and Eve a free choice whether they would love God or rebel against Him. When the first parents sinned, nature was cursed and humanity spun out of control. Death reigned over all people. It was then that *Jesus*, the *Lord* of all, had to become *Savior* of all. *Jesus* came to die so you could live. Now *Jesus* is *The Lord and Savior* of the world.

*“Jesus, You are Lord and Savior, but everyone doesn't follow You. However, You are my Savior and You are my Lord.”*

*Jesus* has provided salvation to all, but many will not accept it. He is neither their *Savior* from sin, nor is He the *Lord* of their life. Some have been saved, but will not obey Him; *Jesus* is only their *Savior*, not their *Lord*. Today, *Jesus* wants to be both your *Savior* and your *Lord*. Will you let Him direct your life? When yielded to *Jesus*, He'll be both your *Savior* and *Lord*.

*“Jesus, I want You to be both my Lord and Savior. I praise You for forgiving my sins and I give You the control of my life. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Peter 1:1-18

Words: 255

Key Thought: Jesus wants to be both your Lord and Savior.

AUGUST 28

DIVIDED TONGUES AS OF FIRE—HOLY SPIRIT

“Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them” (Acts 2:3).

The *Holy Spirit* is *Divided Tongues as of Fire* that came upon the disciples in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. They had been praying for 40 days when the *Holy Spirit* came upon them. The sign of tongues in the air was not illusionary; it was real. The *Holy Spirit* entered their life and spoke through them with different languages. Since Jesus told them to preach the Gospel to all people, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations (ethnic groups)” (Matt. 28:19), the *Holy Spirit* gave them different languages to speak to all people. That means He can give you the ability to speak your language to those who are not Christians. But more than knowledge of a foreign language, the *Holy Spirit* was in their words, convicting of sin, exalting Jesus through their lives, drawing people to salvation. Let the *Holy Spirit* speak through you today.

*“Holy Spirit, come fill my life with Your presence. Speak through my words to my unsaved friends and associates.”*

The *Divided Tongues of Fire* can purify you just as fire burns away impurities. The *Holy Spirit* can cleanse your tongues, and clean up your thoughts. You can speak the pure Word of God from a clean heart. And just as fire burns everything it touches, the *Holy Spirit* can cause the message to burn in the hearts of those who listen to you.

*“Holy Spirit, I will testify to some unsaved people today. When I speak, fill my words with fire. Help me bring my friends to faith in Christ. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Words: 265

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit wants to use your words today.

AUGUST 29

THE LIGHT OF MEN—JESUS

“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4).

There are all kinds of light—sunlight, moonlight, and light from a fire or candle. Satan is an “angel of light” (2 Cor. 11:14), who attracts people to sin and death. The original source of all light is *Jesus the Light* (John 8:12), who is *The Light of Men*. When people are lost in darkness, *Jesus* is the Light of Salvation that directs people to Heaven. Just as light illuminates the right path so people won’t get lost, *Jesus* is the right path to Heaven. Just as a light will keep away dangerous predators, *Jesus* is the *Light* that protects us on our journey. Just as a light makes it possible to read and explore things, *Jesus* helps us learn and grow as Christians. Just as light makes us comfortable in the night, *Jesus* gives us “the light of life.

There are several ways to walk in the light. We should hold it high to illuminate our surroundings, just as we must hold *Jesus* high for all to see us as Christians. We must hold the light in front of us to direct our steps, just as we must let *Jesus* guide our attitudes, thoughts, and actions. We must hold the light near so we can read and learn, just as we must let *Jesus* into our hearts and minds through Bible reading, meditation, and prayer.

*“Lord Jesus, You are the Light of my life. Keep me from getting lost. Keep me from getting hurt. Keep me from the dangers of sin. I will follow Your light. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 27:1-8

Words: 258

Key Thought: Jesus is my Light to guide me safely to God.

AUGUST 30

KING OF THE JEWS—JESUS

“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him” (Matthew 2:2).

Julius Caesar had put King Herod on the throne, so when Caesar was killed, Herod was threatened and ran quickly to Rome to have the Senate appoint him as “king of the Jews.” That not only put Herod over Jerusalem and the surrounding territories, but it gave Herod authority over Jews everywhere. No wonder Herod was “troubled” when wise men came looking for a baby, born *King of the Jews*. No wonder Herod sent soldiers to Bethlehem to kill all babies two years and under. Rome recognized Herod as the earthly king of the Jews, but the heavenly Father recognized *Jesus* as the eternal *King of the Jews*.

*“Lord Jesus, not only do I recognize You as the Jews and the King of my life, but I also recognize You as King of the universe and King of heaven.”*

Some are made king because of their superior powers; other men wait until a father dies before becoming king. *Jesus* was always King, and long before He will ascend the throne of Israel in the coming millennium, He is *King of the Jews*. *Jesus* was born with that title, lived with that title, and when He returns, all will recognize His title as King—*King of the Jews*. *Jesus* is *King of Kings* and *Lord of Lords*. Is He the reigning *King* on the throne of your heart?

*“Even so, come Lord Jesus; rule my life today. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 89:1-10

Words: 237

Key Thought: The King of the Jews wants to sit on the throne of your heart.



AUGUST 31

FLOODS UPON DRY GROUND—HOLY SPIRIT

“For I will pour water upon him who is thirsty, and floods upon dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessings upon thine offspring” (Isaiah 44:3, *KJV*).

The *Holy Spirit* is *Floods Upon Dry Ground*. He pours out Himself on you to give refreshment. Is your heart dry like cracked ground? Do you need water? Just as water draws the nutrients of the soil into the plant to produce leaves and fruit, so the *Holy Spirit* is water who brings new life to your life. Just as life-giving water upon dry ground gives fruit, the *Holy Spirit* can make you grow spiritually.

*“Holy Spirit, I need rejuvenation today. I feel like I’m drying up. The heat of temptation has sapped my strength. The hot sun of opposition has threatened my life. Pour life-giving water on me.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *Floods Upon Dry Ground*. Just as ground with life-giving nutrients is useless without water, so all the good things in your life are useless without the *Holy Spirit’s* presence. Just as ground without water will crack allowing the wind to blow it away, so your life without the *Holy Spirit* will deteriorate and you’ll begin losing precious values and relationships. But water changes everything. It makes the ground soft. Let the *Holy Spirit* pour Himself into every empty crevice of your life. Let Him soften you. Let Him fill you. Let Him refresh you, and make you grow. Ask for the *Holy Spirit* then wait for rain.

*“Holy Spirit, I am dry and needy. Pour Your presence into my life. Fill every crevice with life-giving liquid. Help me grow and help me bear fruit. Amen.”*

Reading: Isaiah 44:1-8

Words: 263

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit brings life to dry ground.

SEPTEMBER 1

THE KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS—JESUS

“To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated ‘king of righteousness,’ and then also king of Salem, meaning ‘king of peace’” (Hebrews 7:2).

Melchizedek had the *title King of Righteousness* and *Jesus* is the prototype of Melchizedek; *Jesus* is *The King of Righteousness* for three reasons. First, *Jesus* is *The King of Righteousness* because He is the source of holiness and righteousness. Both doing the right things and doing them rightly come from Him. Second, *Jesus* will rule in a righteous way, which means He will always do things right; yield to *Jesus* so He can direct your heart to do things right. Third, *Jesus* will rule over a righteous kingdom. That hasn’t happened yet but after His Second Coming, *Jesus* will rule over a righteous kingdom on earth. You should live every day—including this day—in preparation for His return and the coming of His righteous kingdom.

*“Lord Jesus, in the past I have put You upon the throne of my heart. But for this new day, I again crown You King of my life. Help me live a righteous life.”*

If *Jesus* is your *King*, He wants you to live a righteous life today, which means you’ll think right, decide right and act right. *Jesus* knows you’re not perfect (1 John 1:8-10), but if you intend to always do the right thing, He’ll forgive your sins (1 John 1:7) and you’ll grow in grace. He’ll bless you and use you.

*“Lord Jesus, I purpose to do the right thing this day. Help me think right and understand Your plan for my life. Help me make the right decisions, and give me strength to do the right thing in the right way. Amen.”*

Reading: Heb. 7:4-10

Words: 262

Key Thought: You must give *Jesus* control to have a righteous life.

SEPTEMBER 2

A STONE OF STUMBLING— JESUS

“Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, the stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone, and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense” (1 Peter 2:7, 8).

*Jesus is A Stone of Stumbling* to the unsaved. They reject Christ because He demands they live by His principles of Light, but they love darkness. They reject Christ because He demands they walk the narrow way and enter Heaven by the straight gate (Matt. 7:13, 14), but they love the broad way. They reject *Jesus*, the only Cornerstone, because they don't want to build their lives on Him. Are you building your life on Jesus?

*“Lord Jesus, I know You were rejected, but I accept You. I realize the world doesn't want to build their lives and families on You, but You are my Cornerstone.”*

*Jesus is A Stone of Stumbling.* The unsaved are blinded by their sin, and blind people stumble in the darkness. They treat Christ as if He never lived, but they can't ignore the truth. All creation points to a Creator, the existence of laws points to a Lawgiver, and the offended conscience points to the existence of right and wrong. *Jesus* is the *Stone* on which to build a life; but those who ignore Him, will stumble over Him into Hell. Will you stumble over Him?

*“Lord Jesus, You are the Cornerstone of the universe; everything is built on You. You are the Cornerstone of a good marriage; strong families are built on You. You are the Cornerstone of personal integrity. I will not stumble over Your demands; I will build my life on You. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Peter 2:7-8

Words: 242

Key Thought: Build your lives on Jesus, the Cornerstone.

SEPTEMBER 3

A DEPOSIT—HOLY SPIRIT

“God, who sealed us has also given us the Spirit in our hearts as a deposit that there are more good things coming” (2 Corinthians 1:21, 22, Author’s Translation).

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Deposit* in your life when you became a Christian to guarantee there are more good things coming. You could not understand all God wanted to know when you got saved. So, the *Holy Spirit* was placed into your life as a *Deposit—a down payment—to* let you experience some of the spiritual blessings that you will eventually receive. As a *Deposit*, the *Holy Spirit* wants you to be holy now; because you will be perfect in Heaven. As a *Deposit*, the *Holy Spirit* wants to give you spiritual understanding now, promising that you will know much more in Heaven. As a *Deposit*, the *Holy Spirit* wants to enrich your present life to give you a foretaste of blessings to come in Heaven.

*“Holy Spirit, I know You have come into my life as a foretaste of the good things to follow. I like the taste of it, but I want more.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Deposit* to let you know some of the wonderful things that await you in Heaven. “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Cor. 2:9). But, don’t get your eyes so fixed on the future that you forget today. Remember what He’ll do fully in the future, He’ll begin to do for you today.

*“Lord, I want to know You better today because it’ll help me know You more fully in the future. Get me started now! Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Cor. 1:18-24

Words: 259

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will give you some experiences now that you’ll get in Heaven.

SEPTEMBER 4

BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR—JESUS

“I am . . . the Bright and Morning Star” (Revelation 22:16).

*Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star; He shines in darkness to give all people hope. Just before the dawn, a bright star appears on the horizon where the sun will be coming over the horizon. That last star of the night and the first star of the day is called the morning star. Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star who promises the dark night of anxiety is almost over. The Morning Star announces the coming of the sun and a new day with new exciting possibilities.*

*“Lord, my heart is cold; I need the warmth of Your light. You are a bright star to my otherwise dark world; you are the morning star of hope. Help me forget my failures and troubles.”*

*Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star. He brightens the dark morning sky after a long period of a black frustrating night. When you are tired of blindness, look to the eastern horizon; He will come. His light will kindle optimism for a new day. Look to His light and forget the cold night. Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star who is already there in the sky long before you can see Him. He’s been there waiting for you. Now the sun is coming; a new day approaches. Don’t fear this day; Jesus is here to help you. Get up and go meet your challenges.*

*“Morning Star, be even brighter for me this day; point me in the right direction. Star of hope, shine some light over here to give me hope. Amen.”*

Reading: John 7:14-36

Words: 258

Key Thought: Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star to give you optimism.

SEPTEMBER 5

SON OF MAN—JESUS

“No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up” (John 3:13, 14).

*Jesus is The Son of Man.* On earth, *Jesus* called Himself by this title more than any other name or title. Why? Because *Jesus* had never been a human. He was eternal God and had always been Deity, but when He was born of a virgin, He became flesh (John 1:14) to live among people and to die for their sins. He became fully God and fully man, both at the same time, all the time. *Jesus* originally formed Adam of the dust of the ground (Col. 1:16), the highest expression of all God created. After Adam and Eve sinned, *Jesus* had to come to redeem mankind. Just as *Jesus* created Adam in the image of God (Gen. 1:27), *Jesus* then had to become flesh after their pattern. Now *Jesus* indwells those who believe in Him, so they can become like Him.

*“Thank You, Son of Man, for coming to give me an example of how to live. Thank You for dying on the cross for me; I worship You for Your purity and holiness.”*

*Jesus The Son of Man* will come again. His second coming is described in terms of humanity, “When the Son of Man comes” (Luke 18:8). *Jesus* was the first human to enter Heaven as He “led captivity captive” (Eph. 4:8), making it possible for redeemed humanity to live with God. *Jesus* will return as *The Son of Man* with “authority to execute judgment . . . because (He is) the Son of Man” (John 5:27).

*“Lord, Jesus, I thank You for Your life, death, and I look forward to Your return for me. Amen.”*

Reading: John 5:26-32

Words: 269

Key Thought: *Jesus* can help us because He became the perfect man.

SEPTEMBER 6

THE SPIRIT OF SUPPLICATION—HOLY SPIRIT

“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced” (Zechariah 12:10).

The *Holy Spirit* is *the Spirit of Supplication*. He receives your prayers and present them to the Father. Many Christians “don’t know how to pray as they ought to pray” or “they don’t properly phrase their prayers.” The *Holy Spirit* helps them pray because “the Holy Spirit prays for [you] with groanings that cannot be expressed in words” (Rom. 8:26). He makes intercession for you, and the Father hears Him because He prays “according to the will of God” (Rom. 8:27). So, pour out your heart to the Father; the *Holy Spirit* will be right beside you as *the Spirit of Supplication*.

*“Holy Spirit, I know You make intercession for believers, and you’ll give people the Spirit of Intercession. Make my prayers effective. Come teach me to pray and then pray through me.”*

In the future, the *Holy Spirit* will cause Israel to see Jesus as the Messiah they’ve rejected, so today He can help you see Jesus working in your life. The *Holy Spirit* can give you a greater desire for prayer and actually help you pray. He can give you prayer requests and teach you the proper attitude of prayer. He can help you pray in Jesus’ name (John 14:13, 14). *The Spirit of Intercession* can make your prayers effective. Claim His help today.

*“Holy Spirit, I want to learn how to be more effective in prayer. When I pray wrongly, convict me of my failures. When I pray rightly, confirm the way I should pray. Teach me the Spirit of Supplication. Amen.”*

Reading: Zechariah 12:1-14

Words: 255

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will help you pray.

SEPTEMBER 7

THE AMEN—JESUS

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God’” (Revelation 3:14).

Jesus is *The Amen*, the final Word on everything that is done by God. *The Amen* witness told the Laodiceans, “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot . . . so then, because you are lukewarm . . . I will vomit you out of My mouth” (Rev. 3:15, 16). Compromise seems so innocent and so easy; all one has to do is do nothing. These Laodiceans were doing nothing good and nothing bad. Jesus told the Laodicean church—the compromising church—that He had the final Word on their wayward life. They thought they were rich, but didn’t know they were “wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked” (Rev. 3:17).

*“Lord, it’s so easy to compromise. All I have to do is please myself, but I don’t want to be a compromising Christian. Forgive my lukewarm heart; I don’t want to be rejected by You.”*

Jesus is *The Amen*, the final Word for your Christian life and success. “I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire” (Rev. 3:18). Jesus wants nothing but the best for you. However, the best is costly. The price is still total commitment to Him. “And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me” (Luke 9:23). Are you willing to give Him all?

*“Lord, I will do what You want me to do; I will go where You want me to go; I will be what You want me to be. I will pay the price. Amen.”*

Reading: Rev. 3:14-22

Words: 266

Key Thought: Jesus must have the final word in our life.



SEPTEMBER 8

THE ALMIGHTY—JESUS

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,’ says the Lord, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty’” (Revelation 1:8).

*Jesus’ name Almighty comes from El Shaddai which means the One who satisfies all the yearnings of the heart. This name comes from “Shad,” i.e., “breast,” the place where a crying baby comes for comfort. The breast of Jesus is the place for comfort and nourishment. If you are hurting or your spirit is crushed, The Almighty will comfort you. Come honestly to Him and let His sufficiency become your satisfaction. The name Almighty also stands for the chest, the symbol of strength. Jesus is The Almighty, the One who has power to look after Your needs and give You protection. Do you need His power today?*

*“Jesus, I rest securely on Your strong breast, the place of comfort and protection. It’s good to know you care for me and it’s good to know You can protect me. It’s good to be in Your presence; I don’t want to leave.”*

*Jesus is The Almighty, which means He is the strength-giver, the One who knows your weaknesses. Look away from your weaknesses to Jesus; for when you want to give up, He can give you strength to keep on living and working. What do you need from the Almighty today?*

*“Jesus, You are The Almighty One; take control of my fitful heart and give it peace. Lord Jesus, sit upon the throne of my heart to give it direction this day. I completely yield my will to Your almighty sufficiency. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 4:35-41

Words: 240

Key Thought: Jesus has strength to comfort and protect you.

SEPTEMBER 9

THE SPIRIT OF JEHOVAH—HOLY SPIRIT

“The spirit of Jehovah came mightily upon him, and the ropes that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands dropped from off his hands” (Judg. 15:14, ASV).

*The Spirit of Jehovah* is an Old Testament phrase that describes the *Holy Spirit*. Whereas the name God tends to describe His absolute power in relationship to creation, the name Jehovah or Lord tends to describe His sovereign power in relationship to people. Just as *The Spirit of Jehovah* came upon Samson to loose him from the chains that bound him, He can come upon you to give you victory over habits and addictions. Just as *The Spirit of Jehovah* came upon Jephthah and Othniel to give them victory in battle; He can give you victory over temptations and trials (Judg. 6:34; 11:29). Just as *The Spirit of Jehovah* enabled Gideon to call a courageous army together, He can call all the forces of Heaven to your side (Judg. 6:34). Call upon Him now.

*“Holy Spirit, when I read the stories of great men and women, I realize how little I do for You. Help me do more.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Jehovah* who gave strength to the judges. He raised them up for leadership positions and gave them victory in battle. The judges were mere mortals like you; but *The Spirit of Jehovah* made the difference in their lives. What He has done for them, He can do for you.

*“Holy Spirit, I know You are powerful. Flow Your power through me. I know You have greatly used men and women in the past; use me today. Flow Your power through me. Amen.”*

Reading: Judges 15:1-20

Words: 247

Key Thought: The issue is not doing more for the Holy Spirit, but letting the Holy Spirit do more through you.

SEPTEMBER 10

THE ADVOCATE—JESUS

“My little children, these things I write to you, so 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 the whole world” (1 John 2:1-2).

Jesus is the *Advocate*, the defense lawyer who will defend you against any accusations by Satan, “the accuser of our brethren” (Rev. 12:10). Let be your *Advocate*. Every time the enemy points out a sin in you, *Jesus* will defend you. Because, “The blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Let your *Lawyer* handle your sin.

*“Jesus, thank You for being my Advocate. Satan discourages me. I admit that I am not perfect (1 John 1:2) and I confess my sin. Jesus, defend me against the enemy. I claim Your promise, ‘There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus’”(Rom 8:1).*

You can’t plead ignorance or that you did not sin. “If you say that you have not sinned, you make Him a liar” (1 John 1:10, Author’s Translation). Tell your *Advocate* what you’ve done. He is your defense lawyer. Let Him put together your defense and plead it to the Father. The *Advocate* will know how to defend your case. He will plead the blood, which satisfies all legal claims against you. Don’t try to go it alone; you can get forgiveness for all your sin (1 John 1:7).

*“Lord, sometimes my biggest problem is myself; I am guilt-ridden, or I get discouraged, or I want to just give up. Come, Advocate, defend me from my doubts and self-incrimination. Help me to be victorious in life. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 John 2:1-6

Words: 240

Key Thought: Jesus can defend you from the attacks of the enemy.

SEPTEMBER 11

THE SACRIFICE FOR SINS—JESUS

“But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God” (Hebrews 10:12).

*Jesus is The Sacrifice for Sins*; you don't have to worry about sins again. When *Jesus* gave Himself for your sins, God completely forgave you. Why? Because *Jesus* was the perfect sacrifice. Because God demanded a life for each transgression, *Jesus* gave His life for you. He took your punishment and was your substitute. Because God will not let us in Heaven with sin, *Jesus* wiped the slate clean. Today you stand forgiven before God. Why don't you thank Him for *The Sacrifice For Sins*?

*“Thank You, Jesus, for Your life that has been given for me. Thank You for forgiveness of sins. Help me please You in all I do today.”*

*Jesus* is your *Sacrifice for Sins*; you please the Father when you approach Him through the blood of *Jesus*. All your sins of the past have been forgiven. All your present imperfections and failures are forgiven. All your future transgressions are forgiven. Why? Because “the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). ALL means *all* past sins, *all* present sins, and *all* future sins. Remember, *Jesus* “offered one sacrifice for sins forever” (Heb. 10:12). Come to the Father through Him, because *Jesus* is your Intercessor at the Father's right hand.

*“Jesus, I stand confidently before the Father in Your accomplishments of Calvary. You are my priest who stands at the Father's right hand. I pray boldly to the Father through You. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 10:1-13

Words: 241

Key Thought: You come confidently to the Father through *Jesus*' sacrifice for sins.

SEPTEMBER 12

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH—HOLY SPIRIT

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you” (John 14:16, 17).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Truth*. Jesus sent Him to indwell all believers to witness to them what is truth. There is much error in the world today in advertising, business and human relationships. Jesus sent the *Holy Spirit* into your life to reveal divine truth to you. People who refuse to believe in Jesus do not know the truth. They think they’re right about spiritual things, yet because they deny Jesus, they don’t know the truth. They may try to lead you astray, telling you they have the truth; but if they deny the Bible, they don’t have the truth (John 17:17). Some will mislead you intentionally about spiritual things, while others do it ignorantly. If they do not agree with Jesus, they don’t have the truth. Jesus said, “I am . . . the truth” (John 14:6). When you are yielded to *The Spirit of Truth*, He will communicate truth to you. Will you let Him control your thoughts?

*“Holy Spirit, be my guide; I seek truth in the Bible (John 17:17) and I seek truth in Jesus (John 14:6).”*

*The Spirit of Truth* is sent to live in you forever. He was not sent to help you occasionally, nor intermittently. Rely on *The Spirit of Truth* to guide you at any time, and all the time, no matter what issues you face. *The Spirit of Truth* will help you understand the Bible and Jesus.

*“Holy Spirit, come guide my thought processes. Guide my reading and listening so I can know the truth. I yield to Your instruction. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 9:14-29

Words: 263

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will lead you into truth.

SEPTEMBER 13

A PROPHET WITHOUT HONOR—JESUS

“So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house’” (Matthew 13:57).

When *Jesus* returned to His hometowns, the people did not receive Him; He was *the Prophet Without Honor*. The people of Nazareth knew Him as a boy growing up among them. As a young carpenter, *Jesus* worked among them. But, when *Jesus* first returned to announce He was fulfilling Scripture (Luke 4:21), they rejected Him and, “were filled with wrath” (Luke 4:28). They ran *Jesus* out of town, and some tried to throw Him off a cliff (Luke 4:24). As a result, *Jesus* said, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family” (Matt. 13:57, NLT).

*“Jesus, I accept You, no matter who won’t recognize You. I honor You, even though many reject You. You are my Lord and Savior.”*

How could those closest to the Child *Jesus*, end up rejecting Him? Some were spiritually blinded because of unbelief; they couldn’t see the Child who didn’t sin. Some were spiritually prejudiced; they were looking for a political Messiah to deliver them. Some were sinfully blinded; they looked at everything through their sinful lusts. As a result, “He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief” (Matt. 13:58).

*“Lord Jesus, I know You as my Savior from sin; come into my life. I know You as my guide and protector; come lead me today. I know You as my friend and helper; come dwell in my heart. I know You as my coming King; come, Lord Jesus, in power and glory. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 13:54-58; Luke 4:16-30

Words: 250

Key Thought: You must honor Jesus even when some will not.

SEPTEMBER 14

THE SEED OF THE WOMAN—JESUS

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel” (Genesis 3:15).

*Jesus is The Seed of the Woman* who judged Satan. After Adam and Eve sinned, God promised them a seed (child) who would judge the serpent who tempted them to disobedience. Their first child Cain was not the one who would crush the serpent’s head. After many centuries, *Jesus* was born to the Virgin Mary, i.e., the *Seed of the Woman*. *Jesus* was the promised head-crusher. If you are tempted to sin, as were Adam and Eve, don’t give into the Evil One. Call on *Jesus* for help. Because He crushed the head of the serpent at the cross, *Jesus* can save you in your hour of temptation.

*“Lord, Jesus, thank You for Your victory on Calvary over Satan. I need Your help today. I trust Your power to overcome temptation. Give me victory.”*

*Jesus is The Seed of the Woman* who crushed Satan’s domain on the cross (John 12:37). This is a past accomplishment. Look to Him for victory. Now, He lives in your heart to give you daily victory over temptation and the power of sin (Col. 2:14, 15). Yield to His power. In the future, *Jesus* will completely rid the earth of Satan’s presence among mankind (Rev. 20:1-3). Pray for that day to come.

*“Lord, Jesus, thank You for Your past victory over Satan on the cross. Thank You for Your present deliverance over temptation. I look forward to the day when I will never be tempted again. May Your kingdom rule on earth as You rule in Heaven. Amen.”*

Reading: Genesis 3:1-24

Words: 253

Key Thought: *Jesus—the seed of the woman—has crushed the serpent’s head so we can have victory.*

SEPTEMBER 15

THE WISDOM OF HIS SPIRIT—HOLY SPIRIT

“I pray that the great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may give you the wisdom of His Spirit. Then you will be able to understand the secrets about Him as you know Him better” (Ephesians 1:17, *NLV*).

*The Wisdom of His Spirit* is the *Holy Spirit*. He gives believers insight into the Word of God. Because some believers don't understand God's will, He helps them see and understand spiritual truths (2 Cor. 4:3, 4). Because unsaved people will not believe the Word of God, He convicts them of their sin (John 16:9). Because some reject the Scriptures, He uses their conscience to enlighten them (Rom. 2:14-15). It is the task of the *Holy Spirit* to give all people the wisdom of God.

*“Holy Spirit, I realize that I know very little about spiritual things. Show me what I need to know and help me remember to use what You show me.”*

The theme of the Book of Proverbs is “get knowledge so you can gain wisdom.” Therefore, you learn the Word of God by acquiring facts or knowledge about God. The more facts you know about Scripture, the wiser you can become. Knowledge is learning Bible information; wisdom is understanding the meaning of the Bible and applying it to your life. That's where the *Holy Spirit* comes in. *The Wisdom of His Spirit* helps you understand the Bible and apply it to your life. The *Holy Spirit* gives you *Wisdom of His Spirit* as you study the Bible. When you yield to the *Holy Spirit*, He helps you understand the will of God.

*“Holy Spirit, I will study the Scriptures to master them. I want to know everything You want me to know, so I can have wisdom. Enter my mind, Wisdom of Spirit, so I can grow spiritually. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Cor. 2:6-8

Words: 265

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit gives you wisdom as you learn the Scriptures.



SEPTEMBER 16

THE SON OF THE BLESSED—JESUS

“But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, ‘Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?’” (Mark 14:61).

During the trial of *Jesus*, the High Priest asked Him, “Are You . . . the Son of the Blessed?” (Mark 14:61). The rabbis used the title *The Blessed* as a substitute for the name Jehovah; they didn’t want to blaspheme the Lord’s name by carnal speech. The sarcastic High Priest didn’t realize *Jesus* was actually *The Son of the Blessed*; therefore, he didn’t receive blessings from *Jesus*. The High Priest didn’t realize *Jesus* was the Christ—the Messiah—therefore he didn’t believe in Him or worship *Jesus*.

*“Jesus, I recognize who You are. I accept You as Christ who died for my sins. I realize You are the Son of God, so I worship You.”*

The High Priest knew all about the doctrine of Messiah in his head, but rejected the person of Messiah who stood before him. The Jewish leaders knew in their heads all the names of God, but when their Messiah stood before them, they were blinded by their unbelief. Doubt begins in the heart when we feed our appetites on sin. Corrupted belief comes from corrupted living. Keep yourself from outward evil so you won’t deny the Lord, as did the High Priest.

*“Jesus, I recognize You are The Son of the Blessed. Be honored in my life. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 14:53-65

Words: 214

Key Thought: Jesus is the Son of God who blessed us.

SEPTEMBER 17

THE BEGINNING AND THE END—JESUS

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, “says the Lord,  
“Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty” (Revelation 1:8).

*Jesus* is the *Beginning and the End*; He was the Creator of all things, because nothing existed before Him, not the earth, not the throne, not even Heaven itself. “For by Him all things were created” (Col. 1:16). He is the *Beginning* of time, of space, of matter, of human beings. *Jesus* initiated everything. Since *Jesus* began it all, He’s in control.

*“Lord, I know You’re the Creator, but the world is filled with chaos. I want to see Your plan unfolding in my life. Help me see Your purpose in the small details of my life.”*

*Jesus* is the *Beginning and the End*. What *Jesus* began, He will also finish. He will finish His plan and purpose on this earth. Nothing will keep Him from completing His perfect will, no dictator, terrorist, nuclear explosion, or war. So don’t worry what will happen in your life today. Just because you can’t see *Jesus*’ overall plan for your life, doesn’t mean there is no plan. Just because you don’t understand events around you, doesn’t mean *Jesus* doesn’t know about them. Because *Jesus* is the *Beginning and the End*, He has absolute sovereignty over the broad sweep of history as well as in the small details of your life. *Jesus* began history and He will end history, so He can control everything in between.

*“Lord, open my eyes to see Your big picture. I am so small; help me see how I fit into Your big plan. Lord, I want to complete Your purpose for my life. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 7:1-50

Words: 256

Key Thought: Jesus has a plan for your life.

SEPTEMBER 18

THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT—HOLY SPIRIT

“The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD” (Isaiah 11:2).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Might*; He exercised great power in creation, resurrection, judgment, and the supernatural miracles of the Bible. He can forgive your sins, fix your life, guide you this day and keep you from the Evil One. He can accomplish God’s perfect plan in your life. Will you let *The Spirit of Might* do it?

*“O Spirit of Might, teach me Your power. Give me the necessary ability to carry out the decisions You lead me to make. I need greater faith in You.”*

The secret of the Christian life is not to have “great faith in God.” Did not Jesus recognize the smallness of belief when He said, “O you of little faith” (Matt. 14:31)? The secret is to “have faith in a great God.” The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Might*; when you realize His great strength and the great things He can do for you, your faith will be strengthened to believe in far greater things. Don’t just pray for greater faith, pray for understanding of God, then you can have greater faith. The One who can give you that greater estimation of God is *The Spirit of Might* who already dwells in your heart. Ask Him now for the faith you need for this day.

*“O Spirit of Might, I pray with the disciples, “Increase our faith” (Luke 17:5). I recognize You can do all You promise in Scriptures; now I claim that work in my heart today. Amen.”*

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Words: 249

Key Thought: You don’t need greater faith, you need a greater understanding of God.

SEPTEMBER 19

OUR HOPE— JESUS

“. . . by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope”  
(1 Timothy 1:1).

*Jesus* is your *Hope* when things go wrong; He can change circumstances when you pray. *Jesus* is your *Hope* when you're in a hole and it seems you can't get out. He can transform you in the hole or He can get you out. When your hole has you boxed in with no escape, *Jesus* can make a way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13). Sometimes God lets you stay in your hole to learn lessons. And your hole becomes a classroom to teach you the perfect will of God. But even when you're laboring in difficulty, *Jesus* is your *Hope* because He can change your attitude and outlook on life. He can teach you what you need to learn. *Jesus* can give you purpose and make the hole worthwhile.

*“Jesus, You are my hope; I put all my trust in You to work all things together for good (Rom. 8:28). Teach me what I must learn from my circumstances. When I don't understand what's happening around me, give me hope for the future.”*

*Jesus* is the *Hope* of future life for all believers, because all must die. But after death, He will return to resurrect all the bodies who believe in Him. You can have hope beyond the grave, for *Jesus* promises you will live after death. You will live with Him forever in Heaven (John 14:1-3).

*“Jesus, how can I be hopeless when ‘I abide in You and You abide in me’ (John 15:5, Author's Paraphrase). You give me hope in this life and give me confidence beyond the grave. You are the only hope I have. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Tim. 1:15-20

Words: 269

Key Thought: You have hope when you have Jesus.

SEPTEMBER 20

PRAYING IN HIS NAME—JESUS

“If you ask anything in My (Jesus) name, I will do it” (John 14:14).

*Jesus* is the *name* through whom you get your prayers answered. God created humans so they would have daily needs, that way they will depend on God and cry out daily to Him. “Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him” (Matt. 6:8). Through prayer, God will provide your needs, but you must ask in *Jesus’ name*; “Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do” (John 14:13).

*“In Jesus’ name, I ask for strength to make it through this day. In Jesus’ name, I ask for wisdom to make good decisions. In Jesus’ name, I ask for guidance through my problems.”*

Why must you *pray in Jesus’ name*? First, *Jesus* told you to ask in His *name*. Next, you come to the Father through *Jesus’* cleansing blood. Finally, *Jesus* is your intercessor at the right hand of the Father; in Him you have “a new and living way . . . through the veil” (Heb. 10:20). Therefore, ask in *Jesus’ name* because “There is one . . . Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 2:15). Ask in *Jesus’ name* because no one is closer to the Father than *Jesus* Christ, and you are as close to the heart of God as His Son when you come in *Jesus’ name*.

*“In the name of Jesus, I ask for forgiveness of sins so I can intercede to the Father. Through the intercession of the Son, I ask that You would hear me. Amen.”*

Reading: John 14:13-15

Words: 253

Key Thought: You must pray in *Jesus’ name* to get answers to your prayers.

SEPTEMBER 21

THE SPIRIT OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD—HOLY SPIRIT

“The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD” (Isaiah 11:2).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord*. He works in the hearts of people to reverence the Father. When people take the Father’s name in vain, or sin against the Son, He convicts them of their transgressions and shows them where they fall short. He is the *Holy Spirit* who convicts people of sin. He gives people a spirit of reverence to approach the Father.

*“O Spirit of Reverence, I am blinded by my own good works. Many times I don’t realize when I sin. Remind me any time I step out of line. Give me a sensitive spirit of obedience to the Father.”*

*The Spirit of Fear* will shine light on your sinful habits to make you aware of them and help you abstain from them. He will then change your attitudes that are offensive to the Father. He can give you a reverential heart. A *Spirit of Reverence* will keep you from evil and give you a thirst for godliness. The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Reverence* who will show you when and how to pray.

*“Lord, I know You punish sin in the lives of Your children and You judge the transgressions of the unsaved. Teach me godly fear when I sin. Fill me with Your presence so I won’t sin again. I receive Your love, I stand in awe of Your power, and I receive Your Spirit of Reverence. Amen.”*

Reading: Exodus 33:1-34:9

Words: 240

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit teaches us to reverence the Father.

SEPTEMBER 22

THE SPIRIT WHOM HE HAS GIVEN US—HOLY SPIRIT

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

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit Whom the Father Has Given Us*. He is the One that Jesus promised to give you (John 14:17). There are no good works you can do to receive the *Holy Spirit*; He is a gift. Just as a gift is given without obligation, so the *Holy Spirit* is given freely to you. All you did was “believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ” (1 John 3:23), and the *Holy Spirit* came into your heart to give you assurance of salvation. Because you have the *Holy Spirit* living in your life, you can know—have the assurance—that you are a child of God.

*“Holy Spirit, I receive You gratefully as I would receive any gift. Thank You for entering my life. Thank You for assurance of salvation.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is a gift to all believers. When He was sent on the Day of Pentecost, He appeared as the sound of a mighty rushing wind and as cloven tongues of fire (Acts 2:1-4). He was manifested with mighty symbols to tell all believers that He will do a mighty work when He enters their hearts. Just as the *Holy Spirit* came upon all believers in the upper room (Acts 2:4), so He enters all who are saved. As a matter of fact, Paul says, “If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His” (Rom. 8:9).

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for indwelling my heart. Thank You for the spirit of confidence that is greater than the spirit of anxiety. Thank You for giving me the assurance of eternal life. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 John 3:16-4:11

Words: 272

Key Thought: Everyone who is a Christian has the Holy Spirit.

SEPTEMBER 23

HE WHO IS HOLY AND TRUE—JESUS

“These things says He who is holy, He who is true” (Revelation 3:7).

*Jesus* is called *He Who Is Holy*. Great revivals in past centuries began when believers saw God’s holiness. It was then that believers saw their sinfulness, crying out in repentance and seeking God’s forgiveness. Revival is when God visits His people. It happens because God said, “I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh” (Acts 2:17). Revival starts with God’s holiness and grows when people experience His presence in their lives. Do you want revival?

*“Lord, I yearn for Your presence in my life. I want to feel Your atmospheric presence in the church. Do for me what you did in the early church.”*

*Jesus* is also called *He That Is True*. True revival begins when you look at your life through God’s truthfulness. No one is holy compared to God; everything pales in comparison to His truth. *Jesus* is *He That Is Both Holy and True*. *Jesus* said to the church, “See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it” (Rev. 3:8). The door of opportunity is always open to God’s people. We must look through the door to see the Lord’s holiness, which is the first step of revival. Then we must act on the truthfulness of His promise. That’s when His presence is poured out on us.

*“Lord, I want true godliness in my life; keep me from false spirituality. I want to serve You effectively; don’t let my ignorant sin hold back Your blessings. Lord, send revival to Your church and start with me. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Sam. 7:1-17

Words: 256

Key Thought: Jesus wants us to be holy and truthful.



SEPTEMBER 24

THE SPIRIT WHO DWELLS IN YOU—HOLY SPIRIT

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:11).

*The Spirit Who Dwells in You* is the *Holy Spirit*, the Third Person of the Godhead. Long before the *Holy Spirit* indwelt you, He indwelt Jesus Christ. At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus was “filled with the Holy Spirit” (Luke 4:1). After Jesus preached, He “returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee” (Luke 4:14). Jesus said, “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me” (Luke 4:18). When Jesus faced death, the indwelling Spirit helped sustain His sufferings. When He died, the *Holy Spirit* was with Him in the tomb. When Jesus was raised on the third day, the *Holy Spirit* brought Him from the dead. Just as He was with Jesus, so He’ll be with you in your hour of suffering and death.

*“Holy Spirit, I can face problems when You are with me. I can even face death because I have both You and Christ dwelling in my life.”*

Christianity is much more than creeds, rituals, and religious practices. Christianity is having the *Holy Spirit* dwell within you (John 14:17). The *Holy Spirit* has many ministries in your life, but one of the most important is to raise you up in the day of resurrection, just as He raised up Jesus. You can live triumphantly and die confidently because the *Holy Spirit* indwells you.

*“Holy Spirit, You give me great confidence to live on this earth because I know what will happen at death. I submit to Your will and ask that You guide me through this life.  
Amen.”*

Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Words: 253

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit can give you resurrected life just as he gave to Jesus.

SEPTEMBER 25

I AM HE WHO LIVES—JESUS

“I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen”  
(Revelation 1:18).

*Jesus* said, “*I Am He Who Lives*” for in His death He overcame sin and death. Even though you are a sinner (Rom. 3:23), and you will die, you can overcome sin and death when you live in *Jesus*. He went to the grave and testifies, “*I Am He Who Was Dead.*” *Jesus* died for your sin that you might not die. Now *Jesus* testifies, “*I Am Alive Forevermore.*” When you live in Christ, you too will live forevermore. *Jesus* breathes eternal life into the soul of those who trust Him for salvation. They will live as long as He lives. That will be forever because He says, “*I Am Alive Forevermore.*”

*“Lord, I know You are alive forevermore, but I have a difficult time thinking about eternal life. I am a captive in this physical body and all I can think about is here and now. Help me understand my life. Help me find satisfaction and meaning in this world.”*

Not only does *Jesus* give duration of life—eternal life—but He also gives abundant life (John 10:10). He can give you joy, fulfillment and fruitfulness. He can use you in His service and your life can make a difference in the world. You can be happy and satisfied when you let Him live His life through you. But you must ask for it and claim it.

*“Lord, I will yield my life to You. Fill me today with Your presence. Give me “life and life more abundantly” to live for You. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalms 1

Words: 254

Key Thought: Jesus wants to put His abundant life in you.

SEPTEMBERS 26

INTERCESSOR—JESUS

“But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:24-25).

*Jesus is your Intercessor.* When He was raised from the dead, He ascended into Heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father. As your *Intercessor*, *Jesus* can present your prayer to the Father; as a lawyer presents a case to the judge. Just as the lawyer speaks on the behalf of another, *Jesus* will present your case to the heavenly Father. So you come to the Father through *Jesus*.

*“I need an Intercessor because I feel so unworthy to pray. Jesus be my Intercessor; ask the Father to forgive my sin and cleanse me by Your blood.”*

Maybe you’ve not gotten answers to your prayers because you’ve asked for the wrong thing, or you’ve asked with the wrong attitude, or you’ve asked at the wrong time. Come to the Father through *Jesus*, He will be your *Intercessor* to communicate your prayers to the Father. He will pray the right request, at the right time with the right attitude. *Jesus* can be your *Intercessor*, because He became flesh (John 1:14) and lived among us as a man. As your High Priest, He understands your weaknesses for He faced the same temptations that you face, yet He did not sin. Now you can come boldly to the throne to the heavenly Father through *Jesus*” (Heb. 4:15-16).

*“Thank You for understanding me and forgiving me. Thank You for correctly presenting my prayers to the Father. I feel confident when You plead my case for me. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 7:14-28

Words: 246

Key Thought: As your Intercessor, *Jesus* can plead your case to the Father.

SEPTEMBER 27

THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE—HOLY SPIRIT

“The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD” (Isaiah 11:2).

The *Holy Spirit* is *the Spirit of Knowledge*; it is His presence in the words of Scripture that helps you to see what is true. It is His presence that inspires the accuracy of human authors as they wrote the Scriptures so you can trust what you read in the Bible. It is His presence that fills each word in the Bible so your “heart will burn within you” (Luke 24:32), as you read the words of Scripture.

*“O Spirit of Knowledge, I have head knowledge of the Scriptures, but I want my heart warmed with the Bible. I want the Word of God to capture me and compel me to live for You today.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Knowledge*; He can do much for you that you do not yet realize; “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Cor. 2:9). To fully understand, you must let the *Holy Spirit* teach you because “God (the Father) has revealed them to us through His Spirit” (1 Cor. 2:10). Ask for the *Spirit’s* indwelling presence to enter your understanding, then yield to His guidance.

*“O Spirit of Knowledge, I will study the Word of God to learn more of You. I will apply the principles of Scripture to my life so I can obey You. I will obey the commands of Scripture to follow You. I will meditate on the words of Scripture to grow in Christ. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Words: 259

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit can give you correct knowledge.

SEPTEMBER 28

HIM WHO IS AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME—JESUS

“Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come”  
(Revelation 1:4).

*Jesus* is the one called “*Him Who Is.*” He is alive and because He lives, you can enjoy His life. Are you afraid of something that might happen today? Don’t look at your problems, look to *Jesus*. *Jesus* lives in the present tense, He is called, “*Him Who Is.*” He can take care of you today because He knows the past and the future; but He also knows today. *Jesus* also lives in the past tense. He is called, “*Him Who Was;*” the past is the same to *Jesus* as the present. He knows what you did in the past, but remember “the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (I John 1:7). If He can cleanse the past, why can’t you forget it?

*“Lord, I face my guilt from my past. I did some things I’d like to forget. Come forgive me, cleanse me, and help me forget.”*

*Jesus* is also called “*He Who Is To Come.*” He lives in the future tense. He knows what will happen tomorrow and everyday thereafter, because *Jesus* is eternal. You don’t need to know the future; all you need to know is Him. *Jesus* is “*He Who Is To Come.*” *Jesus* will be with you when you walk through the dark valley of the shadow of death. But perhaps you’ll be part of that generation that’ll not die. Perhaps you’ll meet *Jesus* in the rapture. You’ll meet “*He Who Is To Come.*”

*“Lord, help me look beyond my small world. Lord, help me see ‘You Who Lives, Who Was, and Who Is To Come.’ Amen.”*

Reading: Psalms 90

Words: 267

Key Thought: Jesus knows your past, your present conditions and your future.

SEPTEMBER 29

A LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT—JESUS

“The first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit” (1 Corinthians 15:45).

*Jesus is A Life-Giving Spirit* because He was victorious over death and the grave; He now has power to give life to everyone who believes in Him. *Jesus* submitted to the death of a cross and allowed them to bury Him in a tomb. On the third day He overcame the power of the grave and arose victorious. Because *Jesus* lives, now He can give life to His followers. You have received the *Life-Giving Spirit* from *Jesus*; will you let it flow through you today?

*“Jesus, I believe in You. When You died, my sin died with You. When You were buried, I was identified with You in the grave. When You arose from the death; I was in You so now I have access to resurrection power. Give me power to serve You.”*

Because *Jesus* is a *Life-Giving Spirit*, you now have life—eternal life. You’ll never die. And your new life is victorious life; you can overcome temptation and sin. You can have an enlightened life; you can know the will of God and understand spiritual things. You can have a ministering life; *Jesus* can use your spiritual gifts to minister to others. Will you let *Jesus* live through you? Will you let His life flow through you?

*“Jesus, I want to live this day in the power of Your life. I want a victorious life over temptation, an enlightened life to experience Your leadership in my life, and a ministering life to serve You. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Cor. 15:45-58

Words: 248

Key Thought: Jesus gives life because of His death.

SEPTEMBER 30

THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL—HOLY SPIRIT

“The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD” (Isaiah 11:2).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Counsel*; He can guide you in decision-making and show you where you must go. He can help you solve problems, so you will choose right paths for today.

*“O Spirit of Counsel, I don’t trust my ability to discern what I see. Come help me make good choices today.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Counsel*; He will help you understand the principles of Scripture upon which you make decisions, but you must study carefully the Word to know what He wants you to do. He is *The Spirit of Counsel* to give you wisdom through the insights of other believers, but you must weigh carefully their motives and grasp of the situation before making decisions. He is *The Spirit of Counsel* who speaks to you through your common sense to make correct choices, but you must be yielded to His control. He can even guide you as you examine the lessons you’ve learned from past experiences, as you guide your life; but in the final analysis, you must do what the *Holy Spirit* wants you to do.

*“O Spirit of Counsel, I will study carefully the Scriptures to know your principles; help me see Your specific plan for my life. I will listen to the counsel of mature believers; help me determine the best action for my life. I will use the common sense You’ve given me; help me remember what You’ve taught me in the past. I will apply my mind to acquire as many facts as possible about my decisions, so You can guide me to choose what is best. Amen.”*

Reading: Proverbs 1

Words: 272

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will help you make right decisions.

OCTOBER 1

THE BRIDEGROOM—JESUS

“He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice” (John 3:29).

*Jesus is The Bridegroom.* When you received *Jesus Christ* as Savior, you became His bride. Just as a wife looks to a husband for protection, you should trust Him because He will guard you from the Evil One. He is *Bridegroom* to keep you from sin. Just as a husband provides for the needs of his wife, *Jesus* will provide for your needs. Look to Him when you lack anything. He will supply. If you have any needs, why don't you ask Him now?

*“Lord, I accept Your protection; keep me safe. I rest securely in Your presence, keep my mind focused on all You do for me. I need to love You more and I need to feel Your love. You are my Bridegroom so I know You will provide for me.”*

*Jesus is The Bridegroom* and He'll always be there for you. You don't have to worry that God has forgotten you or doesn't love you. Just as a husband is commanded to love his wife, so *Jesus* loves you and cherishes you. You belong to Him and He belongs to you. Nothing can take you away from the oneness you have with *Jesus*. Why don't you tell Him about your love now.

*“Lord, I love You for all You've done for me. But most of all, I love You for Yourself. You are the perfection of beauty and grace. You are my Bridegroom and I am yours. Amen.”*

Reading: Song of Solomon 2:4-3:5

Words: 241

Key Thought: Jesus will take care of you because He loves you.



OCTOBER 2

THE DESIRE OF ALL NATIONS—JESUS

“‘I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts” (Haggai 2:7).

*Jesus is The Desire of all Nations.* At the present time the nations do not look for *Jesus*, nor is He in their thinking. They do not desire Him. But there is coming a time in the future when the nations will desire Him. The prophet Haggai told the Jews who returned from Babylonian captivity to rebuild the Temple. The Jewish people felt defeated because their present circumstances were not as glorious or spiritual as in the past. Haggai promised them that *The Desire of all Nations* would come into the Temple that they would build. That prophecy was first fulfilled when *Jesus* came into the Temple as a twelve-year-old boy. But the Jewish nation didn't know *Jesus* was their Messiah, they had no desire to accept Him. The Jewish leaders desired political peace but they refused the inner peace He offered. They desired a Jewish kingdom, but they refused His rule. *Jesus* was what they desired, but they were blind to His presence. *Jesus* will come at the end of time. His presence will come into the millennial Temple to fulfill what Haggai said, “I will fill this house with glory” (Hag 2:7). One day *Jesus, The Desire of all Nations*, will come. Then every nation will desire to come worship Him. The glory that *Jesus* will give to the future Temple, He can bring to your heart today.

*“Come, Desire of Nations, come into my heart and fill me with the glorious experience of what You can do today. Come, Desire of Nations, come in your glorious appearing. Amen.”*

Reading: Haggai 1, 2

Words: 261

Key Thought: One day every nation will desire to worship *Jesus*.

OCTOBER 3

THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION—HOLY SPIRIT

“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father’” (Romans 8:15).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Adoption* Who placed you in the family of God. *The Spirit of Adoption* facilitated your legal adoption by God the Father. Now that you have all the “rights” of God’s children, you can call Him *Abba, Father*. Just as children are legal heirs of all the Father’s possessions, so you can inherit all the riches and benefits of Heaven. Because none of us is worthy to be God’s children, our adoption is a gift of grace. It was through the death of Christ that our sins were forgiven, giving us a basis to become God’s children.

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for making me a legal child of God, thank You for my adoption. Now, help me please my Father and serve Him.”*

*The Spirit of Adoption* makes all the Father’s wealth available to you. The *Holy Spirit* gives you a new nature (Eph. 5:22-24) and intercedes to the Father for you (Rom. 8:26, 27). The *Holy Spirit* can show you all the glories of heaven (Eph. 2:7) and give you Christian character (Gal. 5:22, 23). All that the Father wants to do for you, the *Holy Spirit* will deliver to you. But you must desire these benefits and claim them.

*“Holy Spirit, I was an alien from God, without hope and without promise (Eph. 2:12), but You drew me to salvation. You made it possible for me to be adopted into Your family. Thank You for this new relationship to the Father. Now, help me live as a child of God should live. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Words: 261

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit adopted you into God’s family.

OCTOBER 4

PROPHET—JESUS

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear” (Deuteronomy 18:15).

Jesus is called a *Prophet*; this was a title given to Him by Moses who predicted Jesus’ coming into the world. Just as Moses gave the people God’s Law, he predicted Jesus would be a prophet to give them God’s message. Jesus came with a message of hope and forgiveness for all. But He also has a message for you today. Will you listen to His message?

*“Lord, I need to hear from You today. I need some hope in my life because the world seems hopeless. I need continual forgiveness of sins.”*

Jesus is the *Prophet* who predicted the future. He can “fore-tell” God’s message because He is eternal. Jesus knows what will happen to you in the future because Jesus is God. He wants to guide your life because He knows what is best for you. Will you follow Him? Jesus is the *Prophet* who also “forth-tells” the message of God. Just as prophets aggressively “told-forth” God’s message in the Old Testament, Jesus boldly gave God’s message while on earth. The message of *Jesus the Prophet* has already been written in the pages of Scripture. If you want His message, you must study carefully the Scriptures; pray diligently and apply the Word of God to your life.

*“O Lord, my Prophet, tell me from the Scriptures what You want me to know. I look to You to lead me today. I accept Your message and will do it. Amen.”*

Reading: Deut. 18:15-23

Words: 241

Key Thought: Jesus has a message for you.

OCTOBER 5

HIS SON FROM HEAVEN—JESUS

“. . . and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come” (I Thessalonians 1:10).

*Jesus is God’s Son Who Will Come From Heaven.* Therefore, you should live a godly life anticipating His return. Look at the example of the Thessalonians; they turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to anticipate the return of the Son of God from Heaven. Because *Jesus is God’s Son Who Will Come From Heaven*, don’t just spend your time waiting as if there is nothing to do. Serve Him as if He’ll not come in your lifetime. He hasn’t returned for approximately 2000 years. Yet look to Heaven as if He’ll come at any minute. If you think He may come at any moment, you will work longer, and harder and smarter. You will adjust all of your life in light of His return.

*“Lord Jesus, I know in my heart You can come in the next minute, but since You didn’t come in the past, it’s hard to keep on expecting Your second return at any minute. How can I keep my anticipation sharp?”*

The key is *relationship*; if you love *Jesus* and are dedicated to serving Him, then you will keep warm your relationship to Him. You will want to develop a deeper fellowship with Christ each day. When He comes, you’ll finally meet Him face-to-face and that will “consummate” all the fellowship you’ve had on this earth.

*“Lord, I will look for Your return today, and I’ll live as though You’ll come in the next minute. But, I’ll also fellowship with You and plan my work as if You’re not coming in my lifetime. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Thess. 1:1-10

Words: 265

Key Thought: Live as though Jesus could come at any minute.

OCTOBER 6

THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH—HOLY SPIRIT

“And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, ‘I believed and therefore I spoke,’ we also believe and therefore speak” (2 Corinthians 4:13).

The *Holy Spirit* gave you the “gift of faith” (Eph. 2:8, 9) when you believed in Christ for salvation. The *Holy Spirit* is the *Same Spirit of Faith* who now builds up your daily faith to live the Christian life. The Scriptures direct you, “The just shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:17). So, He will give you strength and character to live by faith. If you want more faith, ask Him now because He is *The Same Spirit of Faith*.

*“Holy Spirit, I want to walk daily by faith. Help me not rely on the flesh, but to depend on Your power. Pick me up when I fall, prod me when I slow down; and when I stray, pull me back into the straight and narrow path.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Same Spirit of Faith* as He has always been. As He helped Abraham live by faith, so He can help you live above your temptations. As He helped Moses lead the multitude by faith, He can help you follow the Lord today. As He helped David rule the kingdom by faith, He can help you manage your life and tasks today. As He helped Paul evangelize, He can help you share your testimony today. What is your greatest need? He is *The Same Spirit* that has worked in the past; He can give you faith to live today.

*“Holy Spirit, I am only average. Help me live above average today. Help me do things above average today. Help me live by faith and not by sight. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-5:7

Words: 259

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will help you live by faith.

OCTOBER 7

HE THAT HOLDS THE SEVEN STARS IN HIS RIGHT HAND—JESUS

“These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands” (Revelation 2:1).

*Jesus is He That Holds the Seven Stars in His Right Hand.* These stars were the seven messengers/pastors of the seven churches in Asia Minor (Rev. 2-3). Just as *Jesus* protected and cared for these seven church leaders, He will take care of you. You may think you’re alone in the world, but you’re not. You may think that *Jesus* has forgotten you in your troubles; but you’re really in His hands. Trust Him.

*“Lord, I will do more. I will be victorious over sin and do exploits. Because I know You’re hanging on to me, I have more confidence to do more for You.”*

These seven churches/leaders were weak and struggling. Some had even lost their first love for Christ. Some churches had sin in their midst and some churches were enticed by false doctrine. Yet, *Jesus* still held all of them in His hand, and He walked in the middle of them. Since He hung on to those struggling early churches, He can keep you safely in your struggles. Remember if you fall, you are not destroyed, nor are you permanently lost. *Jesus* has you in His hands. He will hold you safely in His hand and will give you power to overcome (Rev. 2:7).

*“Lord, give me a listening ear to hear Your instructions (Rev. 2:7), and give me a ready will to obey Your voice. I will turn my back on sin (Rev. 2:6) and will serve You (Rev. 2:3). Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

Words: 245

Key Thought: Hang on to Jesus because He’s holding on to you.

OCTOBER 8

HE WHO WAS DEAD AND IS ALIVE—JESUS

“These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life”  
(Revelation 2:8).

*Jesus is He Who Was Dead and Is Now Alive; He will be with you in persecution because He understands suffering. He took the bitter drink of death for you. If you suffer, remember He is suffering with you. Now you don't have to be afraid of death because He has been there and was dead, but now is alive. If they kill you, He will raise you up just as He came back from the dead.*

*“Lord, why have godly people had to suffer? I want everyone to like me. Why do I have tribulation and difficulties?”*

Because the enemy has persecuted *Jesus*, they will also attack you. Since they killed Him, they may even attempt to kill you. The world loves darkness, rather than light because their deeds are evil (John 3:19). But “He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death” (Rev. 2:11). *Jesus* will be with you in persecution and trials because He was persecuted and killed. *He Was Dead* and came back to life. *Jesus* says, “I know your works, tribulation and poverty” (Rev. 2:9). Do not fear any of those things that you are about to suffer. He promises, “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10). Because He has overcome death, He will crown you with eternal life.

*“Lord, be first in my life and help me live for You until the last of my life. Because You have overcome death and are alive, I want You to live through me today. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 2:8-11

Words: 259

Key Thought: Because Jesus suffered, He knows your sufferings.

OCTOBER 9

THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST—HOLY SPIRIT

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you” (Luke 1:35).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Power of the Highest*, the One responsible for the virgin birth of Jesus. The *Holy Spirit* who is the active agent for the Father and the Son to accomplish the work of the Godhead in your world. Since the *Holy Spirit* generated the birth of Christ, He can do a mighty work in your life. He can give you new purpose, new desires, new attitudes and a new perspective. What do you want the *Holy Spirit* to do for you?

*“Holy Spirit, I am weak and limited. There is so much I can’t do. You are The Power of the Highest; work in my life today.”*

The Father is the *Highest* and the *Holy Spirit* is His *Power* in the world. He can transform selfish people so they put Christ at the center of their life. He can open the eyes of spiritually blinded people so they can understand the Scriptures. He can transform mean people into good people. He can break sin addiction in the lives of those trapped in a bad habit. He can solve problems in your life, unlock shut doors, and work circumstances for the best. He can help you worship and glorify the Father. What would you like for the *Holy Spirit* to do for you today?

*“Holy Spirit, help me do the things required of me this day. Help me do everything appropriately and efficiently and on time. Help me to do them to the glory of the Father. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 1:46-56

Words: 251

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is the power of God to help you.



OCTOBER 10

HE WHO HAS THE SHARP SWORD WITH TWO EDGES—JESUS

“These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword” (Revelation 2:12).

*Jesus is He Who Has The Sharp Sword with Two Edges.* The *Sword* is the Word of God that cuts two ways, with ministry to both believers and unbelievers. *Jesus* will use the *Sword* to help believers stand fast, even “where Satan’s seat is” (Rev. 2:13, Author’s Paraphrase). He will use the *Sword* to defend those who never deny their faith even to martyrdom. *Jesus* says He will help us “hold fast to My name” (Rev. 2:13). *The Two-Edged Sword* also cuts to the heart of a matter to reward truth and faithfulness. The Word of God is truth (John 17:17) so it helps *Jesus* see accurately what His followers have done. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says” (Rev. 2:17). Those who are overcomers will eat daily the hidden manna of the Word. *Jesus* will have a new name for them when they reach Heaven (Rev. 2:17).

*“Lord, what about those Christians who compromise with the world; they hold false doctrines? What about some Christians who sin, or worship idols or commit fornication?”*

*The Sharp Two-Edged Sword* of *Jesus* cuts the unsaved in judgment. It punishes the rebellious and disobedient. Those who compromise should, “Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth” (Rev. 2:16).

*“Lord, forgive me for looking at the enemy, or for looking at the sins of other Christians. Lord, I will look to You for truth in judgment. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 2:12-17

Words: 248

Key Thought: The Lord uses the Bible to help Christians and punish non-believers.

OCTOBER 11

A STUMBLING BLOCK—JESUS

“But we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness” (1 Corinthians 1:23).

*Jesus is A Stumbling Block to the Jews.* They should not have rejected *Jesus* because He was born a Jew, the seed of Abraham and the Son of David. They were looking for military deliverance from Rome; *Jesus* came to deliver them from their bondage to sin. They wanted political peace; *Jesus* came to give them spiritual peace. They wanted financial prosperity; *Jesus* came to give them the riches of Heaven. They rejected *Jesus* because they were looking for the wrong kind of Messiah. Do you know people who are looking for the wrong things from God? How about you? When you seek God, are you looking for the right thing?

*“Jesus, I accept Your offer of spiritual liberty and forgiveness. You came into the world for sinners like me. I will not stumble over the good things You offer.”*

*Jesus is A Stumbling Block to the unsaved.* They don’t expect a humble Savior who submitted to crucifixion. They don’t expect a suffering servant who was tortured, and finally died an ignominious death. They stumble over the idea of “Christ crucified.” But God’s principle is always seen in its opposite expression. To be strong, you must yield. To get, you must give. Christ died that you might live.

*“Jesus, the world thinks Your crucifixion was terrible, but I know it was a triumph over the Evil One. They reject Your death as a defeat, but it was victory over sin. The world will reject Your crucifixion, but Your death led to my eternal life. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 23:27-38

Words: 255

Key Thought: The Jews were looking for the wrong kind of Messiah.

OCTOBER 12

THE OIL OF GLADNESS—HOLY SPIRIT

“You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions ” (Psalm 45:7).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Oil of Gladness*. When He is rubbed into your wounds, He will take away pain and hurt. Just as oil cleanses a wound and washes away impurities, the *Holy Spirit* comes to deal with your sin and wash away all remembrances of your iniquities. Do you remember how good it feels when an ache quits hurting? When the *Holy Spirit* comes to wash away your transgressions, you’ll feel good. The *Holy Spirit* is *The Oil of Gladness* to make you rejoice.

*“Holy Spirit, I need some laughter in my life. Thank You for reminding me how much I used to hurt. Now it feels good to feel good! Thank You for putting a smile on my face.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Oil of Gladness* to make Christians rejoice. When He convicts of sin, He makes people agonize; but when He brings forgiveness, they rejoice. When people walk into dark shadows of death, they are terrified; but they are glad when they realize the *Holy Spirit* is with them. When Satan has tempted people to sin, the *Holy Spirit* gives them victory. He is the *Holy Spirit of Gladness* that pours the *Oil of Happiness* on your wounds.

*“Holy Spirit, come pour Your Oil of Gladness into my wounds to heal me. Take away my hurt and sadness. Flow into my life. I have been happy in the past and I want to feel that way again. Make today a wonderful day. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 45:1-17

Words: 248

Key Thoughts: The Holy Spirit gives happiness.

OCTOBER 13

ALPHA OMEGA—JESUS

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord,  
“who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty” (Revelation 1:8).

*Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the completeness of your salvation from the beginning of your salvation on the cross until His second return to take you to glory. Because Jesus is Alpha and Omega, you don't have to worry about anything; He will take care of you.*

*“Lord, there are so many little details in my life that I can't think about them all. When I give too much attention to prayer, I overlook Bible reading. When I give too much attention to family time, I neglect witnessing.”*

Just as *Alpha* is the beginning of the Greek alphabet, *Jesus* helps all believers start their Christian life properly. And as *Omega* is the last letter in the Greek language, *Jesus* will carry you safely through to completion; “He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6). *Jesus is Alpha and Omega, the completeness of your daily sanctification; trust Him to work out all things. Jesus is not only the Beginning and the End; He is everything in between. He is Alpha and Omega, the entirety of your salvation. When you have Him, you have everything you need.*

*“Lord, I rest in Your completed work for me; it's comfortable knowing You've done everything that needs to be done. I not only trust You for the big things, I also trust You for the little things in every day life. Amen.”*

Reading: Philemon

Words: 240

Key Thought: Jesus begins salvation and will finish it.

OCTOBER 14

ANOTHER KING—JESUS

“. . . there is another king—Jesus” (Acts 17:7).

*Jesus* is a *King*, not like any king of this world; He is *another* kind of *King*. He never came to rule an earthly kingdom. Why should He want outward obedience as given to the kings of this earth when He can rule inwardly the hearts of people? Earthly kings rule by laws and force; *Jesus* rules inwardly by love. Earthly kings want their subjects to do things for them; *Jesus* first loved us and died for our salvation, then He gave us all the blessings of Heaven and has given us the privilege of serving Him out of love and obedience.

*“Lord, You are my King; I love You because You first loved me. I come to worship You, because You first came to me.”*

*Jesus* is not like any other king on Earth; some rule for ego or vanity, and some rule for greed or wealth. Others rule because they carry on the family heritage into which they were born. *Jesus* rules what He created because He is God. *Jesus* rules those whom He redeems because He is the *Savior*. *Jesus* rules what is yielded to Him because He is the *Lord*. What will you let Him rule today?

*“Jesus, You are my LORD, unlike the lords of this world; come take my life. You are my King, unlike the rulers of this world; I will gladly let You rule my life. Come sit upon the throne of my heart and rule my life today. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 17:1-9

Words: 248

Key Thought: Jesus rules His subjects, unlike any other king.

OCTOBER 15

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE—HOLY SPIRIT

“. . . having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise”  
(Ephesians 1:13).

The Third Person of the Trinity is *The Holy Spirit of Promise*. Jesus promised to send Him to the disciples, “When the *Helper* comes, whom I will send to you from the Father” (John 15:26). Just as Jesus kept His promise and sent the *Holy Spirit*, so He (Jesus) will keep every promise He’s made to you. Jesus promised to take away your sin (John 1:29), give you peace (John 14:27), guide you through dark places (John 8:12), and give you assurance of salvation (John 5:24). Jesus has a track record of keeping His promises, so rest assured the *Holy Spirit* will also keep His promises to you.

*“Holy Spirit, Your presence gives me confidence to keep on trying. I know Jesus has begun to do a good work in me; I know He will complete it (Phil. 1:6).”*

The *Holy Spirit* has promised to bring power to your life so you can witness to the unsaved (Acts 1:8). Also, the *Holy Spirit* promised to give you victory in the hour of your temptation (2 Cor. 3:17), to keep the Evil One from you (Matt. 6:13), to guide your life (Gal. 5:22), to give you spiritual ability for Christian service (1 Cor. 12:1-7) and to produce Christian character in you (Gal. 5:22-23). All these things the *Holy Spirit* has done for others. What He has done for others, He can do for you.

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for reminding me that these promises are mine. I believe them and will claim them. Thank You for keeping Your promise to believers. Amen.”*

Reading: John 7:37-39

Words: 256

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will keep the promises He made.

OCTOBER 16

AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION—JESUS

“He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him” (Hebrews 5:9).

*Jesus is the Author of Eternal Salvation; He is writing a story plot for your future. Just as an earthly author will know the content before writing, Jesus knows what He wants to accomplish in your life. Just as an earthly author develops characters in the story, Jesus knows what He wants you to become and how He wants you to live. He is the Author of Salvation; He has put the whole story of salvation together – from ages past to future eternity – so He is able to guide your life.*

*“Lord, thank You for writing the great story of salvation. I have read Your book and love its ending. I accept Your plot and I will attempt to live my part of Your story. Come give me power to live for You today.”*

*Jesus is the Author of Eternal Salvation. Just as an earthly author personifies his/her writings, Jesus personifies salvation (Luke 3:6). He wrote salvation’s plan. Jesus came to bring salvation, and when we call upon Him (Rom. 10:13), He gives us salvation, not partially or temporarily. Jesus has the ability to completely save those who come to Him, and He has the power to permanently keep them because He gives them eternal salvation. Will you let Jesus finish writing the story of your life?*

*“‘Lord, I am confident of this very thing; that You have begun a good work in me will complete it until the day You return’ (Phil. 1:6, Author’s Translation). Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 5:1-9

Words: 247

Key Thought: Jesus is writing the story of your life.

OCTOBER 17

BRANCH—JESUS

“I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH” (Zechariah 3:8).

*Jesus* is the *Branch*, an Old Testament title given to Messiah. The name comes from (*Tsemach*), a green shoot or a new sprout growing out of an old stump. When Nebuchadnezzar “chopped” down the kingdom of Israel in 587 B.C., the stump of the tree died—the kingdom ceased—but the roots did not die. The kingdom was renewed when *Jesus* was born King of the Jews (Matt. 2:2). *Jesus* is the *Branch*—the new sprout from Jewish roots—demonstrating God’s kingdom will live again. When a fire devastates a forest, it looks like the end to beautiful green woods. But wait! Look below the charred stumps to see life in the roots. Just as a “burned over” area can become green again, so a new “branch” can spring from your blackened past. *Jesus*, the *Branch*, can give new opportunities to your life.

*“I come to You, Branch; sprout new life in me. Give me another new opportunity to serve You today.”*

*Jesus* is “the man whose name is BRANCH” (Zech. 6:12), so He can identify with your needs. He is the “righteous branch” (Jer. 23:5) to help you do things right. Just as “the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful” (Isa. 4:2), so *Jesus* can make your life beautiful. And, *Jesus* is the “Servant the BRANCH” (Zech. 3:8) to serve you. Let *Jesus*, the *Branch*, bring new opportunities into your life.

*“Lord, give me a new opportunity to live for You, and give me a new attitude towards life. Come grow new life in me. Amen.”*

Reading: Isaiah 4:1-6

Words: 258

Key Thought: *Jesus* offers another new beginning.



OCTOBER 18

THE PROMISE—HOLY SPIRIT

“. . . you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:38, 39).

Peter on the day of Pentecost promised the *Holy Spirit* would come on those who believed on Christ. The fulfillment of that promise was the coming of the *Holy Spirit* on his listeners, just as He came on the disciples. Peter promised the *Holy Spirit* would come to do the work of the Father and Son in the lives of all Christians. He has come into the world and when you believed, He came into your heart (John 15:26). Will you let the *Holy Spirit* work in your life today?

*“Holy Spirit, I have many spiritual needs; I yield my life to you, meet my needs. Fill me today; I need Your presence in my life” (Eph. 5:18).*

The *Holy Spirit* is the fulfillment of *The Promise* of the Father and Son. He has regenerated you (John 3:5), He has given you eternal life (John 3:36), He has given you a new nature (2 Peter 1:4), and guaranteed your home in Heaven (Eph. 4:30). Look at what the *Holy Spirit* can do in the future. He can give you peace (John 14:27), Christian character (Gal. 5:22-23), guidance (Gal. 5:25) and spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:7, 11). These promises have been made to you, now you must claim them, and act on them.

*“Holy Spirit, forgive my forgetful memory. I have forgotten the things you can do for me. Help me remember everything You can do for me. Please help me claim them all. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 1:1

Words: 244

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of the promises made by Jesus.

OCTOBER 19

BREAD—JESUS

“And Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst’” (John 6:35).

*Jesus is Bread* who gives eternal life to those who believe in Him; you must believe in Him to get it. He is satisfying *Bread* who gives inner happiness; you must enjoy Him to get it. He is also strength-giving *Bread* to build you up and give you energy to serve God; you must learn of Him to get it. *Jesus is resurrection Bread* who gives you life now, and life in the future. “Whoever eats My flesh . . . I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:54). So, eat the *Bread of Jesus*; It will give you confidence, and in the future, you’ll rise in the resurrection. Eating of *Jesus* is a picture of learning about *Jesus* in Scriptures and believing what you read.

*“Lord, I’m weak; I need Bread to give me strength for today. Lord, when I get my eyes off You, I hunger for the “things” of this life. My unfilled desire makes me miserable. Teach me to eat the Bread of Life so I can experience spiritual satisfaction of the soul.”*

*Jesus is supernatural Bread.* Those who eat the *Bread of Jesus* are strengthened to run, work, and to wrestle (Phil. 4:13). When you eat the *Bread of Jesus*, you have new purpose in your life to overcome obstacles and limitations. When you eat the *Bread of Jesus*, you have a supernatural life because He will live in you and you’ll live in Him. Are you hungry for Him today?

*“Bread of Life, I am hungry; fill me. I am weak; strengthen me. Come fulfill Your life through me. Amen.”*

Reading: John 6:1-14

Words: 269

Key Thought: Jesus is Bread to give you life.

OCTOBER 20

A NAME NO MAN KNEW—JESUS

“He had a name written that no one knew except Himself” (Revelation 19:12).

*Jesus* has a *Name which No Man Knew*. That means no one knows this hidden name, not even you. Even though you may want to know His secret name, you can't know it because He has not told anyone; some things only God knows. At His return, there will still be a mystery about *Jesus'* nature that you cannot understand. Why? Because no finite human can comprehend the infinite God. So, don't worry about what you don't know; rather, respond quickly to what you do know about *Jesus'* names. His name is “Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isa. 9:6), and those are only a few of His names found in only one verse in the Bible.

*“Jesus, I realize I can't know all about You, nor will I ever know; but, I know I worship You as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (Rev. 19:16).”*

*Jesus* has a name that *No Man can Know*. That means there could be more than one name you don't know. Just as His name(s) that you know reveal the unique characteristics of *Jesus*, His unknowable names reflect things about Him that you can never know. That's because *Jesus* is God and you are human. But trust what you know about *Jesus* and obey what He wants you to do.

*“Jesus, I don't know everything about You; but what I know, I love . . . I trust . . . I worship . . . I will obey You as my Master. Amen.”*

Reading: Rev. 19:11, 12

Words: 254

Key Thought: Focus on what the names of Jesus tells us about Him.

OCTOBER 21

THE LORD OF THE HARVEST—HOLY SPIRIT

“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:37, 38).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Lord of the Harvest*, it is His harvest. Too often we think it is our ministry and our harvest. The *Holy Spirit* wants you to work for Him in the harvest of lost souls. Because there are many lost people, the fields are white for harvest (John 4:35). When you tell lost people the good news of Jesus, the *Holy Spirit* will work in their hearts to convict them of sin. Then He will open their spiritually blinded eyes to see the Gospel and will draw them to salvation. Will you work in the harvest today and let the *Holy Spirit* work through you? You can do that by sharing the Gospel with a lost person.

*“Holy Spirit, I feel Your urging in my heart to be more active in evangelism. I will witness to someone today. Help me to communicate the Gospel to someone. Work in the heart of those to whom I witness.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Lord of the Harvest*. When someone believes in Jesus, He regenerates their heart (John 3:5) and places eternal life in them. But most importantly, since it is His harvest, He preserves the fruit by indwelling the new believer with His presence to guarantee that they receive all the blessings that the Father has promised to them.

*“Holy Spirit, You are Lord of the Harvest! I cannot accomplish anything without Your working through me. I yield to Your leading. When I testify to others of my salvation, use me today. Amen.”*

Reading: Matt. 9:35-10:26

Words: 255

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit works through you to win lost people to salvation.

OCTOBER 22

A PRICE —JESUS

“For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Corinthians 6:20).

*Jesus* is the complete *Price* that was paid to redeem you from sin. Salvation was not free; He paid *A Price*. His death was the *Price* that gave you life. Salvation was not cheap; *Jesus* was humiliated, tortured, and He suffered for your sins. Your sin – and the sin of all others – had violated the perfection of God the Father. Sin had to be punished, so *Jesus* was punished for your violations. Instead of you paying the *Price*, He paid it for you.

*“Jesus, thank You for paying the Price for my sin. Now I am free from the debt of sin. Help me to live in gratitude for what You’ve done.”*

*Jesus* is the *Price* big enough to cover all the sins of all people. He is the ultimate *Price*, enduring enough to cover all the sins committed in the future. He paid the *Price* once for all. He forgave all sin – all past and all future sin. Now, “If you walk in the light . . . the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son cleanseth from all sin” (1 John 1:7, KJV). You don’t have to feel guilty over your sin; instead, confess it and get cleansing (1 John 1:9). Don’t walk around in the darkness; rather, walk in the Light of *Jesus*.

*“Jesus, it’s easy to walk when there’s light on the path. Keep me from dark roads of sin and the valley of the shadow of death. Shine some Light over here; guide me today. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Peter 1:18-25

Words: 250

Key Thought: Jesus paid the Price to free you from sin.

OCTOBER 23

A SON OVER HIS OWN HOUSE—JESUS

“. . . but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end” (Hebrews 3:6).

*Jesus is the Son Over His Own House.* Just as Levi was the first priest in Israel’s genealogy, *Jesus* is the first in New Testament salvation. Just as Aaron was the first priest who interceded for Israel in the Tabernacle, *Jesus* is the High Priest who will intercede for you in Heaven. All believers are members of *Jesus*’ house and He will intercede to the Father for them. How can He intercede for you today?

*“Jesus, be my intercessor to the Father. Every time I slip into sin, intercede to the Father for forgiveness. Every time the Evil One comes to tempt me, protect me by Your intercession.”*

*Jesus is the Son Over His Own House;* “He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God by Him, seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them” (Heb. 7:25). So, take your problems to *Jesus* . . . trust Him . . . let Him be your Intercessor. Because *Jesus* is your Intercessor, “(He) does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices” (Heb. 7:27). He doesn’t need to offer daily for His sin (Heb. 7:27), because He is “holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners” (Heb. 7:26). He is the Son forevermore (Heb. 7:27), so come into His house for help to solve your problems. Let *Jesus* be your intercessor.

*“Lord, I know ‘the blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanses us from all sin’ (1 John 1:7), so I rest calmly in Your house. I know You will intercede to the Father for me. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 3:1-19

Words: 264

Key Thought: Jesus intercedes for all those who belong to Him.

OCTOBER 24

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD—HOLY SPIRIT

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption” (Ephesians 4:30).

*The Holy Spirit of God* comes to you from God because the *Holy Spirit* is the Third Person of the Trinity. The Father sent Him to help you become godlier like God. He wants you to be more holy like His nature for He is the *Holy Spirit*. He wants to help you become more spiritual for He is *Spirit of God*. Will you yield to His work today?

*“Holy Spirit, I come asking for an inward change. I want to live a pure life, but I need help because I am weak. I want to be holy, but I need Your strength. Sanctify me and make me pure. Help me live a godly life. Come live Your holy nature in my life.”*

Don't grieve *The Holy Spirit of God* by allowing temptation or sin to settle down in your heart. Confess quickly and repent, then begin immediately living a pure life. Because He lives in your life, don't even think about sin. Because He is holy, He is grieved when you allow sin to settle down in your mind. Because the *Holy Spirit* is *God*, He demands holiness in your life and thoughts. But He is also the *Helper*; ask Him to help you overcome temptation and distractions. Ask Him to make you holy and spiritual.

*“Holy Spirit, come into my life. I want Your holiness to control my thoughts and desires. I cannot separate myself from sin for I am weak. You are God; let Your holiness flow through me. Amen.”*

Reading: Ephesians 4:17-32

Words: 253

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is sent to make you godly.

OCTOBER 25

YOUR HOLY ONE—JESUS

“For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption” (Acts 2:27).

*Jesus* is the *Holy One of God*. He was the Father’s representative sent to earth to redeem the sinful race. When Adam sinned, all humanity was lost. Because the Father loves the people He created, He wanted to save them. How could the Father punish their sin, yet allow people to go free? Since God the Father can’t change His nature, He had to punish their rebellion and disobedience. So, He sent *Jesus* to earth to live a perfect life, He was the *Holy One*. *Jesus* was the Sinless One who was punished for the sins of the human race. He was the Father’s representative to give eternal life to those who would believe in Him.

*“Lord Jesus, I praise You for coming to earth to die for my sins. I know You are the Holy One of God; thank You for Your sacrifice. Help me live a godly life as a testimony for You.”*

Because *Jesus* was your representative on the cross, He now wants you to be His representative to your non-Christian friends and relatives. He wants you to live a holy life before them. He wants you to share with them the plan of salvation. As He has died for you, He wants you to live for Him.

*“Lord Jesus, I will be Your representative today. I will try to live a holy life; but I need help. Come live in me and manifest Yourself through me to others. Help me be a good example to both saved and unsaved people. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 16:1-11

Words: 255

Key Thought: Jesus was the Holy One.



OCTOBER 26

THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD—JESUS

“And from Jesus Christ . . . the firstborn from the dead” (Rev. 1:5).

*Jesus is The Firstborn From the Dead*, which means He was the first to be generated—or given life—from the dead. *Jesus* was a dead corpse, but was given life by the Father; His body lived again. Also, *Jesus* was *The Firstborn From the Dead* in resurrection. He was taken from among the dead, or from the location where the dead existed, and was taken to Heaven. *Jesus* can make life real to you today because He lives in you. Do you want it?

*“Lord Jesus, You arose from the dead so that You can come into my heart with eternal life. Now You abide in me. I praise You for giving life to me. Strengthen me for today’s tasks. I worship You as The Firstborn From the Dead.”*

*Jesus* is *The Firstborn From the Dead* and first in importance because He became “a life-giving spirit” (1 Cor. 15:45). That means *Jesus* gave life to all. But *Jesus* was also the first in sequence; no one was raised from the dead before Him: Adam, Moses and David all the Old Testament saints, “He captured and led them captive into heaven” (Eph. 4:8, Author’s Translation). *Jesus* is *The Firstborn From the Dead* so that now all who believe in Him are “born again” from their spiritual death. All who believe in Him have His new life, they have eternal life. Why don’t you thank Him.

*“Lord, You arose from the dead to fill my empty life with Your presence. Give me happiness and meaning to live for You today. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Words: 260

Key Thought: *Jesus* can give you life because He was raised from the dead.

OCTOBER 27

THE ETERNAL SPIRIT—HOLY SPIRIT

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offer Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscious from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Eternal Spirit*. He has always existed. He is the Third Person of the Trinity who was active in creation (Gen. 1:2) and He worked throughout the Old Testament. Some mistakenly thought He didn't come until Jesus promised to send Him into the world (John 15:26). But He is the *Eternal Spirit*. Now during the Church Age, the *Holy Spirit* has a special relationship to believers. He will indwell you, guide you, teach you, protect you, and when you are weak, He will fill you with divine power. Do you want the *Holy Spirit* in your life?

*“Come Eternal Spirit, fill my life with Your presence. I need to be holy; set me apart from sin. I need strength to obey Scriptures; fill me with Your power.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Eternal Spirit*. He has always been the *Spirit of Holiness* so He can make you holy. He's eternally been the *Spirit*, so He can make you spiritual. The Father and Son have sent the *Holy Spirit* to help you do what you're supposed to do. When *The Eternal Spirit* fills your life, you'll sense God's purpose and you'll realize that your life is bigger than your everyday world. *The Eternal Spirit* will make you realize you're part of God's eternal plan.

*“Holy Spirit, I want more than what I have in this world. Come, Eternal Spirit, I want a touch of eternity in my life. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 9:12-22

Words: 242

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will make you realize you're part of an eternal plan.

OCTOBER 28

THE FAITHFUL WITNESS—JESUS

“Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness” (Revelation 1:4, 5).

*Jesus is The Faithful Witness; He will give a faithful testimony to build you up. When you have doubts, He will come to build up your faith. When you are discouraged, He will come to give you divine confidence. Jesus can be a faithful witness to you, every time you need it. But you must ask for His help.*

*“I’m ashamed of my doubts because my questions impugn your integrity. Remind me again of Your faithfulness. Give me confidence in the promises You made.”*

*Jesus is the Faithful Witness who came as a witness to the world that the heavenly Father loves them. But the world did not receive the testimony of Jesus. Even though He was a Faithful Witness and He demonstrated it with signs and wonders, the world wouldn’t believe Him. Jesus told Pilate, “I bear witness to the truth” (John 18:37), but Pilate rejected Him. Jesus faithfully declared the truth, but He was crucified because of what He said and did. Just as Jesus was faithful to the end, He wants you to always be faithful; even if it costs your life.*

*“Jesus, You are my Faithful Witness; I receive you into my life as a sure evidence of truth. I believe what You said in Scriptures. I praise You for Your miracles and acts of kindness. I accept Your death as forgiveness for my sins. Thank You for Your faithful witness that gives me confidence and assurance. Amen.”*

Reading: John 19:7-15

Words: 242

Key Thought: Jesus will be faithful to tell you the truth.

OCTOBER 29

THE ROOT AND OFFSPRING OF DAVID—JESUS

“I am the Root and the Offspring of David” (Revelation 22:16).

*Jesus is The Root and Offspring of David*; the greatest king of Israel. Just as a tree gets its strength and life from its roots, so David’s accomplishments and strength came from *Jesus*. Just as David derived everything from *Jesus*, so your spiritual vitality comes from Him. You were born again when Christ came into your heart, so your spiritual life comes from Him.

*“Lord, I know my spiritual life comes from You; help me never to forget where my strength lies.”*

*Jesus is The Root and Offspring of David*. *Jesus* was not only David’s source of strength, but He also was born into his line. *Jesus* has the legitimate title to David’s throne. Because of His family’s birth, *Jesus* is qualified to fulfill all the Messianic prophecies for the salvation of every Israelite and for the nation. Look to Him for all your needs. *Jesus is The Root and Offspring of David*, which means He was *The Son of David* (Matt. 1:1). When David wrote the Psalms, he called the coming Messiah—*Jesus*—“The Lord” (Ps. 110). Just as *Jesus* was the Lord of David, He wants to be your *Lord*. Will you submit to Him today?

*“Lord, You are the Root from which I get my life; I am Your offspring. But more importantly, You are my Lord; I will serve You this day. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelations 22:12-21

Words: 227

Key Thought: Will you submit to the Lordship of Jesus, as did David?

OCTOBER 30

THE SPIRIT OF REVELATION—HOLY SPIRIT

“. . . that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him” (Ephesians 1:17).

Revelations are the things you can't know until God reveals them to you. The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Revelation* who showed the writers of Scripture what to write and guided them to write accurately the revelation of God. But the Bible is more than an accurate book; it is inspired (2 Tim. 3:16). Inspiration means the *Holy Spirit* breathed His presence into the words of the Bible. When people read the Scriptures, the *Holy Spirit* is embedded in the words to minister to them. So, when you let the Word of God enter your life, the *Holy Spirit* enters your heart to influence you. Will you let *The Spirit of Revelation* show you from the Bible what God wants you to know?

*“Holy Spirit, I love the Word of God because it contains Your words. Speak to me through its pages so I can know You better and do Your will.”*

You don't know what the future holds, but the *Holy Spirit* knows both the coming joys and pains. Study the Bible to learn His instruction; He'll prepare you for all future eventualities. You don't know where you may go today, but the *Holy Spirit* knows God's will for you. Let Him guide you today. *The Spirit of Revelation* knows what is best for you; let Him help you find God's will for your life in the Bible.

*“Holy Spirit, I trust my future with You. I'll learn what You reveal to me from Scripture. I'll go where You lead me. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Tim. 3:14-17

Words: 254

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit can reveal God's will to you.

OCTOBER 31

THE KING INVISIBLE—JESUS

“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen” (1 Timothy 1:17).

*Jesus* is the *King Invisible*; you can't see Him, but He's there with you all day, every day. Just because He's invisible doesn't mean He's not with you. While His body is sitting at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, His presence indwells our hearts. Because *Jesus* is God, the spirit of *Jesus* is everywhere present at the same time. To be invisible means He exists everywhere in spirit. Ask Him to help and protect you this day because He's with you.

*“Jesus, thank You for being with me. Protect me today from dangers I don't see, and help me through problems I haven't yet faced. Minister to me in ways I don't know about. Help me be a godly person.”*

*Jesus* is the *King* who is *Invisible*; He rules the entire universe. He can be at all places at all times because He is omnipresent. As Lord, *Jesus* rules the universe; but more importantly, He dwells in your heart (Col. 1:27). But, He wants more than His presence living in your heart. As King, He wants to sit on the throne of your heart to rule your life today. Will you let Him do it?

*“Jesus, I want You to be Lord of my life and rule me today. May every word I speak glorify You. May every action I do further Your kingdom. May every step I take be guided by You. Be with me to protect me and help me grow spiritually. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 14:22-36

Words: 248

Key Thought: Jesus is with you even when you can't see Him.

NOVEMBER 1

THE KING IMMORTAL—JESUS

“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen” (1 Timothy 1:17).

*Jesus is The King Immortal.* The word *immortal* means there is no corruption in the King or His rule. His laws are righteous; they were not made on selfish principles, nor were they enacted out of sinful purposes. Because He is *King Immortal*, all His judgments are correct. *Jesus* has never made a mistake in enforcing His laws. Because *Jesus* is an immortal King, you can trust Him. He will not be corrupted; neither will His kingdom fall apart. Those under His rule cannot corrupt His standards. While some may corrupt themselves, none can tarnish His laws.

*“Jesus, You are my Immortal King. I bow to worship You because You have always lived in the past, You will always live in the future, and You are alive today. Come sit upon the throne of my heart; rule my life.”*

*Jesus is The King Immortal.* While on Earth, He did not sin and Pilate found no fault in Him. *Jesus* died as the perfect Lamb who was the substitute for your sin. He was raised again on the third day to live forever. Death could not corrupt His perfect body. *Jesus* is the eternal King, which means all people, of all ages, from all ethnic groups, must submit to His rulership or be judged by His laws. He is *The King Immortal* whose rule will not fail, nor can it be overthrown.

*“Jesus, You are a righteous King. Everything You do is right. I worship You for Your trustworthiness. I serve You because You are my Savior. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 24:1-10

Words: 257

Key Thought: Jesus will not make any mistakes in your life.

NOVEMBER 2

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD—HOLY SPIRIT

“The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD” (Isaiah 11:2).

*The Spirit of the Lord* is the *Holy Spirit* who does the actual work in your heart for God the Father and God the Son. *The Spirit of the Lord* is a primary name of the *Holy Spirit* to reveal His character, i.e., who He is. When you think of the eternal nature of God, do not project onto Him human representation, i.e., a physical being. Remember, “God is Spirit” (John 4:24), so the *Holy Spirit* is not limited. He can come minister to you anywhere, any place and at any time.

*“O Spirit of the Lord, come make this day wonderful. Help me bring glory to the Father, Son and You, Holy Spirit.”*

*The Spirit of the Lord* is with all believers, so He will be with you. He will fulfill what Jesus promised, “I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper . . . the Spirit of truth . . . He dwells with you and will be in you” (John 14:16, 17). You must believe the promise of Jesus and act on it. You must receive *The Spirit of the Lord* if you want Him to work in your life; but He can energize only what You give Him, so yield to Him today what You want Him to use.

*“O Spirit of the Lord, I give myself to You. Come fill me with a new zeal to be holy. Give me a new desire to serve You. O Spirit of the Lord, fill me completely and use me. Amen.”*

Reading: John 14:16-26

Words: 257

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit does God’s work everywhere in all people.



NOVEMBER 3

THE LAST ADAM—JESUS

“The first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit” (1 Corinthians 15:45).

*Jesus* is the *Last Adam*. Just as Adam was the head of the human race, *Jesus* is the head of those He has redeemed. The First Adam, as head of the human race, disobeyed God resulting in all becoming sinners. “Through one man sin entered the world” (Rom. 5:12). *Jesus* the *Last Adam* made a decision to redeem the human race. He died for all. *Jesus* is the head of a new race of all who are born again by the Spirit of God. *Jesus* arose the third day to give life to all who follow Him.

*“Lord Jesus, I come to you as my ruler and head, acknowledging Your leadership over my life. As I pray for others to let You rule their lives, I now surrender the control of my life to You.”*

The First Adam was the first to sin and by his disobedience, plunged all mankind into eternal death. The death of *Jesus—The Last Adam*—delivered all who would believe in Him. In the resurrection of *Jesus*, He received the “headship” of a new race of believers. Now *Jesus* wants the “headship” of every area of your life—home, business, leisure, hobbies, vacations, amusements, etc. He wants you to serve Him with your time, talent and treasure. What will you give to Him?

*“Lord, I know You are the Last Adam, the Head of the body. Come, be head of my life and all my activities. I give my life to You. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-45

Words: 248

Key Thought: Jesus as the head of a new race, He wants to be head of your life.

NOVEMBER 4

THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON—JESUS

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

*Jesus is The Only Begotten Son*, an Old Testament title that declares He was eternally generated from the Father. “The Lord (Father) said to him (Jesus), ‘You are my Son, begotten throughout eternity’” (Ps. 2:7, Author’s Translation). This does not mean the Son was begotten at an event in eternity past, but describes the eternal relationship of the Son to the Father. Both the Father and *Jesus* are equally eternal and equally God, but they have separate personalities. They are equal in nature. *Jesus* was not begotten at a time in the past because that would mean the Son is not eternal. The Father has eternally loved *Jesus*, and because the Father loved you and the world; He sent *Jesus* to die for your sins. When you receive *Jesus* as *The Only Begotten Son*, you have also believed in the Father.

*“Jesus, I worship You just as I worship the Father. You are both God, and I come into Your presence with thanksgiving for all you’ve done for me.”*

When you receive *Jesus* as Savior, you become a “son of God” (Rom. 8:14-16). The Father has only One Son who could die for the world, and because of that sacrificial death, the Father now has many “sons.” You are a member of the family.

*“Jesus, I worship You as The Only Begotten Son. I praise You as the Second Person of the Godhead. I thank You for coming into the world to die for my sins. Amen.”*

Reading: John 3:9-20

Words: 247

Key Thought: Jesus is The Only Begotten Son of the Father.

NOVEMBER 5

THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING—HOLY SPIRIT

“The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD” (Isaiah 11:2).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Understanding*; He can distinguish between the counterfeit and the real. Even though people use Christian words, gestures and claim to know God, He knows what is genuine and what is fake. He will help you take inventory of your spiritual life and show when you are sincere and when you are just being outwardly religious.

*“O Spirit of Understanding, expose any counterfeit motive in my life and help me be genuine in character and service. Help me worship the Father authentically. I want to be like Christ. Give me real spiritual power to live the Christian life.”*

*The Spirit of Understanding* recognizes a sincere heart in worshippers; that’s why He gives them self-understanding. He encourages all those who want to be conformed to the image of Christ; that’s why He gives them self-evaluation. He values all those who want to live an authentic Christian life; that’s why He gives them self-direction for their daily walk. When *The Spirit of Understanding* rests upon you, then you can have self-assurance that you are doing the will of God. Then, “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God” (Rom. 8:16).

*“O Spirit of truth, come show me my failures so I can correct them; show me my hypocrisy so I can humbly walk with You; show me Your will for my life and help me do it. O Spirit of Understanding, come give me assurance today. Amen.”*

Reading: Genesis 24

Words: 248

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will show you what is real and what is fake.

NOVEMBER 6

GOD MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH—JESUS

“God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory” (1 Timothy 3:16).

*Jesus was God Manifested In The Flesh.* If you want to see what God is like, look at *Jesus*. You can see His life story in the pages of ‘Scripture. As you study His life, you can see how God would react to situations. If you want to see how God would have you life, *Jesus* is your example. Will you follow His steps? *Jesus is God Manifested In The Flesh.* He was born in a stable in Bethlehem because people rejected Him at His arrival; there was no room in the inn. How will you react to rejection? Because He was born “King of the Jews,” Herod was threatened and tried to kill Him. How will you handle persecution? The unsaved mind doesn’t know what to make of Christ because He was *God Manifested In The Flesh.*

*“Jesus, You are my Lord and God. I worship You for giving up the glories of Heaven to come to earth to live in human flesh. I receive you even though others reject You. I crown You King of my life, even though some tried to kill You. Thank You for becoming flesh for me.”*

The greatest event in history was when God became flesh. The shepherds recognized what happened and worshipped *Jesus* as He lay in a manger. The wise men worshipped Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Throughout history, believers have worshipped Him with the gift of their heart. What will you bring to Him today?

*“Jesus, I acknowledge that You are God, manifested in the flesh. Jesus, I worship You with the gift of my heart; I have nothing greater to give You than myself. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Words: 279

Key Thought: You must worship Jesus because He became flesh.

NOVEMBER 7

WELL OF WATER—HOLY SPIRIT

“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14, *KJV*).

The *Holy Spirit* is a *Well of Water* to hot thirsty travelers. Jesus said, “Come to me and drink!” (John 7:37). He promised, “Out of (your) heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38). He said this water is the *Holy Spirit*. “This He spoke concerning the Spirit” (John 7:39). That well of water—living water—is within you, so you’ll never again have to search anywhere else for satisfaction. You’ll never have to seek pleasure in sinful activities. You’ll not find thirst-relief in the world, the flesh, or the Devil. That nagging thirst in your mouth is the *Holy Spirit’s* own way of getting your attention. Look within your heart to find peace in Him. The *Holy Spirit* is there when you’re ready to drink.

*“Holy Spirit, I know You entered my heart when I was saved. Keep me thirsty so I’ll turn to You when I need refreshing.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is a *Well of Water* to renew your strength. When you’re too tired to go on, drink of Him. When you’re out of spiritual energy, let Him be your strength. Maybe you need some cool shade and a little rest. Drink some water. Then you’ll be ready to get back to the job you have to do.

*“Holy Spirit, I need You today. The road is long and I’m weary. The sun is draining my energy; I drink! Ah, Your water tastes good. Amen.”*

Reading: John 4:1-14

Words: 238

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit refreshes you.

NOVEMBER 8

HE THAT HAS THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD AND THE SEVEN STARS—JESUS

“These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars”  
(Revelation 3:1).

*Jesus is He That Has the Seven Spirits of God.* This is not a reference to seven different “spirits” sent by God, but rather this is a reference to the One Spirit of God who will minister to you and to the church in various ways. *Jesus* can send the Holy Spirit to do many things in your life. The Spirit can convict of sin, regenerate, indwell, baptize, seal, guide, and give you spiritual gifts. *Jesus* can send the Holy Spirit to make you holy and to make you spiritual; receive what He sends.

*“Lord, I receive all the various ministries of the Holy Spirit into my heart. Work in my life today.”*

*Jesus is He That Hath the Seven (Churches) Stars.* These stars are churches (Rev. 2:1). All churches are dear to Him, as are all the believers in them. However, there were some problems in this church, “. . . you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead” (Rev. 3:1). “Remember therefore what you have received and heard; hold fast and repent” (Rev. 3:3). No matter how spiritual—or carnal—a church, *Jesus* knows, and He works in that church to make them godlier. *Jesus* is “He that is coming as a thief in the night, in an hour when you do not expect me” (Rev. 3:3, Author’s Translation). Walk faithfully before Him in love because “He that is an overcomer will be clothed in white and his name will not be blotted out of the book of life” (Rev. 3:5, Author’s Translation).

*“Lord, send the Holy Spirit to make me more godly. You are the Coming One; I wait for Your appearance. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

Words: 280

Key Thought: Jesus knows us and works in us.

NOVEMBER 9

THE RIGHTEOUS—JESUS

“My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1).

*Jesus is The Righteous One*; no one can claim to be righteous because the Bible says, “There is none righteous, no, not one” (Rom. 3:10). A righteous person always does the right thing in actions, always has right thoughts and is right in his attitude. When John baptized *Jesus*, it was “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matt. 3:15), that means they did the right thing in the right way. *Jesus* is the only righteous person to ever live, for He always did the right thing and His character was perfect righteousness.

*“Lord Jesus, I know You are perfect and You never sinned (1 Peter 2:22), but what about me? How can I become righteous?”*

*Jesus is The Righteous One*; when you enter the exchanged life, you identify with *Jesus*’ position in Heaven and He indwells you on earth. “Jesus said, ‘You in Me and I in you’” (John 14:20). “Because *Jesus* was perfect, the Father made Him to be your sin, and the Father gave His righteousness” (2 Cor. 5:21, Author’s paraphrase). The secret of the Christian life is that *Jesus* comes to live in you when you are saved. You are still a sinner—a forgiven sinner—but the righteousness of *Jesus* is accounted to you when you are saved. Now what you need is power to overcome sin. That happens when *Jesus* lives His life through you. Let His righteous life shine through your life today.

*“Lord, fill my imperfect life with Your righteousness. Live through me so others can see Your perfection. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Cor. 5:14-21

Words: 255

Key Thought: The righteousness of Christ was applied to you when you were saved.

NOVEMBER 10

YOUR GOOD SPIRIT—HOLY SPIRIT

“You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, and did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst” (Nehemiah 9:20).

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Good Spirit* of God. He is called “good” because that’s His nature. Goodness is the absolute personification of all positive attributes. All that’s good in the world comes from God. Creating the world was a good thing to do, and when each aspect was completed, “God saw . . . that it was good” (Gen. 1:4). The first parents spoiled the good world through their sin, but God constantly came back to do good things for the human race. That means when you mess up, He can come back to do good things for you. Ask God to fill you with good things and use you this day.

*“God, You are great and You are good. Forgive me of my sins and come do good things for me today.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Good Spirit*. God is not made good by any good thing in the world; but things become good by Him. He will breathe goodness upon the world when people allow Him to do so. He will touch your life with goodness when you seek Him. Your good works will not save you (Eph. 2:8, 9), nor will they make you good. You become good when you live in the *Holy Spirit* and let His goodness make you good.

*“Holy Spirit, I choose goodness. I want the perfection of Your divine nature to fill my heart and make me good. I want to do the highest good today. Amen.”*

Reading: Neh. 9:20-27

Words: 247

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will do good things for you.



NOVEMBER 11

THE SON OF GOD WITH FLAMING EYES AND FEET LIKE BRASS—JESUS

“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, ‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass’” (Revelation 2:18).

*Jesus is The Son of God* who is the judge of all humanity, both believers and unbelievers. He judges all sin the same. Your sin was judged in the past at Calvary; the unsaved will be judged in the future. No one can hide from His *flaming eyes* of judgment; no one can run from His *brass feet* of judgment. The *Son of God* gave Himself for sin, but the unsaved won't come to Him for forgiveness, so they will meet Him in judgment. Also, the saved that keep on sinning will be judged by the One with *Flaming Eyes*.

*“O Son of God, I know I am forgiven, but sometimes I sin ignorantly. Forgive me now by Your blood (1 John 1:9).”*

*The Son of God With Flaming Eyes and Feet of Brass* will see and understand the motives of all believers. You cannot hide from Him the fleshly sin of fornication or the doctrinal sin of heresy. He has all-seeing eyes, so He knows all about the iniquity in your life. *Jesus* has feet that run quickly to judge sin; you cannot get away with anything. You must deal with your sin before *Jesus* judges it.

*“Lord, I come daily searching my heart for hidden sin, I confess them—forgive me. I repent of sin and commit myself to live a godly life—cleanse me. I want to live a blameless life—help me. Give me wisdom to recognize temptation in my life, and give me strength to overcome it. I want to please You. Amen.”*

Reading: Rev. 2:18-29

Words: 258

Key Thought: Deal with your sin because Jesus knows about it.

NOVEMBER 12

THE SON OF ABRAHAM—JESUS

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham” (Matthew 1:1).

*Jesus is The Son of Abraham.* Just as every Jew is a son of Abraham because Abraham was the first Hebrew, the father of all, so *Jesus* was a *Son of Abraham*. The Father in Heaven made great promises to Abraham; i.e., that He would bless him financially and make his name great. The Father in Heaven promised to bless those who blessed Abraham and curse those who cursed Abraham. Then the Father in Heaven gave the greatest promise: that all the world would be blessed because a Jewish Messiah would come through His seed who would deliver the world. That’s the promise to Abraham concerning *Jesus Christ*.

*“Lord Jesus, I know your birth was predicted, and that “in the fullness of time the Father sent (You) His Son—made of a woman—to redeem all those who are lost” (Gal. 4:4, 5, Author’s Translation).”*

*Jesus is The Son of Abraham, yet the Eternal Son of God.* *Jesus* was born 2,000 years after Abraham, yet lived during Abraham’s life. “Abraham rejoiced to see My (*Jesus*) day and he saw it” (John 8:56). That happened when Abraham prayed to the Lord to save Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18:23-33), he was interceding to the One who would be his Seed in the future. Now, you can pray to *Jesus*, just as Abraham did. Your prayers will be answered just as were Abraham’s prayers.

*“Lord Jesus, You answered the request of Abraham, so I know You can answer my prayers. Teach me persistence in prayer so that I will not quit praying while You’re still answering. Amen.”*

Reading: Matt. 1:1-17

Words: 264

Key Thought: You can get your prayers answered just as Abraham.

NOVEMBER 13

MY WITNESS—HOLY SPIRIT

“Surely even now my witness is in heaven, and my evidence is on high” (Job 16:19). “But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us” (Hebrews 10:15).

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Father’s Witness* to your heart. When you don’t know what to do, the *Holy Spirit* will let you know the Father’s will and He will tell you how to do it. When you have doubts, the *Holy Spirit* will give you assurance. Just as a witness must give an accurate testimony, the *Holy Spirit* will tell you what the Father expects from you.

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for speaking to my heart. Make me wise enough to follow Your direction, strong enough to do Your will, and courageous enough to turn from the allurements of the flesh and the world. Speak; I’m listening.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Witness* to the Father in Heaven. Just as a witness tells what he has heard, the *Holy Spirit* will tell all of Heaven that He heard you pray to receive Christ. Just as a witness tells the court what he has seen, the *Holy Spirit* will be your witness to tell the Father that He saw your faithfulness and good works on earth. Just as a witness must not add his opinion to his testimony, the *Holy Spirit* will accurately tell everyone all about you. Don’t worry about being forgotten or overlooked in Heaven. The *Holy Spirit* is your *Witness* who will testify for you in glory.

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for living in my life. Thank You for the witness from the Father of what I should do on earth. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 10:14-25

Words: 245

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit tells everyone in Heaven about your faithfulness.

NOVEMBER 14

A FLAG—JESUS

“In that day the offspring of Jesse (Jesus) will be a flag to which the people will rally” (Isa. 11:10, Author’s Translation).

*Jesus is your Flag; rally to Him. The King James Bible called Jesus an Ensign; newer versions call Him a Banner. In battle, when warriors are separated from their fellow soldiers, they rally to their “colors.” There’s strength and protection in numbers. When you’re in a battle against the world, the flesh, and the Devil, don’t fight your brethren; just rally to Jesus for spiritual victory. Jesus is your Flag.*

*“Lord, with so many Christians fighting each other, it’s hard to keep my perspective. Help me look to You. Lord, I need eyes to see clearly the issues.”*

*Jesus is A Flag, hold Him high so people can see Him. Remember Jesus said, “I will draw all peoples to Myself” (John 12:32). You don’t have to argue doctrine, baptism, or anything else; just hold high the Jesus flag and He’ll draw them to Himself. When the unsaved attack you or Christianity, Jesus is your Flag; lift Him up. His followers will rally with you to Jesus. He is the rallying point of Christianity, just as in a battle you must defend your flag because you’re defending your family, your home and your country; carry your flag into battle because Jesus is you Flag. But sometimes wounded warriors need our help. Hold high the Flag so they can rally to Jesus and together you can win the battle. Those closest to the Flag can see it best, so stay close to Jesus.*

*“Lord, I will rally to You. I will defend You and the cause of Christianity. I will try to get others to join me and your flag. Amen.”*

Reading: Ps. 60:1-12

Words: 269

Key Thought: Jesus is our rallying Flag.

NOVEMBER 15

CAPTAIN—JESUS

“For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings” (Hebrews 2:10, KJV).

*Jesus* is the *Captain* of your Salvation. This title, *archegos*, is also translated “author” and “prince,” suggesting *Jesus* is your leader. He is the One who takes the lead in salvation; He died for you. He is the One who first provided the complete forgiveness of sin. One Bible translation calls Him “Pioneer.” As a Pioneer, He went where no one else could go; He went into the grave of death for you, and did what no one else could do – He returned alive. Call on your *Captain* today.

*“Lord Jesus, You are the Captain of My Salvation; I owe everything to You. Thank You for taking the initiative to obtain my salvation, and for making eternal life possible.”*

*Jesus* is the *Captain* of your Salvation; He left Heaven to become flesh and live among us. He took the initiative to show you the Father’s love. He originally came to you, before you could respond to His love. Now as the *Captain* of your Salvation, let Him work out His plan in your life. Just as His salvation is perfect, so He can guide you daily according to the “good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Rom. 12:2). *Jesus* knows the future and He knows the plans God has for you (Jer. 29:11). Will you follow your *Captain*?

*“Lord, I trust You as my Captain; lead my life today. Help me understand Your will for my life, then give me strength to do it. I will obey You today. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 2:1-10

Words: 251

Key Thought: *Jesus* has taken the initiative as the *Captain* of your Salvation.

NOVEMBER 16

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST—HOLY SPIRIT

“Searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow” (1 Peter 1:11).

The *Holy Spirit* is sent to “glorify Christ” (John 16:14). As such, the *Holy Spirit* is *the Spirit of Christ* speaking in the Old Testament to explain how “the Christ” would come to suffer for sins and enter His glory. In the New Testament times, the *Holy Spirit* brings people to Christ for salvation. He is the Spirit that makes Christ real to you?

*“Holy Spirit, help me see all Christ has done for me, and help me magnify Christ in a new and greater way.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is the One who is characterized as *the Spirit of Christ* because He delivers Christ’s work on the cross to the hearts of people. It is the task of the *Holy Spirit* to bring people to salvation. In doing this, the *Holy Spirit* glorifies Christ (John 16:14, 15). Christ and the *Holy Spirit* are equal members of the Trinity – equal in power, authority, holiness, and love. But they are separate persons in the godhead. *The Spirit of Christ* wants to magnify Jesus through all you do in your life. You allow the *Holy Spirit* to make you like Christ when you yield to Him. Because the *Holy Spirit* is “holy”, He will make you “holy”. Because the *Holy Spirit* is “Spirit”, He will make you spiritual.

*“Spirit of Christ, work in my life to bring glory to Jesus through all I do. My prayer is ‘For to me, to live is Christ’ (Phil. 1:21) and ‘not I but Christ’ (Gal. 2:20). Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-16

Words: 251

Key Thought: The task of the Holy Spirit is to apply the work of Christ to your life.

NOVEMBER 17

CHRIST CRUCIFIED—JESUS

“. . . but we preach Christ crucified” (1 Corinthians 1:23).

*Jesus is Christ Crucified*, the Jewish Messiah who was executed by the Romans on a cross. God’s people—the Jews—rejected Christ. The Jewish leaders sent Him to be tried in a Roman court. When Pilate wanted to release *Jesus*, the Jews cried out, “Crucify Him.” It was then the Roman soldiers nailed Him to a cross, crucifying *Jesus*. Six hours later, He died. Because the Jews allowed Rome to crucify *Jesus*, they actively rejected Him as their Messiah, yet He died for them and the world.

*“Jesus, Your pain was my gain. You died for my sin that I might be forgiven. While I’m horrified by the thought of crucifixion, I worship You for being my Sin-bearer.”*

Being *crucified* did not catch *Jesus* by surprise. He came into the world to die for the world. The Old Testament predicted His crucifixion, “Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree” (Gal. 3:13, KJV). *Jesus’* death was necessary for Him to be “made a curse” for our sin. When the curse was lifted from us, we were forgiven . . . we were free from punishment . . . we were acceptable to the Father. *Christ* was *crucified* for us.

*“Jesus, thank You for the ultimate sacrifice. I will live because You died. I will escape the judgment of Hell because You suffered my judgment for all who believe on You. I will live forever with the Father in Heaven because You left the Father to come to earth to suffer rejection and crucifixion for me. Amen.”*

Reading: John 19:16-30

Words: 256

Key Thought: Christ was crucified for me.

NOVEMBER 18

CHRIST, THE POWER OF GOD—JESUS

“But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:24).

*Christ is The Power Of God* to break the chains of iniquity, to forgive sin, and to deliver souls from Hell. He is *The Power of God* to bind Satan, open the doors of Hell, and take His followers to Heaven. What greater *Power* is there in the world than *The Power Christ* has over the Evil One? Don't be concerned with those who have the power of money or position, for they can only do things in this life; you should fear *God* who has *Power* over the spiritual realm and over the next life.

*“Jesus, I bow in Your presence. I recognize Your eternal power in the heavenlies.*

*Forgive me for being so concerned with man's power that I didn't see Your power.”*

*Jesus* is the *Christ, The Power of God*, who gives you great wisdom and insight into God's will for your life. He can give you victory over temptation, and liberty over besetting sin. He can work all things together for your good (Rom. 8:28). He can use you in His service and give you spiritual ability to lead unsaved people to salvation. You need His *Power* in your life. You can release His *Power* into your life today by seeking His presence and yielding to *Christ* when He comes to you.

*“Christ, I acknowledge Your presence in my life; it is the only power that has eternal implications. Thank You for making Yourself available to me; I claim the power of Your presence today. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:17-31

Words: 250

Key Thought: You must claim The Power of Christ if you want it.



NOVEMBER 19

THE SPIRIT OF GLORY—HOLY SPIRIT

“If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified” (1 Peter 4:14).

The *Holy Spirit* is *the Spirit of Glory* who rests on you when you suffer for your faith. Remember the *Holy Spirit* enters your life when you are saved, and helps you in Christian service. But the *Holy Spirit* has a special ministry when you are persecuted for your faith. He is *the Spirit of Glory* who helps you get through pain to experience God’s glory. *The Spirit of Glory* will help you see God’s purpose for suffering. And when you endure affliction with a victorious attitude, you bring glory to God.

*“O Spirit of God, I am not suffering right now as I have in the past. Thank You for a good life. Help me endure persecution when suffering comes. Bring glory to the Father when I go through the valley of the shadow of death.”*

The *Holy Spirit* will glorify the Father when you successfully overcome trials and temptations. He is *The Spirit of Glory* who will minister to you in your darkest hour. He is the Spirit of God who rests upon all you do. Invite Him to direct your life today so you will be ready when the storms come. Yield to *The Spirit of Glory* so you can worship today.

*“Holy Spirit, guide me to the ‘good things’ of life. When storms come, keep me rejoicing and trusting You. Bring glory to the Father through me, Spirit of Glory. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Peter 5:12-19

Words: 258

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will give special help to you when you are persecuted for your faith.

NOVEMBER 20

COUNSELOR—JESUS

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called . . . Counselor” (Isaiah 9:6).

*Jesus is Counselor*; it is a birth name that Isaiah predicted of Him. It is *Jesus*' nature to give counsel to those who follow Him, because He knows all things. He can counsel you because He knows what is best for you today. *Jesus* does not need to ask anyone what you had, because He is described as “wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance” (Isa. 28:29). He can show you what to do if you will listen, and He can guide if you will obey.

*“Lord, I need Your direction today; “Guide me with Your counsel (Ps. 73:24). You know all about me; I trust Your guidance.”*

*Jesus* is the *Counselor* who will guide you from the Scriptures. Study them well to find direction for your life. His solutions are not “cookie cutter” answers because He personally knows you and will apply the Scriptures to your life. *Jesus* has a plan for you individually, but to find it you must know Him individually. Next, you can find His counsel through prayer; talk to *Jesus* about your day. Third, *Jesus* may use wise counselors to guide you (Pro. 11:14). Then, *Jesus* may verify His counsel through the circumstances of your life. *Jesus* is your *Counselor*; what ways will He use to guide you today?

*“Lord, I will follow these guidelines to discover and follow Your counsel for my life. Amen.”*

Reading: Proverbs 8, 9

Words: 230

Key Thought: Jesus can help us through His counsel.

NOVEMBER 21

DAY STAR—JESUS

“Ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arises in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19, KJV).

*Jesus is the Day Star. Just as the Day Star is first seen after as night is ending, so Jesus was first seen after the long dark night between the Old and the New Testament. Jesus is the Light of the World who brought salvation to all. When the dark night is filled with fear and discouragement, people lose their way in the dark; they stumble and fall. But the Day Star gives them optimism and hope. When hurting people see the first star of the morning, they fight their way through pain because of the promise of a new day. Jesus is the Day Star who promises new opportunities for you this coming day.*

*“Jesus, You are my Day Star of promise. I will not look back on the darkness of my failure. I will not give up in the blackness of despair. I know help is coming; I will hang on.”*

*Jesus is your Day Star who announces the pain of the night is over. He comes to help you overcome your hurts and forget your defeats. He can forgive the sin of all your failure. He is the Day Star who introduces a new future. He can give you strength to be victorious in the day of new challenges.*

*“Jesus, when I see You shining in the morning sky, I know the night is almost over. I feel optimism from Your presence. Guide me, Day Star, to a better day. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Peter 1:19-21

Words: 244

Key Thought: Jesus gives us optimism after a fearful night.

NOVEMBER 22

THE SPIRIT OF GRACE—HOLY SPIRIT

“Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?” (Hebrews 10:29)

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Grace* who gives people the opposite of what they deserve. People deserve Hell because they have rejected the Father and the Son, but *The Spirit of Grace* offers them Heaven. People deserve misery and oppression because they chose sin, but *The Spirit of Grace* offers them the peaceful will of God. People deserve to be cut off from the Father because they turn their backs on Him, but *The Spirit of Grace* offers to fill them with God’s presence and enrich their lives. Grace is getting the good things of God, not His judgment. The *Holy Spirit* wants people to be saved by grace and then live by grace.

*“Holy Spirit, I don’t deserve the good things of Heaven, but I accept them. I don’t deserve grace, but I’m grateful for it.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Grace* who comes to give you assurance of salvation so you can live confidently. He gives you gifts to serve the Father, and He will guide your every step. The *Holy Spirit* gives you spiritual light to understand the Scripture and He will use you as you share the gospel with unsaved people. The *Holy Spirit* gives hope for life beyond the grave. What good thing do you want from Him?

*“Holy Spirit, I surrender to Your will; guide me this day. I accept all the good gifts You offer. Use me as I serve You this day. I like grace much more than legalism. Grace is a good way to live. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 10:26-39

Words: 259

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will give you much more than you deserve.

NOVEMBER 23

DAYSRING—JESUS

“The Dayspring from on high has visited us” (Luke 1:78).

The *Dayspring* is like the point on the horizon where the sun will first shine. *Jesus* is the *Dayspring* who shines the light of salvation to your darkened heart. He is the first hope that help is on the way. *Jesus* is the *Dayspring* who brought you hope for a new life. Now *Jesus* can shine in your life to show you where to walk this day.

*“Lord, I need light on my path. If I knew what to do, I would do it. It’s hard to have hope when the night is so scary. Shine Light on my path today.”*

*Jesus* is the *Dayspring*. Just as the early morning sun shines over the earth’s perimeter, so His light comes to dispel darkness. Don’t be afraid of last night’s darkness that breeds ignorance, doubt, and despair. Look for the *Dayspring* on the horizon; you’ll find the rising sun compelling. Don’t complain about darkness, look to the *Dayspring*, the beginning of light. When you originally looked to Christ, He gave you new hope. Just as the morning sun helps you understand your world, He can enlighten this day’s activities. And what the *Dayspring* can do today, He can do tomorrow, and the next day. “The path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day” (Prov. 4:18).

*“Dayspring, be the sunrise of my life. There are so many paths; I need Light to help me choose the right path for today. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 84; John 8

Words: 248

Key Thought: *Jesus* is the beginning of your optimism.

NOVEMBER 24

DOOR—JESUS

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture” (John 10:9).

*Jesus* is the *Door*, which means individuals must go through Him to enter Heaven. But a door is also a barrier; it keeps intruders out. Those who reject *Jesus* cannot enter Heaven. He is the *Door* to keep hypocrites out of the Father’s presence. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 7:21).

*“Lord, You are my Door; I have experienced salvation through You. Today, I have many choices to make. How can I know which decisions—like doors—to take?”*

*Jesus* is the *Door* to salvation; those who come to Him have salvation because, “He who has the Son has life” (1 John 5:12). Some refuse to come to *Jesus*, thinking all religions are good, but “wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it” (Matt. 7:13). Not every door goes to Heaven, and not every door opens to eternal life. *Jesus* is the only *Door* to Heaven. He is a narrow *Door*; sometimes it’s difficult to follow *Jesus* because “narrow is the gate . . . which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matt. 7:14). But when you choose according to the Scriptures, you have chosen the right path; you have chosen *Jesus*, the *Door* of countless opportunities.

*“Lord, I walk through the Doors You open today. I will not lag behind or run ahead of You. I will go where You lead. You are my Door to life. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 9:23-26

Words: 256

Key Thought: *Jesus* is your *Door* of opportunity.

NOVEMBER 25

THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS – HOLY SPIRIT

“. . . and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:4).

The Third Person of the Trinity is *The Spirit of Holiness*. His nature is pure and holy. He is separated from any fault or sin. The *Holy Spirit* is holy, just as the Father and Son are holy. No sinner can come before the Trinity because Their holiness means They also are a consuming fire that judges any sin in Their presence. But because Jesus died to forgive your sin, you can live with Them forever. You can confess your sins and come into Their presence with your prayers for this day.

*“I come to You, Spirit of Holiness, asking that You give me holy thoughts and holy motives. I am only human and can’t become godly in myself.”*

*The Spirit of Holiness* entered your life when you became a Christian. Because you are a finite human, you cannot be holy in yourself, but the presence of the *Holy Spirit* in your life makes you holy. Invite Him into your body today. When you yield to His control, you will develop holy values and attitudes. When you put the *Holy Spirit* first in your life, you can have holy thoughts. When you follow the leading of the *Holy Spirit*, you can have His power to live a holy life. Let the *Holy Spirit* fill your life with *The Spirit of Holiness*.

*“Holy Spirit, I want You to make me more godly. Fill me with Your holiness and make me spiritual. Amen.”*

Reading: Romans 7:23; 8:11

Words: 241

Key Thought: Only the Holy Spirit can make you holy.

NOVEMBER 26

WISDOM—JESUS

“Christ . . . the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:24).

*Jesus is Wisdom*, the fountainhead of all truth. All knowledge began with *Jesus*, and any knowledge you have flows from Him into the world. As *Wisdom* flows into your life, will you share it with the world? *Jesus is Wisdom*; can He guide you because He knows what is best for you?

*“Lord, I need wisdom in my family relationship, there’s so much I don’t know. I need wisdom in my work, there’s so much I have to do. I need wisdom just to keep my life on an even keel.”*

*Jesus is Wisdom*. He understands how people should relate to one another and treat others. As *Wisdom*, He knows how you can perform the tasks you face this day; let Him help you. As *Wisdom*, He knows where the bumps are located in your road; follow His direction.

As *Wisdom*, *Jesus* knows how the Enemy will tempt you; let Him protect you. *Jesus is Wisdom*, let Him show you the needs of this day, and let His wisdom solve your problems (James 1:5).

*“Lord, I need wisdom to stand against the adversary, I face subtle temptations. I need wisdom to apply Your Word to my life. I confess my foolish pride that thinks I am smarter than Your way. I ask forgiveness for my stubborn will when I refuse to learn from You. I ask for wise guidance throughout this day. Be Wisdom to me. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 7:21-29

Words: 237

Key Thought: Let Jesus teach you what He wants you to know.



NOVEMBER 27

A SURETY OF A BETTER COVENANT—JESUS

“By so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant” (Hebrews 7:22).

When two people make a contract or sign an agreement, the purchaser puts up a down payment, or surety, to guarantee there’s more money to follow. *Jesus* is the down payment of the Father’s agreement to redeem you; He is *A Surety of the New Covenant*. Under the Old Testament covenant, the blood of a lamb or another substitute animal was the surety. The New Covenant was sealed with His blood; *Jesus* is *A Surety of a Better Covenant*. Because *Jesus* is the Son of God, His guarantee of salvation is much better than in the Old Testament. Also, because *Jesus* lives in your heart and He stands before the Father for you, you can be sure of Heaven when you die.

*“Lord Jesus, I see You standing at the right hand of the Father for me. I praise You for Your death on the Cross that guaranteed my salvation.”*

The death of *Jesus* means much more than the Old Testament sacrifice of a lamb. The blood of lambs was an atonement (*Kaphar*), which means to cover. In the Old Testament, sins were only covered. “For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sin” (Heb. 10:4). The death of *Jesus* took away your sin and nothing can be charged against you—ever. *Jesus* is *A Surety of a Better Covenant*.

*“Lord Jesus, I walk confidently because You are my surety. I pray with bold faith because You have guaranteed my salvation. I know when I die, I’ll go to see You in Heaven. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Words: 261

Key Thought: Jesus guarantees my salvation.

NOVEMBER 28

THE SPIRIT OF JUDGMENT—HOLY SPIRIT

“When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning” (Isaiah 4:4).

*The Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Judgment* who convicts believers of sin (John 16:9-11), and shows them the error of their ways. Because He is *the Holy Spirit*, His holiness is grieved when Christians allow sin to exist in their lives (Eph. 4:30). If they continue sinning, *the Holy Spirit* brings judgment and the consequences of sin. *The Holy Spirit* would rather do good things for the child of God, but as *The Spirit of Judgment*, He must deal with sin. So keep yourself from sin.

*“Holy Spirit, I want to obey You and become more godly. But, temptation is so subtle and I am weak. Give me strength to live godly.”*

*The Holy Spirit* does not warn you about judgment to terrify you or make you feel guilty. You don't grow as a believer by legalistically abstaining from sin. *The Holy Spirit* tells of sin to protect you from harm and help you live a good life. You grow in the Spirit as you love the Father and obey the Scriptures. But, *The Spirit of Judgment* will punish when you sin. He is also the Spirit of mercy, who forgives you when you cry out for mercy. Don't look to others to learn how the Spirit has judged sin; rather, look to Him alone for grace and mercy.

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for both Your positive and negative work in my heart. I look to You alone for Your grace and love. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-28

Words: 245

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will judge sin He finds in the lives of Christians.

NOVEMBER 29

BLAMELESS—JESUS

“He is the kind of high priest we need because he is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. He has now been set apart from sinners, and he has been given the highest place of honor in heaven ” (Hebrews 7:26).

*Jesus* lived a blameless life. No one is able to point a finger to accuse Him of saying anything that was not true, nor did He do anything to hurt anyone. *Jesus* “knew no sins” (2 Cor. 5:21) and He “was without sin” (Heb. 4:15). *Jesus* lived a perfect life so He could become a sacrifice without blemish for the sins of all (1 Pet. 1:19). Now look to His life as a pattern for your life. The young people ask, “WWJD?” (What Would Jesus Do?) You couldn’t find a better example for your life. Let Him be your pattern for living.

*“Lord Jesus, I love You for first loving me. Thank You for Your perfect life and sacrificial death. Help me to follow Your example and live blamelessly.”*

Some might think *Jesus* was harsh because He accused the Pharisees of being hypocrites, graves, and snakes (Matt. 23:13-33), but what He said was true. Some might think *Jesus* was cruel because He drove the moneychangers out of the Temple, but He did what was right. He was blameless in both speech and actions. But *Jesus* wants to be more than an example to you of a blameless life, He wants to live in you and make His home in your heart. *Jesus* wants to give you power to live a blameless life. Begin each day by yielding to His guidance and when you feel resentful and angry, yield to His control.

*“Lord, I will learn about You and follow Your example. Help me live a blameless life today. Amen.”*

Reading: Mark 14:10-11; 43-46

Words: 259

Key Thought: *Jesus*’ perfect life is our example.

NOVEMBER 30

YOUR HOLY SERVANT—JESUS

“For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together” (Acts 4:27).

*Jesus is The Holy Servant* whom the Father has anointed. *Jesus* assumed the threefold office of Prophet, Priest and King. Just as an Old Testament prophet was anointed before ministering the Word of the Lord, so the Father anointed *Jesus* to deliver the message of salvation to the world. Likewise as a Temple priest was anointed to make an offering for sin, so the heavenly Father anointed *Jesus* to make an offering for the sins of the world. Just as a king was anointed to rule the kingdom, so the Father anointed *Jesus* to enter the hearts of believers and rule their lives. Did you know the title *Christ* comes from the Hebrew root “anointed”? So *Jesus’* title is Christ, the Anointed One.

*“Lord Jesus, You are my prophet, priest, and King. Come with the message of salvation, to sit upon the throne of my life to rule my thoughts and actions.”*

*Jesus is The Holy Servant* of the Father; the Father sent *Jesus* to do His will. The Father sent *Jesus* to live without sin among people. The Father sent *Jesus* to do mighty miracles and demonstrate His love. The Father sent *Jesus* to die for all and rise from the dead that they might have life. *Jesus* was the *Servant* of the Father for you.

*“Lord Jesus, just as You were the Holy Servant of the Father, I want to be Your servant. Just as You were anointed by the Father to do Your work, I want Your anointing in my life. Come use me today.”*

Reading: Acts 4:23-31

Words: 258

Key Thought: Jesus was the Servant of the Father.

DECEMBER 1

THE SPIRIT OF LIFE—THE HOLY SPIRIT

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:2).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit of Life* who gives eternal life to all who believe in Jesus Christ. Unsaved people will follow the law of sin because they are born with a sin nature (Rom. 3:23). But all those who are born again can be free from the law of sin. The *Holy Spirit* gives them this freedom when they claim His victory. All who put their trust in Christ Jesus should live by the new law of *The Spirit of Life*. Also, because law comes from God, *The Spirit of Life* gives you a new nature that has new laws and desires to control your life. Don't follow the old laws of sin, but follow the new laws of the *Holy Spirit*.

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for being The Spirit of Life in me. Thank you for giving me new me new desires to live above the law of sin and death.”*

*The Spirit of Life* has delivered you from the law of sin and death so you don't automatically have to surrender your old nature. Sin doesn't have to control your life. *The Spirit of Life* can give you power to overcome temptation. Also, the forces of sin and death cannot dictate your future. *The Spirit of Life* will deliver your soul to God at the moment of your death. You may die physically, but your body will be raised in the future because of the life within you.

*“Holy Spirit, I yield to Your control of my life; live freely in me. Give me Your power to overcome temptation and live godly for You. Amen.”*

Reading: Job 19:23-29

Words: 269

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit gives you life to overcome the law of sin and death.

DECEMBER 2

A MERCIFUL AND FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST—JESUS

“Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people” (Hebrews 2:17).

In order to forgive our sins, *Jesus* was made flesh so He could identify with us. The Bible says, “He had to be made like His brethren” Heb. 2:17), so that He could be *A Merciful and Faithful High Priest*. *Jesus* didn’t just arbitrarily forgive our sins without feeling or empathy. If He had done that, salvation would be impersonal and antiseptic. But when *Jesus* became human, He understood our temptations because, “He was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 4:15). Therefore, *Jesus* feels for us. He is merciful; not vindictive or judgmental. Because *Jesus* is *A Merciful High Priest*, you can go to Him for help.

*“Lord Jesus, I come to You for forgiveness. Thank You for understanding my weakness.”* *Jesus* did more than a human High Priest; He is faithful even when we are not faithful. Just as there are stories of priests in the Old Testament who were not faithful to their office, so the Scriptures describe Him as a *Faithful High Priest*. He was human as we are, so He understood human weaknesses. Even though we may disappoint Him in our lifetime, He never once was a disappointment to Himself, or to the Father. Because He is faithful, He was able to make propitiation (satisfaction) for our sins.

*Lord Jesus, You have never disappointed me, even though I have disappointed You. Even in my weakness, You forgive my sins. I’m thankful for Your mercy and faithfulness. Amen.”*

Reading: Heb. 2:17-18

Words: 246

Key Thought: *Jesus* became flesh so He could be a merciful and faithful High Priest for my sins.

DECEMBER 3

THE SAME SPIRIT—HOLY SPIRIT

“But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills ” (1 Corinthians 12:11).

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Same Spirit* who delivered salvation to you, and He is also *The Same Spirit* who gave you spiritual gifts. There’s only one *Holy Spirit* (Eph. 4:4), and He is *The Same Spirit* who works in your heart, but also *The Same Spirit* who works in the heart of every believer all over the world. How can He be everywhere—equally—at the same time? Because He is God, He is omnipresent. He is *The Same Spirit* who’s ministering in Heaven right now and *The Same Spirit* who wants to minister to you. Yield to His control.

*“Holy Spirit, forgive my limited view of who You are. Come, stretch my faith today. Teach me greater faith to see all you do.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Same Spirit* who created the world (Gen. 1:2) and *The Same Spirit* who formed you in the womb (Ps. 139:13-16). He is *The Same Spirit* who gives the gift of faith to one, and *The Same Spirit* who gives the gift of healing to another (1 Cor. 12:9). He is “the same spirit that works these things” (1 Cor. 12:11). Look to Him for every spiritual need in your life.

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for reminding me of Your larger work in the world and Your specific work in my life. Help me re-focus my thoughts on Your power so I can do things I have to do today. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 139:7-16

Words: 240

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit does all the work of God.

DECEMBER 4

THE SAVIOR OF THE BODY—JESUS

“For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body” (Ephesians 5:23).

Salvation is a double identification and transference. At conversion *Jesus* came into your heart to become a part of your life. At the same time, you were placed into His body (the church) to become a part of Christ. “You in Me, and I in you” (John 14:20). All those in Christ are saved; He is *The Savior of the Body*. If you are in His body, then you are saved. Have you invited Christ into your life?

*“Lord, I have asked You into my heart and You saved me. Thank You for coming into my heart to become a part of my life. Also, I thank You for placing me into Your body to be a part of Your life.”*

*Jesus is The Savior of the Body*. When you were placed into His body, you were saved from your past penalty of sin, and from the future punishment in Hell. And today, you are being saved from servitude to sin. *Jesus* has a wonderful plan for each one in His body. He wants you love Him, serve Him, and worship Him. Think about it! *Jesus* has a great and wonderful purpose for your life.

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for a new purposeful life. Because I am in You, i.e., in Your body, I will try to do Your will today. Because You are in Me, give me strength to do Your purpose. I need Your power today. Amen.”*

Reading: Isa. 53:8-12

Words: 239

Key Thought: You are in Jesus and He is in you.



DECEMBER 5

THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER—HOLY SPIRIT

“But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you” (Matthew 10:19, 20).

Just as you have a spirit that is the intrinsic nature of who you are, so *The Spirit of Your Father* in Heaven has the same nature as the Heavenly Father, yet He is a separate person from the Father. The *Holy Spirit* is the third person of the Godhead, who is *The Spirit of the Father*. The Father sends the *Holy Spirit* to do His work. When you are persecuted, the *Holy Spirit* will indwell you to help you. When you don’t know what to say to your oppressors, the *Holy Spirit* will speak through you. *The Spirit of Your Father* will give you ‘in that hour what you should speak’ (Matt. 10:19).

*“Holy Spirit, I trust You to help me in my hour of trial. But today is an average day, so help me in all that I say to glorify the Father.”*

The *Holy Spirit* was sent by the Father to give you boldness to speak when people reject your testimony. He will give you wisdom to know what to say, and when to speak. He will give you “soft words that turn away wrath,” or He will give stinging words to convict of sin. But most of all, He will give you convincing words that will sink deep in the hearts of your listeners. The Holy Spirit “He will not speak of Himself . . . He will glorify Christ” (John 16:13, author’s translation).

*“Holy Spirit, fill my life with Your presence. Put words in my mouth that I need to speak and use my testimony for Your glory. Amen.”*

Reading: Matthew 10:5-42

Words: 264

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will give you what to say when you are persecuted for your faith.

DECEMBER 6

THE LORD STRONG AND MIGHTY—JESUS

“Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle” (Psalm 24:8).

*Jesus is The Lord, Strong and Mighty.* Come to Him when you're afraid and losing the battle. Lean on Him when you're weak. He knows the battle is fierce, because they mocked Him, beat Him, and finally crucified Him. So He knows how you feel in opposition, so come to the Lord for help. Let His wisdom guide you and let His strength protect you. Don't give in to the enemy and don't give up. Draw energy from the Lord for *Jesus is The Lord, Strong and Mighty.* What do you need from Him?

*“Lord Jesus, I feel comforted when You are near. I get energy from You each day to face my problems. I feel secure in Your presence. Come help me face my problems today.”*

The world expects Christians to be weak and soft. That's because they've only seen one side of *Jesus'* personality. They've only heard about His gentleness to those who suffer and His mercy to forgive. But *Jesus* has another side. He is *The Lord, Strong and Mighty.* He will defeat the armies of Satan in the last battle. He will judge and condemn those who reject Him. So today, He will fight for you. When you are attacked, He will defend you. When the battle gets fierce, get close to Him. *Jesus is The Lord, Strong and Mighty* in battle, call on Him for help right now.

*“Lord, I will not let the enemy scare me, nor will I be afraid in battle. I look to You to fight my battles. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 7:1-17

Words: 258

Key Thought: Trust God's strength in your battles.

DECEMBER 7

THE HELPER—HOLY SPIRIT

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you” (John 14:26).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Helper* sent by Jesus for your assistance. Because Jesus couldn't remain in His physical body on Earth, He sent the *Holy Spirit* to indwell you. He can help you overcome sin and live godly. He can help you understand Scripture and give you power to live by its principles (John 14:26). He can help you intercede to the *Father* so you can get your prayers answered (Rom. 8:26, 27). He can guide your daily life and help you walk in righteous paths (Gal. 5:16). If you need help in your Christian life, call on *The Helper* today.

*“Holy Spirit, I need You this day. I am weak; strengthen my will to follow You. I am limited; help me live above my weaknesses. I need Your help in every area of my life.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is your *Helper*. Even though He has many titles, this was Jesus' favorite name for Him because it reflects what He does for us. The *Holy Spirit* helps people become a Christian, then He helps them live godly lives. He helps them in Christian service. No matter what your need, call on the *Holy Spirit* today. He will help you.

*“Holy Spirit, I bow humbly, asking You for help. I need Your power to overcome temptation. I need Your light to understand Scriptures. I need Your guidance to walk the straight and narrow path. I need Your wisdom to solve my problems. I need Your presence to enrich my life and give me new purpose to live for today. Amen.”*

Reading: Romans 8:26, 27

Words: 260

Key Thought: Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help you live the Christian life.

DECEMBER 8

A MAN APPROVED BY GOD—JESUS

“Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know” (Acts 2:22, KJV).

*Jesus is A Man Approved by God.* He was born of a virgin without a sin nature. He lived a perfect life without committing sin (1 Peter 2:22). But that doesn't mean He didn't have difficulties, He was tempted in all points as you are (Heb. 4:15) yet He didn't give in to temptation. Just as a sacrificial lamb had to be perfect to offer for sin, so *Jesus* lived a perfect life so He could be a substitute for your sin. As the perfect man, *Jesus* was approved by God to take your punishment and guilt.

*“Lord Jesus, I know You became flesh for me. Thank You for Your human perfection. I worship You and cry out with other worshippers, ‘You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power’ (Rev. 4:11). Yes, I say, ‘Worthy is the lamb’ (Rev. 5:12).”*

*Jesus is the Man Approved by God.* Because God so loved the world, He sent *Jesus* to redeem all people. Because *Jesus* is both eternal God and perfect man, He qualified to be the sin bearer for all. Because He died, was buried, and on the third day arose from the dead, the Father attested His work and accepted all who believed on Him (John 20:31).

*“Lord Jesus, I bow before You, thanking You for salvation. You were the only One who could have redeemed the sinful race. You are the One who redeemed me. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 2:22-36

Words: 240

Key Thought: The Father approved the human life of Jesus.

DECEMBER 9

YOUR GENEROUS SPIRIT—HOLY SPIRIT

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous spirit”  
(Psalm 51:12).

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Generous Spirit* of God. He gives freely to you because it's His nature to give. He gives eternal life because Jesus died so you can live forever. He gives abundantly, because the Scriptures promise “life and life more abundantly” (John 10:10). He gives richly, because the riches of Heaven are His to give to you. He gives generously because you have need of the generous blessings from Heaven. What do you want Him to give you today?

*“Holy Spirit, I am human flesh. I have earthly needs, but I also have spiritual needs. I have multiple problems, so I need Your power and guidance. Give me your generous blessings today.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Generous Spirit*. Some think the *Holy Spirit* has a warehouse filled with blessing for Christians. But that is a wrong picture, because the *Holy Spirit* is not like a place where people put things. A warehouse can give out and become empty, but the *Holy Spirit* is the source of blessing; He can never become empty or run out of blessings. He is the *Generous Spirit* who gives eternally because He is the unlimited source of God's supply. He is the *Generous Spirit* who gives Himself freely to all believers. What more do you need than the *Holy Spirit*?

*“Holy Spirit, I need You more than the blessings I seek. I need You more than anything else. Fill my life with Your presence. Be generous; give me everything I can contain. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 51:1-19

Words: 252

Key Thoughts: The Holy Spirit is the blessing you need.

DECEMBER 10

A STONE CUT OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN—JESUS

“Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold . . . the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure” (Daniel 2:45).

When Nebuchadnezzar saw the great image in a dream, he saw four coming world-ruling empires, i.e., Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, and Rome. In the end times, the Roman empire will be revived briefly. Then a stone will be cut out of the mountain to smash the revived Roman world empire. *Jesus* is that *Stone* who will crush the kingdoms that oppose God and then *Jesus* will rule the earth. Where earthly things look discouraging and you think governments are out of control, remember one day *Jesus* will rule the earth. But now, His influence is exercised through individuals as He rules the hearts of people. Let *Jesus* influence your world by ruling your heart.

*“Lord Jesus, I want Your influence to flow through me today. Help me feel Your presence and help me experience Your power.”*

Until *Jesus* returns as—*A Stone Cut Out of the Mountain*—He will not directly rule the world but will influence the world through secular rulers. “The hearts of the rulers are in the Lord’s hands and He influences them concerning His will” (Prov. 21:1, Author’s translation). Most of the rulers of government do not recognize the Lord’s authority over them, but without Him they could do nothing. Pray for the rulers over you so the Lord can rule their lives and influence your nation for righteousness (1 Tim. 2:1-5). Your prayer for the rulers over you is your contribution to better government and a better life.

*“Lord Jesus, pray for those who rule my nation; help them follow principles of righteousness and justice. Amen.”*

Reading: Daniel 2:1-49

Words: 260

Key Thought: Now *Jesus* rules through the hearts of people, but one day He will rule directly.

DECEMBER 11

HIS VOICE—HOLY SPIRIT

“For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand” (Psalm 95:7). “Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: ‘Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart’” (Hebrews 3:7, 8).

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Voice of God*. No matter how far you wander, He will call out to you. No matter how hard your heart, you can't block out *His Voice*. He could speak audibly, but He usually speaks directly from His heart to yours. The *Holy Spirit* doesn't want you to miss *His Voice* or misunderstand what He is saying. His message is simple, “The Father loves you, and the Son died for you; now the *Holy Spirit* is calling you back into fellowship with them.”

*“Lord, You are my shepherd, and I am Your sheep. You make me lie down in green pastures; You lead me beside still waters. You restore my soul. When I begin to stray, You call me back into Your fold. When I've wandered out of sight, I heard Your voice calling out for me. I strayed into the valley of death and I fell into a rocky pit. I thought I would die and You would never know what happened to me. Then in the night, I heard Your voice calling through the darkness. Forgive my hard heart; come rescue me and bring me back into your fold.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is the *Voice of God*. He will prepare a table full of food for you and He will pour oil into your wounds for healing. He will take you where you can dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*“Holy Spirit, I hear Your voice; I want to come home to You. My pit is deep, come lift me up, free me from the control of sin. I read that the shepherd put the straying lamb on His shoulder and returned home rejoicing. Lord, bring me home. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 29:1-11

Words: 288

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit calls you back to God.

DECEMBER 12

A RULER—JESUS

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2).

*Jesus is The Ruler* in Israel. As such, He has ownership of Israel, which means He has authority and control over the nation. In His first coming to earth, “He came to his own (the Jews), and his own received him not” (John 1:11). The leaders rejected *Jesus* telling Pilate, “We have no king but Caesar” (John 19:15). *Jesus* had the biological right to be King because of His birth. *Jesus* had the divine right because He was sent from Heaven. Because the Jews only wanted outward peace, and outward prosperity, they rejected *Jesus*’ offer of inner peace and inward blessing. They did not want *Jesus* to rule their hearts.

*“Lord Jesus, even though the Jewish leaders rejected You, I accept Your rule in my life. Even though many still reject Your authority over them, come rule my heart. I accept Your authority and control.”*

*Jesus* was born *A Ruler*, but He can’t rule corporately unless He rules each one individually. And, *Jesus* can’t rule individuals unless His authority starts within the heart of each one. *Jesus* doesn’t force outward conformity; He wants each one to give joyful obedience from the heart. Since *Jesus*’ kingdom is peace and righteousness, He gives peace to those who willingly obey Him. He gives power to live righteously to those who love Him. Will you let *Jesus* be your ruler today?

*“Jesus, I choose You as my ruler; come give me power to live a righteous life. I serve You out of love; give me inner peace and assurance. Amen.”*

Reading: Micah 4:1-5:4

Words: 256

Key Thought: Jesus must first rule inwardly before He will rule outwardly.



DECEMBER 13

THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM—HOLY SPIRIT

“The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD” (Isaiah 11:2).

The *Holy Spirit is Spirit of Wisdom*; He knows all things actual and potential. He knows everything you do and the thoughts you think. Nothing is hidden from Him. Let the *Holy Spirit* speak to your heart. He can help you discern the true nature of things in your life. *The Spirit of Wisdom* can teach you more about yourself. You can learn about truth and you can get wisdom to understand things as they are. As you learn more about the *Holy Spirit* in the Scriptures, He'll take away your blindness.

*“O Spirit of Truth, I need Your presence to help me sort out the motives of people around me. People take advantage of me and hurt me. I need to look beneath the appearance of things for a better understanding of what's happening in my world. I don't want to be deceived, but rather I want to be an efficient servant for You.”*

*The Spirit of Wisdom* cannot be fooled by the images that people portray, nor can you hide anything from Him. He looks behind the mask that people use to cover their motives. He sees the real person. Let Him show you what He sees, and let Him transform your life to be like Christ.

*“O Spirit of Wisdom, help me be honest in all things. When You show me my real self, don't overwhelm me with my weaknesses, and sin. Give me wisdom to accept myself. Give me wisdom to overcome weaknesses to be like Christ. Give me wisdom to live this day. Amen.”*

Reading: Proverbs 2, 3

Words: 260

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit will help you to honestly understand yourself.

DECEMBER 14

A SACRIFICE TO GOD—JESUS

“And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma” (Ephesians 5:2).

*Jesus is A Sacrifice to God* for the sins of the world. When He sacrificed His life for the entire world, it was the greatest gift that could be given. *Jesus* is the Son of the Father, but He sacrificed His position for you. *Jesus* is the Second Person of the Trinity, but He sacrificed His rights for you. *Jesus* is the eternal Lord of the Universe, but He sacrificed the riches of Heaven for you. Because of what He’s sacrificed for you, He wants you to sacrifice your life to Him. He wants you to demonstrate your love to Him, just as He demonstrated His love for you.

*“Jesus, You gave up the royal palaces of Heaven to be born in a stable. You gave up every thing for me; I will not give You anything less than my heart.”*

*Jesus is A Sacrifice and Sweet Smelling Aroma* that pleased the Father (Is. 53:10). He has given you the example of sacrificial when He said, “*I lay down My life . . . . No one takes it from Me*” (John 10:17, 18). *Jesus* sacrificed Himself because He loved you; now He wants you to walk in love. “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you” (John 13:34).

*“Jesus, my love for You is shallow in comparison to Your love for me. Forgive my weak love and stir me to more sacrifices for You this day. Amen.”*

Reading: Ephesians 5:1-8

Words: 247

Key Thoughts: Jesus sacrificed Himself for us because He loved us.

DECEMBER 15

THE HOLY SPIRIT SENT FROM HEAVEN—HOLY SPIRIT

“Those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven”  
(1 Peter 1:12).

The Third Person of the Trinity *The Holy Spirit Sent From Heaven*. He came upon the believers in the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost. They had been praying for ten days. When He came upon them in power, they witnessed to unsaved people and over 3,000 people believed in Jesus Christ and were baptized (Acts 2:44). If you need power to witness, seek the *Holy Spirit*. He can fill you with divine presence so that people will be saved through your influence.

*“Holy Spirit, come upon me today. Show me what I must do to win my unsaved friends to Christ. Use my testimony to draw people to Jesus Christ. Use my words to motivate people to salvation.”*

You need the power of *The Holy Spirit Sent From Heaven*. Just as He used the witness of the disciples on Pentecost, so He can use you. But just as they were faithful in prayer, you must intercede for your lost friends. Just as they searched their hearts to repent of secret sin to be effective vessels, so you must be clean and useable. The Holy Spirit was sent from Heaven to convict people of sin and draw them to salvation. Let Him use you today as a witness.

*“Holy Spirit, show me anything that hinders my witness and I will repent and cleanse it by the blood of Jesus. I want to be used by You to bring people to Jesus. Amen.”*

Reading: John 15:26-27

Words: 243

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit was sent to use you in soul winning.

DECEMBER 16

THE LAMB—JESUS

“These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful” (Revelation 17:14).

The *Lamb* provided three basic contributions to Jewish life. First, it gave wool for clothing; second, food to eat; and third the lamb was the primary animal to sacrifice as a symbolic substitution for their sins. *Jesus* was the ultimate sacrifice, “The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). The lamb was gentle; it didn’t attack or hurt other animals, just as *Jesus The Lamb* was gentle to all. The lamb had no natural defense as some animals have teeth; other animals have claws, every other animal was given some form of protection. But *Jesus* is a picture of the defenseless *Lamb* who had no one to defend Him at His trials, nor any warrior to protect Him from crucifixion. A lamb is meek, just as *Jesus* willingly submitted to death. *Jesus* said, “If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight” (John 18:36).

*“Lord, You are the meek Lamb slain for me. You are my gentle Savior.”*

*Jesus*, the meek *Lamb*, shall return a second time to destroy the evil works of Satan. He is called Lamb 27 times in the Book of Revelation to remind the readers that even though *Jesus* was gentle, He will return to judge evil. He will condemn those who rejected His salvation. The defenseless *Jesus* will return to rule the world.

*“Lord Jesus, You are the Lamb who died for the world. You will return as the Lamb to judge the world. Amen.”*

Reading: Rev. 7:9-17

Words: 248

Key Thought: *Jesus* the meek *Lamb* shall return to judge the world.

DECEMBER 17

THE VOICE OF THE LORD—HOLY SPIRIT

“The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon. The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness . . . . And in His temple everyone says, ‘Glory!’” (Psalm 29:3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9).

The *Holy Spirit* speaks to people many ways; He speaks in an audible voice through inner urges, He speaks through prophets, and through miracle workers. The *Holy Spirit* speaks through the Scriptures. But constantly He speaks through the natural world, because the heavens and stars speak for Him (Ps. 19:1-6). The powerful hurricane may be His voice of physical punishment or powerful storm may be God’s classroom to teach you spiritual lessons. You may be facing financial storms, vocational storms, family storms, or the storms of temptation. When the *Holy Spirit* allows troubling storms in your life, they can be *The Voice of the Lord*.

*“Holy Spirit, make me listen to Your voice in the rain, and storms of life. Help me become sensitive to Your message, then help me do what You command.”*

The *Holy Spirit* speaks to you through an intermediate agency of tornadoes and floods. You don’t know what trouble is heading your way, but the *Spirit* knows. You need to stay close to Him. He can prepare you for the coming storms, just as He can take care of you in the storms, and He can lead you out of the storms. He can make you victorious in spite of the storms. So, when the winds begin to blow, don’t struggle; listen for the voice of the *Holy Spirit*.

*“Holy Spirit, I don’t want storms in my life, but if they must come; I’d rather have storms with You, than a calm day without You. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 29:1-11

Words: 250

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit can speak to you through storms.

DECEMBER 18

LORD—*DESPOTES*—JESUS

“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction” (2 Peter 2:1).

*Jesus* is the Lord (Kurios) who rules the hearts of those who willingly learn of Him. But *Jesus* is also the *Lord (Despotes)* who will force submission on those who reject and deny Him. There are people who claim to know *Jesus*, but hold false teachings about Him. *Jesus* is the Lord (Kurios) who gave them the freedom to believe, but He is also the *Lord (Despotes)* who will punish those who reject the truth of Scripture. That’s because they have chosen to reject Him. The Bible describes their rebellion, “. . . they are willingly ignorant” (2 Pet. 3:5). Today, you have the Scriptures; read its pages, learn of Him, obey its truth, and know the Lord (Kurios) intimately.

*“Jesus, I will open the pages of Scripture and will learn its teachings. I will obey its truth and I will submit to Your rule.”*

*Jesus* will be the Lord (Kurios) to you and He will bless you because you have yielded to His rule. Pray for those who reject the truth that their hearts will be turned to righteousness. To those who reject *Jesus*, He will be the *Lord (Despotes)* to judge them in the final day. Those who reject the rule of *Jesus* today, they will be forced to submit to His decisions and judgment in the future.

*“Jesus, I want to know doctrine as accurately as possible so I’ll have Your blessing. I want to know You as intimately as possible so I can be close as possible to the heart of God. Amen.”*

Reading: 2 Peter 2:1-22

Words: 257

Key Thought: You must recognize the lordship of Christ.

DECEMBER 19

THE WIND—HOLY SPIRIT

“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit” (John 3:8).

Just as the *Holy Spirit* originally blew breath into the lifeless clay body of Adam to give him physical life, so the *Holy Spirit* breathed eternal life into you at salvation. Just as the body without breath is dead, so those without the breath of the *Holy Spirit* are spiritually dead. Because a person must be born again to see the Kingdom of God (John 3:7), the *Holy Spirit* breathed His life into them so they will have a spiritual re-birth. The *Holy Spirit* is *The Wind* that blows new life into those who believe in Jesus Christ. Let the *Holy Spirit*—the breath of God—blow new life into you.

*“Breathe on me, Wind of God. I’m hot and tired; a gentle refreshing wind would feel good right now. The fire of opposition and the hot sands of this world have worn me out.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Wind* of God who constantly renews believers. When you think you’ve walked too far and you feel too tired to go on, let Him refresh you. For those out of breath, He is spiritual oxygen. You can’t see the *Holy Spirit* working in your life, just like you can’t see the blowing wind. But, you can feel the results of an invigorating breeze, just as you can feel the results of the *Holy Spirit*. Let Him renew your life.

*“Holy Spirit, You are the breath of God that I need today. I can’t make it spiritually without Your wind in my sails. Breathe on me, breath of God. Amen.”*

Reading: John 3:1-8

Words: 259

Key Thought: The wind of the Holy Spirit can renew your life.

DECEMBER 20

THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE—JESUS

“Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame’” (1 Peter 2:6). “Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone” (Ephesians 2:20).

*Jesus is The Chief Cornerstone*, the foundation to Christianity and the church. He is the *Chief Cornerstone* for your life. Just as a foundation is laid at the corner of a building and the superstructure is built upon it, so *Jesus* is the spiritual foundation upon whom you must build your life. He will give you direction how to live. Rest on Him; He can hold you up. He can give you a secure future. Don’t worry; He can hold you steady in the storm. When pressures come, *Jesus* is a firm foundation. Do you need stability in your life today?

*“Jesus, thank You for stability. I know I have weaknesses, and I know where I fail.*

*Thank You for never changing, for never failing. I will rest on You today.”*

Just as a cornerstone gives direction where the building will be built, *Jesus* is *The Chief Cornerstone* who will give direction how to build your life. He has forgiven your sins, but the Christian life is much more than salvation. You must live for Christ and serve Christ. You must build every part of your life on Christ. He will direct how you should live and grow. Are you building on His foundation?

*“Jesus, I need Your direction in my life. I try to follow You, but sometimes I get sidetracked in the details of life. Direct me what to do today and what to say. I need help. Amen.”*

Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Words: 241

Key Thought: Jesus will give stability to your life.



DECEMBER 21

WATER—HOLY SPIRIT

“For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring” (Isaiah 44:3).

The *Holy Spirit* is *Water* for thirsty people. Some people thirst because they have worked too hard. If that’s you, drink of the *Spirit*. Some people need water because they’re going through hot difficult troubles. If that’s you, drink of the *Spirit*. Still, others have dry parched throats because they don’t take time to stop for water. Their minds are on other things – good things – so they forget to drink water. They forget spiritual water is necessary, so they don’t take time for the *Holy Spirit*, or for the Scriptures, prayer, or worship. But, your human body can only go so long without water; then you lose strength and faint, or die. Only then do some realize how important it is to drink regularly. Have you drunk spiritual *Water* today?

*“Holy Spirit, You are good Water; I need You daily. Remind me to heed my thirst and come drink of You daily.”*

The *Holy Spirit’s Water* is more than life sustaining; His *Water* is satisfying. Many people seek happiness through the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, or pride of life; but pandering to the flesh or ego will not bring ultimate happiness. While some of these things will give momentary pleasure, there is nothing more satisfying than fellowshiping with your Creator. Come spend time with the Lord; drink deeply for the greatest experience in life. Aren’t you thirsty?

*“Holy Spirit, I come for refreshing Water; fill me. I come because I’ll die if I don’t drink; revive me. I come because I’m thirsty. Ah, how good Your Water is! Amen.”*

Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

Words: 263

Key Thought: The Water of the Holy Spirit is refreshing.

DECEMBER 22

THE ANOINTED OF GOD—JESUS

“Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever” (1 Samuel 2:35). “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed” (Psalm 2:2).

*Jesus is The Anointed of God.* The world *anointed* means “*Messiah.*” When *Jesus* was born, Israel was looking for their Messiah-Deliverer to drive their enemies into the sea. They longed for a messiah to sit upon the throne of Israel and rule them in peace and righteousness. But *Jesus* didn’t come the first time as a soldier-messiah for political deliverance. He came to rule the hearts of people and to give them principles by which they could experience inner peace and righteousness. Any sensible king would rather rule by inner compulsion of his subjects, rather than outward coercion. Let *Jesus* be your personal Messiah and let Him be your personal Deliverer. Let *Jesus* anoint you this day for the task before you. Let *Jesus* rule your life.

*“Lord Jesus, anoint me with Your strength to live this day; deliver me from selfishness and temptations. Come sit upon the throne of my heart to rule my thoughts, feelings, and actions.”*

*Jesus is The Anointed of God* who can anoint you with a fresh focus and renewed strength. He can anoint you with confidence and a renewed determination to live righteously. He can anoint you His presence so you can enjoy His peace. Know *Jesus* more intimately this day; that’s your key to personal deliverance.

*“Lord, I wait for Your anointing. Let the oil of Your presence flow into my life. Heal me when I hurt, renew me when I’m exhausted, strengthen me when I’m faint, and revive me when I’ve lost my vision. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 2:1-5

Words: 253

Key Thought: The Lord’s anointing can enrich your life.

DECEMBER 23

THE VOICE OF YOUR THUNDER—HOLY SPIRIT

“The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world;  
The earth trembled and shook” (Psalm 77:18).

The *Holy Spirit* speaks in *The Voice of Thunder* to warn of approaching storms. When the lightning flashes, people in the distance see it and know that bad weather is coming. People who don't see lightning can hear the thunder warning and seek shelter. Thunder is not loud to scare people, but the opposite, i.e., to warn people to seek safety and comfort during a storm. The *Holy Spirit* is *The Voice of Thunder*, telling you that storms are coming to your life. There will be different kinds of storms for different people, i.e., financial storms, family storms, legal storms; and to others, storms of physical pain, religious persecution, and job stress. Life will not always be easy, so listen to the *Spirit's* warnings. Prepare for difficulties by seeking the protection of His presence.

*“Lord, I will listen for Your voice that warns me of coming problems. I will be ready for all things, both the good days and the bad. I will hide in Your presence.”*

*The Voice of Thunder* tells of storms far off when you don't see lightning on the far distant horizon. These storms may take a long time to reach you, or they may go around you. So, praise God for both *sending* the storms to teach and praise God for *keeping* away other storms.

*“Lord, I will hide in Your presence when the windstorm tears up my outer life and I will praise You when You keep them away. Amen.”*

Reading: Psalm 77:1-20

Words: 246

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit warns us of coming danger so we can prepare.

DECEMBER 24

HORN OF SALVATION—JESUS

“And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David”  
(Luke 1:69).

The title for Jesus, *Horn of Salvation*, was a Hebraism that meant a son or heir. When King Hezekiah had no male heir, there was no *Horn Of Salvation* until God gave him 15 additional years and his first son was born in those years. Zechariah praised God for the coming Messiah—the *Horn of Salvation*—who would be the son and heir to David’s throne. Zechariah’s son—John the Baptist—would introduce *Jesus* the Messiah to the world. Therefore Zechariah rejoiced and “was filled with the Holy Spirit” (Luke 1:67).

*“Lord God, I praise You for sending Jesus who was the Son of David. I praise You for sending Jesus who is my Savior.”*

The reference to *horn* comes from the utensils of that day. They didn’t have water bottles or canteens as we have. They carried liquid in the horn of an animal with the end plugged with soft wood like a cork. In calling *Jesus The Horn of Salvation*, it is probably a reference to oil that was kept in a horn. *Jesus* was the oil of fruitfulness, i.e., the son and heir to David that all Israel expected. In application, *Jesus* pours the oil of fruitfulness upon our lives, giving us spirituality and blessings.

*“Lord Jesus, I wait for You, just as Israel was waiting for her Messiah. Pour Your oil on my life. I need to experience Your presence and prosperity today. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 1:57-80

Words: 238

Key Thought: Jesus is the son and heir to David’s throne who pours spiritual blessings on us.

DECEMBER 25

THE BABE—JESUS

“And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger” (Luke 2:12).

*Jesus is The Babe*; born in Bethlehem, the One born to a virgin. He did not come in a spaceship, nor by some aberrant or bizarre entrance into the world. *Jesus* existed throughout eternity past, but “was made flesh” (John 1:14), and came as a little baby into the world. He needed a mother to care and love Him, just as any other child. He played with other children and learned lessons at Mary’s knee. Because *Jesus* is human, He knows your problems. Will you talk to Him about them?

*“Lord, because You became human, You know how weak I am. I need strength to stand as a Christian in a non-Christian world. I need strength to keep on living for You.”*

*Jesus was The Babe*, who grew in “wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52), so He knows how you must grow both physically and spiritually. Because *Jesus was The Babe* of Bethlehem, He can identify with your weaknesses and help you overcome them. “He learned obedience by the things which He suffered” (Heb. 5:8), therefore, He can help you through your pain and problems. Look to *Jesus* for help.

*“Lord, I have never been spat upon for being a Christian, nor have they beaten me or nailed me to a cross. But I face many hardships. Life is difficult, can You help me? I look to Your human example; I’m trusting Your inner strength. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 1:1-20

Words: 242

Key Thought: Jesus understands my problems because He was human.

DECEMBER 26

HE WHO SANCTIFIES—JESUS

“For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren” (Hebrews 2:11).

*Jesus is He Who Sanctifies* you. Will you let Him do it in your life? The moment you get saved, *Jesus* begins sanctifying you because He said, “You in Me (communion), and I in you (union)” (John 14:20). When you were saved, *Jesus* entered your life (communion) and He indwells your life. But also, you were identified with *Jesus* in Heaven (union). This happened so you might be sanctified, which means to be “set apart” from the world, the flesh, and the Devil. When you are “set apart” to God, you are holy. He has already sanctified you in Heaven, now you must work it out on earth in your daily life. You must set yourself apart from sin to live for Him.

*“Lord Jesus, I want to live a holy life, but it’s hard. Help me! I want to experience Your presence daily, but I get distracted. Keep working Your sanctification in my life.”*

*Jesus* began a good work in you at conversion (Phil. 1:6), and He will continue to work in your heart. Listen to His voice, heed His guidance, and let His indwelling presence work itself out in your daily activities. No one will reach perfection in their earthly life, but you can grow toward perfection when you let *Jesus* strengthen all you do.

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for sanctifying me in Heaven. I want my earthly life to reflect my heavenly position. Work today in my life to make me like You life. Amen.”*

Reading: Hebrews 2:5-12

Words: 248

Key Thought: I can grow to be like Christ.

DECEMBER 27

THE SPIRIT WHO IS FROM GOD—HOLY SPIRIT

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.” (1 Corinthians 2:12).

The *Holy Spirit* is *The Spirit Who Is From God*. On the day of Pentecost, He was sent to believers who were praying. He came with the sound of a mighty rushing wind and He appeared as divided tongues, like as fire (Acts 2:2,3). Just as He came in outward powerful manifestation on Pentecost, so He comes today in powerful inner workings of the heart. The world doesn't think He's powerful, but who else can give great spiritual insight? Who else can transform a loser into a winner? Who else can break compulsive, addictive habits? Who else can restore harmony to ruptured homes? Who else can call a self-serving young person so that they give up everything to minister among the heathen tribes? Don't just look for outward manifestations, but look for the *Holy Spirit* to manifest Himself powerfully in your inner person. What He's done for others, He can do for you.

*“Holy Spirit, I know You've come from God into the world. Do a supernatural work in my life; come manifest Yourself in me.”*

The *Holy Spirit* is sent from God. Today, He comes to let you “know the things that have been freely given to us by God” (1 Cor. 2:12). Examine all the *Holy Spirit* can do for you and claim His work today.

*“Holy Spirit, come teach me about the blessings that are mine. I want to walk and serve in the life-changing power that is available to me. Amen.”*

Reading: Acts 18:24-28

Words: 245

Key Thought: God sends the Holy Spirit to transform us.

DECEMBER 28

THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB—JESUS

“Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!’” (Luke 1:42).

Jesus is *The Fruit of Mary’s Womb*. The Holy Spirit supernaturally conceived *Jesus* in the Virgin Mary and nine months later He was born in Bethlehem. *Jesus* was eternal, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). “Jesus came forth from the Father” (John 16:28). While *Jesus’* Spirit and personality came from Heaven, His physical body came from Mary. *Jesus* can rightly be called *The Fruit of Mary’s Womb*. When Mary watched *Jesus* grow, she saw her physical son developing. The Bible calls *Jesus* “her firstborn Son” (Matt. 1:25).

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for becoming flesh to live as a man. Thank You for limiting Yourself to be like finite people, so You could die for them.”*

*Jesus* the Eternal God became fully man. *Jesus* the Man was fully God. He was the God-Man, always fully God and always fully Man. While we humans can’t understand it, we read these apparent contradictions in the Bible, and accept them both. They harmonize perfectly in *Jesus*. As a human, *Jesus* got tired, slept, hungered and was thirsty. He didn’t know who touched Him (Mark 5:31), and didn’t know the date of the Second Coming (Matt. 24:36), but *Jesus* knew He was coming back. As God, *Jesus* raised the dead, calmed a storm, and could read people’s thoughts (Mark 2:8).

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to earth to be born of Mary; I will try to follow Your example as man; I will worship You as God. Amen.”*

Reading: Luke 1:36-45

Words: 257

Key Thought: Jesus received His body from Mary through which He fulfilled His task on earth.



DECEMBER 29

THE SPIRIT OF HIM WHO RAISED UP JESUS – HOLY SPIRIT

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:11).

Did you see the Trinity in today’s verse? First, *The Spirit Who Raised Up Jesus* is the *Holy Spirit*. Second, the prepositional phrase *of Him* refers to the Father. When the Father decreed Jesus’ resurrection, the *Holy Spirit* was the One who did it. And obviously, Jesus is the third person of the Godhead. All three persons of the Trinity were active in the resurrection of Jesus that provided new life for you.

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, for it demonstrates that my sins were forgiven. Let my new Christian life be a testimony for You today.”*

You get many other benefits from Jesus’ resurrection. You were raised with Jesus to a new position in the heavenlies (Eph. 2:5, 6). You can claim God’s blessings, for you are spiritually seated with Christ in glory. You are also indwelt with divine power to live a godly life (Rom. 1:4). Now you can call on the power of Christ for victory over sin. Finally, in the last day, the Father will raise our human bodies through the *Holy Spirit*, just as the *Spirit* gave life to the body of Jesus. Let the *Holy Spirit* work through you today.

*“Holy Spirit, thank You for the new resurrected life that is available to me. I want resurrection power to overcome temptation and adversity. I want my earthly life to reflect my new position in the heavenlies. Thank You for the promise that my mortal body will be raised with resurrection power in the last day. Amen.”*

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Words: 259

Key Thought: The power of the Holy Spirit that raised up Jesus is available to you.

DECEMBER 30

HE WHO COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN—JESUS

“For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (John 6:33).

*Jesus* is the only One *Who Comes Down From Heaven*, therefore He is the only person to ever have pre-existence. He lived in Heaven before He was born. “I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father” (John 16:28). What does that mean to you? Because *Jesus* came from Heaven—the Eternal City—He can give you heavenly life, i.e., eternal life. But, *Jesus* knows all about Heaven because He lived there, so He can tell us how we will live in our future home. Also, *Jesus* lived with the Father, so He can tell us about going to live with the Father. Because *Jesus* came from Heaven, He can give us a little bit of Heaven on Earth. He promised, “Those who love and obey Me, the Father and I will come live in them” (John 14:23, Author’s Translation).

*“Lord Jesus, I worship You, the Eternal One. You live from eternity past to eternity future. I thank You for coming to Earth to show us the Father, and to die for our sins.”*

*Jesus* is *He Who Comes Down From Heaven* to tell us there’s life and glory beyond the grave. If *Jesus* had not come, we’d live and die like the animals. We’d be without hope for this life and without hope of life after death.

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me reason to live, and thank You for hope in the next life. Thank You for living in my life and giving me a little taste of Heaven on Earth. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 22:1-21

Words: 268

Key Thought: Jesus came from Heaven to give us the assurance of going there.

DECEMBER 31

HEIR OF ALL THINGS – JESUS

“(God) Has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds” (Hebrews 1:2).

Jesus is the *Heir of All Things*, because at the end of this age, all things will be given to Him. But right now, Satan is the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:3). Right now people are driven by their lust of the flesh, lust of their eyes, and pride of life (1 John 2:15). The curse has hidden the ultimate beauty of nature (Rom. 8:20, 21), and the Jews—God’s people—are blinded to the gospel (2 Cor. 3:14). But one day, the Father will reclaim all; He will control all things absolutely. Then the Father will give everything to *Jesus* because He is the appointed *Heir* of all things. Then *Jesus* will share it all with you because you are His servants. Right now, His servants may suffer physical problems, and some are persecuted and martyred. Right now it seems Christians lose one battle for every one they win. Right now, Satan seems to have a strong hand, but one day Christians will enjoy all things with their Lord.

*“Lord Jesus, I pray, ‘Your Kingdom come in my life.’ I want You to rule my heart today.”*

You may not receive your rewards in this life; although you will enjoy many spiritual blessings. And you will not receive every thing the moment you die. When *Jesus* receives all things at the end of the age, then you’ll receive your proper reward.

*“Lord Jesus, I don’t serve You for a reward. I serve You for the ultimate experience of knowing and enjoying Your presence. Amen.”*

Reading: Revelation 20:1-15

Words: 257

Key Thought: Jesus will receive all spiritual blessings at the end of the age and will share them with you.

APPENDIX 1  
 JESUS  
 NAMES, TITLES, METAPHORS, FIGURES  
 OF SPEECH AND PICTURES OF JESUS

A-20

The Advocate with the Father (I John 2:1)  
 An Alien unto My Mother's Children (Psalm 69:8)  
 Alive for Evermore (Revelation 1:18)  
 The All and in All (Colossians 3:11)  
 The Almighty Which Is (Revelation 1:8)  
 The Alpha and Omega (Revelation 1:8)  
 An Altar (Hebrews 13:10)  
 The Altogether Lovely (Song of Solomon 5:16)  
 The Amen (Revelation 3:14)  
 The Angel of the Covenant (Malachi 3:1)  
 The Angel of God (Genesis 21:17)  
 The Angel of His Presence (Isaiah 63:9)  
 The Angel of the Lord (Genesis 16:7)  
 The Anointed of God (I Samuel 2:35; Psalm 2:2)  
 Another King (Acts 17:7)  
 The Apostle of Our Profession (Hebrews 3:1)  
 The Ark of the Covenant (Joshua 3:3)  
 The Arm of the Lord (Isaiah 53:1)  
 The Author of Eternal Salvation (Hebrews 5:9)  
 The Author of Our Faith (Hebrews 12:2)

B - 32

The Babe of Bethlehem (Luke 2:12, 16)  
 The Balm in Gilead (Jeremiah 8:22)  
 A Banner to Them that Fear Thee (Psalm 60:4)  
 The Bearer of Glory (Zechariah 6:13)  
 The Bearer of Sin (Hebrews 9:28)  
 The Beauties of Holiness (Psalm 110:3)  
 Before All Things (Colossians 1:17)  
 The Beginning (Colossians 1:18)  
 The Beginning of the Creation of God (Revelation 3:14)  
 The Beginning and the Ending (Revelation 1:8)  
 The Beloved (Ephesians 1:6)  
 My Beloved Son (Matthew 3:17)  
 The Better (Hebrews 7:7)  
 The Bishop of Your Souls (I Peter 2:25)  
 The Blessed and Only Potentate (I Timothy 6:15)  
 The Blessed for Evermore (II Corinthians 11:31)  
 The Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13)  
 The Branch (Zechariah 3:8; 6:12)  
 The Branch of the Lord (Isaiah 4:2)  
 The Branch of Righteousness (Jeremiah 33:15)  
 The Branch Out of His Roots (Isaiah 11:1)  
 The Bread of God (John 6:33)  
 The Bread of Life (John 6:35)  
 The Breaker (Micah 2:13)  
 The Bridegroom of the Bride (John 3:29)  
 The Bright and Morning Star (Revelation 22:16)  
 The Brightness of His Glory (Hebrews 1:3)  
 The Brightness of Thy Rising (Isaiah 60:3)  
 Our Brother (Matthew 12:50)

A Buckler (Psalm 18:30)  
 The Builder of the Temple (Zechariah 6:12-13)  
 A Bundle of Myrrh (Song of Solomon 1:13)

C -43

The Captain of the Hosts of the Lord (Joshua 5:14-15)  
 The Captain of Their Salvation (Hebrews 2:10)  
 The Carpenter (Mark 6:3)  
 The Carpenter's Son (Matthew 13:55)  
 A Certain Nobleman (Luke 19:12)  
 A Certain Samaritan (Luke 10:33)  
 The Chief Cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20; I Peter 2:6)  
 The Chief Shepherd (I Peter 5:4)  
 The Chiefest Among Ten Thousand (Song of Solomon 5:10)  
 A Child Born (Isaiah 9:6)  
 Child of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 1:18)  
 The Child Jesus (Luke 2:27, 43)  
 The Chosen of God (I Peter 2:4)  
 Chosen out of the People (Psalm 89:19)  
 Christ (Matthew 1:16)  
 The Christ (I John 5: 1)  
 Christ Come in the Flesh (I John 4:2)  
 Christ Crucified (I Corinthians 1:23)  
 The Christ of God (Luke 9:20)  
 Christ Jesus (Acts 19:4)  
 Christ Jesus the Lord (II Corinthians 4:5)  
 Christ a King (Luke 23:2)  
 Christ the Lord (Luke 2: 11)  
 Christ Our Passover (I Corinthians 5:7)  
 Christ Risen from the Dead (I Corinthians 15:20)  
 The Chosen of God (Luke 23:35)  
 A Cleft of the Rock (Exodus 33:22)  
 Cloud (I Corinthians 10:1, NLT)  
 A Cluster of Camphire (Song of Solomon 1:14)  
 A Column of Smoke (Exodus 13:17, 21, Author's Translation)  
 The Comforter (John 14:16-18)  
 The Commander of the Hosts of the Lord (Joshua 5:14, 15)  
 A Commander to the Peoples (Isaiah 55:4)  
 Conceived of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20)  
 The Consolation of Israel (Luke 2:25)  
 The Corn of Wheat (John 12:24)  
 Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)  
 The Covenant of the People (Isaiah 42:6; 49:8)  
 The Covert from the Tempest (Isaiah 32:2)  
 The Covert of Thy Wings (Psalm 61:4)  
 The Creator (Romans 1:25)  
 A Crown of Glory (Isaiah 28:5)

D-18

My Darling (Psalm 22:20)  
David (Matthew 1:17)  
The Day (II Peter 1:19)  
The Daysman Between Us (Job 9:33)  
The Dayspring from on High (Luke 1:78)  
The Daystar to Arise (II Peter 1:19)  
His Dear Son (Colossians 1:13)  
That Deceiver (Matthew 27:63)  
My Defense (Psalm 94:22)  
The Deliverance of Zion (Joel 2:32)  
My Deliverer (Psalm 40:17)  
The Desire of All Nations (Haggai 2:7)  
Despised by the People (Psalm 22:6)  
The Dew of Israel (Hosea 14:5)  
A Diadem of Beauty (Isaiah 28:5)  
The Door (John 10:9)  
The Door of the Sheep (John 10:7)  
Dwelling Place (Psalm 90:1)

E-17

Mine Elect (Isaiah 42:1)  
Eliakim (Isaiah 22:20)  
Elijah (Matthew 16:14)  
Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23)  
The End of the Law (Romans 10:4)  
The Ensign of the People (Isaiah 11:10)  
Equal with God (Philippians 2:6)  
The Eternal God (Deuteronomy 33:27)  
That Eternal Life (I John 1:2)  
The Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6)  
An Everlasting Light (Isaiah 60:19,20)  
An Everlasting Name (Isaiah 63:12)  
His Excellency (Job 13:11)  
The Excellency of Our God (Isaiah 35:2)  
Excellent (Psalm 8:1,9)  
The Express Image of His Person (Hebrews 1:3)

F - 40

The Face of the Lord (Luke 1:76)  
The Fairer than the Children of Men (Psalm 45:2)  
Faithful (I Thessalonians 5:24)  
Faithful and True (Revelation 19:11)  
The Faithful and True Witness (Revelation 3:14)  
A Faithful Creator (I Peter 4:19)  
A Faithful High Priest (Hebrews 2:17)  
A Faithful Priest (I Samuel 2:35)  
The Faithful Witness (Revelation 1:5)  
A Faithful Witness Between Us (Jeremiah 42:5)  
A Faithful Witness in Heaven (Psalm 89:37)  
My Father (Psalm 89:26)  
The Feast (I Corinthians 5:8)  
My Fellow (Zechariah 13:7)  
The Finisher of our Faith (Hebrews 12:2)  
The First and the Last (Revelation 1:8)  
The First Begotten (Hebrews 1:6)  
The Firstborn (Hebrews 12:23)  
The Firstborn among Many Brethren (Romans 8:29)  
The Firstborn of the Dead (Revelation 1:5-KJV "begotten")

The Firstborn of Every Creature (Colossians 1:15)  
Her Firstborn Son (Luke 2:7)  
The First Fruit (Romans 11:16)  
The Firstfruits of Them That Sleep (I Corinthians 15:20)  
A Flag (Isaiah 11:10, Author's Translation)  
Flesh (John 1:14)  
The Foolishness of God (I Corinthians 1:25)  
Foreordained before the Foundation of the World (I Peter 1:20)  
The Forerunner (Hebrews 6:20)  
Fortress (Psalm 18:2).  
The Foundation Which Is Laid (I Corinthians 3:11)  
The Fountain of Life (Psalm 36:9)  
The Fountain of Living Waters (Jeremiah 17:13)  
The Free Gift (Romans 5:15)  
The Friend of Publicans and Sinners (Matthew 11:9; Luke 7:34)  
A Friend that Sticketh Closer than a Brother (Proverbs 18:24)  
The Fruit of the Earth (Isaiah 4:2)  
The Fruit of Thy Womb (Luke 1:42)  
Fullers' Soap (Malachi 3:2)

G - 47

The Gift of God (John 4:10)  
A Gin (Isaiah 8:14)  
A Glorious High Throne from the Beginning (Jeremiah 17:12)  
A Glorious Name (Isaiah 63:14)  
Glory (Haggai 2:7)  
My Glory (Psalm 3:3)  
The Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father (John 1:14)  
The Glory of God (Romans 3:23)  
The Glory of His Father (Matthew 16:27; Mark 8:38)  
God (Revelation 21:7)  
God Who Avengeth Me (Psalm 18:47)  
God Blessed Forever (Romans 9:5)  
God Who Forgavest Them (Psalm 99:8)  
Our God Forever and Ever (Psalm 48:14)  
The God of Glory (Psalm 29:3)  
The God of Israel (Psalm 59:5)  
The God of Jacob (Psalm 46:7)  
The God of My Life (Psalm 42:8)  
The God of My Mercy (Psalm 59:10)  
God in the Midst of Her (Psalm 46:5)  
God Manifest in the Flesh (I Timothy 3:16)  
God of My Righteousness (Psalm 4:1)  
God of My Salvation (Psalm 18:46; 24:5)  
God of My Strength (Psalm 43:2)  
God with Us (Matthew 1:23)  
A Good Man (John 7:12)  
The Goodman of the House (Matthew 20:11)  
Good Master (Matthew 19:16)  
The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)  
The Governor Among Nations (Psalm 22:28)  
Great (Jeremiah 32:18)  
The Great God (Titus 2:13)  
A Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14)  
A Great Light (Isaiah 9:2)  
A Great Prophet (Luke 7:16)

That Great Shepherd of the Sheep (Hebrews 13:20)  
Greater (I John 4:4)  
A Greater and More Perfect Tabernacle (Hebrews 9:11)  
Greater Than Our Father Abraham (John 8:53, 57-58)  
Greater Than Our Father Jacob (John 4:12)  
Greater Than Jonah (Matthew 12:41)  
Greater Than Solomon (Matthew 12:42)  
Greater Than the Temple (Matthew 12:6)  
Guest (Luke 19:7)  
Our Guide Even Unto Death (Psalm 48:14)  
The Guide of My Youth (Jeremiah 3:4)  
The Guiltless (Matthew 12:7)

H -41

The Habitation of Justice (Jeremiah 50:7)  
Harmless (Hebrews 7:26, 'Blameless' NKJV)  
An He Goat (Proverbs 30:31)  
The Head of All Principality and Power (Colossians 2:10)  
The Head of Every Man (I Corinthians 11:3)  
The Head of the Body, the Church (Colossians 1:18)  
The Head of the Corner (I Peter 2:7)  
The Health of My Countenance (Psalm 42:11)  
The Heir (Mark 12:7)  
Heir of All Things (Hebrews 1:2)  
The Helper of the Fatherless (Psalm 10:14)  
A Hen (Matthew 23:37)  
The Hidden Manna (Revelation 2:17)  
My Hiding Place (Psalm 32:7)  
A Hiding Place from the Wind (Isaiah 32:2)  
The High and Lofty One Who Inhabitheth Eternity (Isaiah 57:15)  
An High Priest (Hebrews 5:5)  
An High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 5:10)  
An High Priest Forever (Hebrews 6:20)  
My High Tower (Psalm 18:2)  
The Highest Himself (Psalm 87:5)  
An Highway (Isaiah 35:8)  
Holy (Isaiah 57:15)  
Thy Holy Child Jesus (Acts 4:27, 'Your Holy Servant' NKJV)  
Thine Holy One (Acts 2:27)  
The Holy One and Just (Acts 3:14)  
The Holy One of Israel (Psalm 89:18)  
That Holy Thing Which Shall Be Born of Thee (Luke 1:35)  
Holy to the Lord (Luke 2:23)  
Our Hope (I Timothy 1:1)  
The Hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27)  
The Hope of His People (Joel 3:16)  
The Hope of Israel (Acts 28:20)  
The Hope of Their Fathers (Jeremiah 50:7)  
The Horn of David (Psalm 132:17)  
The Horn of the House of Israel (Ezekiel 29:21)  
An Horn of Salvation (Luke 1:69)  
An House of Defense (Psalm 31:2)  
An Householder (Matthew 20:1)  
Her Husband (Revelation 21:2)

I-6

I Am (John 18:6)

The Image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:15)  
Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14)  
Innocent Blood (Matthew 27:4)  
Intercessor (Hebrews 7:24-25)  
Isaac (Hebrews 11:17,18)

J-17

The Jasper Stone (Revelation 4:3)  
Jeremiah (Matthew 16:14)  
Jesus (Matthew 1:21)  
Jesus Christ (Hebrews 13:8)  
Jesus Christ the Lord (Romans 7:25)  
Jesus Christ, the Son of God (John 20:31)  
Jesus of Galilee (Matthew 26:69)  
Jesus of Nazareth (John 1:45)  
Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews (John 19:19)  
A Jew (John 4:9)  
John the Baptist (Matthew 16:14)  
Joseph's Son (Luke 4:22)  
The Judge of the Quick and the Dead (Acts 10:42)  
The Judge of the Living and the Dead (Acts 10:42)  
A Judge of the Widows (Psalm 68:5)  
The Just One (Acts 7:52)  
This Just Person (Matthew 27:24)

K - 22

Thy Keeper (Psalm 121:5)  
The Kindness and Love of God (Titus 3:4)  
Another King (Acts 17:7)  
The King Eternal (I Timothy 1:17)  
The King Immortal (I Timothy 1:17)  
The King in His Beauty (Isaiah 33:17)  
The King Forever and Ever (Psalm 10:16)  
The King Invisible (I Timothy 1:17)  
The King of All the Earth (Psalm 47:7)  
The King of Glory (Psalm 24:7,8)  
The King of Heaven (Daniel 4:37)  
The King of Israel (John 1:49)  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:16)  
The King of Peace (Hebrews 7:2)  
The King of Righteousness (Hebrews 7:2)  
King of Saints (Revelation 15:3)  
The King of Salem (Hebrews 7:2)  
The King of Terrors (Job 18:14)  
King of the Jews (Matthew 2:2)  
The King Who Cometh in the Name of the Lord (Luke 19:38)  
The King's Son (Psalm 72:1)  
The Kinsman (Ruth 4:14)

L-58

A Ladder (Genesis 28:12)  
The Lamb (Revelation 17:14)  
The Lamb of God (John 1:29)  
The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World (Revelation 13:8)  
The Lamb That Was Slain (Revelation 5:12)  
The Lamb Who Is in the Midst of the Throne (Revelation 7:17)

The Last (Isaiah 44:6)  
 The Last Adam (I Corinthians 15:45)  
 The Lawgiver (James 4:12)  
 A Leader (Isaiah 55:4)  
 The Life (John 14:6)  
 A Life-Giving Spirit (I Corinthians 15:45)  
 The Lifter-Up of Mine Head (Psalm 3:3)  
 The Light (John 1:7)  
 The Light of Men (John 1:4)  
 The Light of the City (Revelation 21:23)  
 The Light of the Glorious Gospel of Christ (II Corinthians 4:4)  
 The Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God (II Corinthians 4:6)  
 The Light of the Morning (II Samuel 23:4)  
 The Light of the World (John 8:12)  
 The Light of Truth (Psalm 43:3)  
 A Light to Lighten Gentiles (Luke 2:32)  
 A Light to the Gentiles (Isaiah 49:6)  
 The Lily among Thorns (Song of Solomon 2:2)  
 The Lily of the Valleys (Song of Solomon 2:1)  
 The Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5)  
 The Living Bread (John 6:51)  
 The Living God (Psalm 42:2)  
 Lord - Despot (II Peter 2:1)  
 Lord - kurios (John 13:13)  
 Lord - rabboni (Mark 10:51)  
 Lord Also of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28)  
 My Lord and My God (John 20:28)  
 The Lord and Saviour (II Peter 1:11)  
 Lord Both of the Dead and Living (Romans 14:9)  
 The Lord from Heaven (I Corinthians 15:47)  
 Lord God Almighty (Revelation 16:7)  
 The Lord God of the Holy Prophets (Revelation 22:6)  
 Lord God of Israel (Psalm 41:13)  
 Lord God of Truth (Psalm 31:5)  
 Lord God Omnipotent (Revelation 19:6)  
 The Lord God Who Judgeth Her (Revelation 18:8)  
 The Lord, Holy and True (Revelation 6:10)  
 Lord Jesus (Romans 10:9)  
 Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1)  
 The Lord of All the Earth (Joshua 3:11)  
 The Lord of Glory (I Corinthians 2:8)  
 The Lord of Hosts (Psalm 24:10)  
 O LORD Our Lord (Psalm 8:1,9)  
 Lord of Lords (I Timothy 6:15)  
 Lord of Peace (II Thessalonians 3:16)  
 The Lord of the Vineyard (Matthew 20:8)  
 The Lord of the Whole Earth (Psalm 97:5)  
 The Lord's Christ (Revelation 11:15)  
 The Lord's Doing (Matthew 21:42)  
 The Lord Strong and Mighty (Psalm 24:8)  
 The Lord Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to Come (Revelation 1:8, NKJV)  
 Lowly in Heart (Matthew 11:29)

M - 42

Magnified (Psalm 40:16)  
 Our Maker (Psalm 95:6)  
 A Malefactor (John 18:30)  
 The Man (John 19:5)

A Man Approved of God (Acts 2:22)  
 A Man Child (Revelation 12:5)  
 The Man Christ Jesus (I Timothy 2:5)  
 A Man Gluttonous (Matthew 11:19)  
 The Man Whose Name Is the Branch (Zechariah 6:12)  
 The Man of Sorrows (Isaiah 53:3)  
 The Man Whom He Hath Ordained (Acts 17:31)  
 Manna (Exodus 16:15)  
 Marvelous in Our Eyes (Matthew 21:42)  
 The Master - didaskalos (John 1.1:28)  
 Master - epistates (Luke 5:5)  
 Your Master - kathegetes (Matthew 23:10)  
 The Master of the House - oikodespotes (Luke 13:25)  
 Master - rabbi (John 4:31)  
 The Meat Offering (Leviticus 2:1)  
 The Mediator (I Timothy 2:5)  
 The Mediator of a Better Covenant (Hebrews 8:6)  
 The Mediator of the New Covenant (Hebrews 12:24)  
 The Mediator of the New Testament (Hebrews 9:15)  
 Meek (Matthew 11:29)  
 Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18)  
 A Merciful and Faithful High Priest (Hebrews 2:17)  
 His Mercy and His Truth (Psalm 57:3)  
 Mercy Seat (Hebrews 9:5; I John 2:2)  
 The Messenger of the Covenant (Malachi 3:1)  
 Messiah (Daniel 9:26)  
 Messiah the Prince (Daniel 9:25)  
 Mighty (Psalm 89:19)  
 The Mighty God (Isaiah 9:6)  
 The Mighty One of Jacob (Isaiah 49:26; 60:16)  
 The Minister of Sin (Galatians 2:17)  
 A Minister of the Circumcision (Romans 15:8)  
 The Minister of the Heavenly Sanctuary (Hebrews 8:1-3)  
 A More Excellent Name (Hebrews 1:4)  
 The Morning Star (Revelation 2:28)  
 The Most High (Psalm 9:2; 21:7)  
 The Mouth of God (Matthew 4:4)  
 The Mystery of God (Colossians 2:2)

N-8

A Nail Fastened in a Sure Place (Isaiah 22:23)  
 A Name Above Every Name (Philippians 2:9)  
 A Name No Man Knew (Revelation 19:12)  
 A Name for Salvation (John 20:31)  
 A Nazarene (Matthew 2:23)  
 Name of Jesus (Colossians 3:17)  
 Thy New Name (Revelation 3:12)  
 A Nourisher of Thine Old Age (Ruth 4:15)

O-9

An Offering and a Sacrifice to God (Ephesians 5:2)  
 The Offspring of David (Revelation 22:16)  
 Ointment Poured Forth (Song of Solomon 1:3)  
 The Omega (Revelation 22:13)  
 His Only Begotten Son (John 3:16)  
 The Only Begotten of the Father (John 1:14)  
 Only Potentate (I Timothy 6:15)  
 The Only Wise God (I Timothy 1:17)  
 An Owl of the Desert (Psalm 102:6)

P - 41

Our Passover (I Corinthians 5:7)  
The Path of Life (Psalm 16:11)  
A Pavilion (Psalm 31:20)  
Our Peace (Ephesians 2:14)  
The Peace-Offering (Leviticus 3:1)  
A Pelican of the Wilderness (Psalm 102:6)  
A Perfect Man (James 3:2)  
The Person of Christ (II Corinthians 2:10)  
Physician (Luke 4:23)  
The Place of Our Sanctuary (Jeremiah 17:12)  
A Place of Refuge (Isaiah 4:6)  
A Plant of Renown (Ezekiel 34:29)  
A Polished Staff (Isaiah 49:2)  
Poor (II Corinthians 8:9)  
My Portion (Psalm 119:57)  
The Portion\ of Jacob (Jeremiah 51:19)  
The Portion of Mine Inheritance (Psalm 16:5)  
The Potter (Jeremiah 18:6)  
The Power of God (I Corinthians 1:24)  
Praying in His Name – John 14:14  
Precious (I Peter 2:7)  
A Precious Cornerstone (Isaiah 28:16)  
The Preeminence (Colossians 1:18)  
A Price (I Corinthians 6:20)  
The Price of His Redemption (Leviticus 25:52)  
A Priest Forever (Psalm 110:4)  
The Priest of the Most High God (Hebrews 7:1)  
A Prince and Saviour (Acts 5:31)  
The Prince of Life (Acts 3:15)  
Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)  
Prince of Princes (Daniel 8:25)  
The Prince of the Kings of the Earth (Revelation 1:5)  
The Prophet (John 7:40)  
A Prophet Mighty in Deed and Word (Luke 24:19)  
The Prophet of Nazareth (Matthew 21:11)  
A Prophet without Honor (Matthew 13:57)  
One of the Prophets (Matthew 16:14)  
Propitiation (I John 2:1, 2)  
Pure (I John 3:3)  
A Purifier of Silver (Malachi 3:3)

Q-2

Of Quick Understanding (Isaiah 11:3)  
A Quickening Spirit (I Corinthians 15:45)

R-53

Rabbi (John 3:2)  
Rabboni (John 20:16)  
Rain upon the Mown Grass (Psalm 72:6)  
A Ransom for All (I Timothy 2:6)  
A Ransom for Many (Matthew 20:28)  
The Red Heifer without Spot (Numbers 19:2)  
Redeemer (Job 19:25)  
Redemption (I Corinthians 1:30; Luke 21:28)  
The Redemption of Their Soul (Psalm 49:8)  
A Refiner's Fire (Malachi 3:2)  
Our Refuge (Psalm 46:1)  
A Refuge in Times of Trouble (Psalm 9:9)

A Refuge for the Oppressed (Psalm 9:9)  
A Refuge from the Storm (Isaiah 25:4)  
Our Report (Isaiah 53:1)  
A Reproach of Men (Psalm 22:6)  
Their Resting Place (Jeremiah 50:6)  
A Restorer of Thy Life (Ruth 4:15)  
Resurrection (John 11:25)  
The Revelation of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:1)  
Reverend (Psalm 111:9)  
A Reward for the Righteous (Psalm 58:11)  
Rich (Romans 10:12)  
The Riches of His Glory (Romans 9:23)  
The Riddle (Judges 14:14)  
Right (Deuteronomy 32:4)  
The Righteous (I John 2: 1)  
A Righteous Branch (Jeremiah 23:5)  
The Righteous God (Psalm 7:9)  
The Righteous Lord (Psalm 11:7)  
My Righteous Servant (Isaiah 53:11)  
The Righteous Judge (II Timothy 4:8)  
A Righteous Man (Luke 23:47)  
Righteousness (I Corinthians 1:30)  
The Righteousness of God (Romans 10:3)  
A River of Water in a Dry Place (Isaiah. 32:2)  
The Rock (Matthew 16:18)  
The Rock that Is Higher Than I (Psalm 61:2)  
The Rock of Israel (II Samuel 23:3)  
A Rock of Offense (Romans 9:33)  
The Rock of My Refuge (Psalm 94:22)  
The Rock of His Salvation (Deuteronomy 32:15)  
The Rock of Our Salvation (Psalm 95:1)  
Rock of Spiritual Refreshment (I Corinthians 10:4, LB)  
The Rock of Thy Strength (Isaiah 17:10)  
The Rod (Micah 6:9)  
A Rod out of the Stem of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1)  
The Root of David (Revelation 5:5)  
A Root of Jesse (Romans 15:12; Isaiah 11:10)  
A Root out of Dry Ground (Isaiah 53:2)  
The Root and Offspring of David (Revelation 22:16)  
The Rose of Sharon (Song of Solomon 2:1)  
A Ruler (Micah 5:2)

S -94

The Sacrifice for Sins (Hebrews 10:12)  
A Sacrifice to God (Ephesians 5:2)  
My Salvation (Psalm 27:1)  
The Salvation of God (Luke 2:30; 3:6)  
The Salvation of Israel (Jeremiah 3:23)  
A Samaritan (John 8:48)  
The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever (Hebrews 13:8)  
A Sanctuary (Isaiah 8:14)  
A Sardius Stone (Revelation 4:3)  
The Saving Strength of His Anointed (Psalm 28:8)  
Saviour (Titus 2:13)  
The Saviour of All Men (I Timothy 4:10)  
The Saviour of the Body (Ephesians 5:23)  
The Saviour of the World (John 4:42; I John 4:14)  
The Scapegoat (Leviticus 16:8; John 11:49-52)  
The Scepter of Israel (Numbers 24:17)  
The Scepter of Thy Kingdom (Psalm 45:6)



The Second Man (I Corinthians 15:45) Secret (Judges 13:18)  
 The Secret of Thy Presence (Psalm 31:20)  
 The Seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:16)  
 The Seed of David (Romans 1:3; II Timothy 2:8)  
 The Seed of the Woman (Genesis 3:15)  
 The Sent One (John 9:4)  
 Separate from His Brethren (Genesis 49:26)  
 Separate from Sinners (Hebrews 7:26)  
 The Serpent in the Wilderness (John 3:14)  
 My Servant (Isaiah 42:1)  
 A Servant of Rulers (Isaiah 49:7)  
 My Servant the Branch (Zechariah 3:8)  
 A Shadow from the Heat (Isaiah 25:4)  
 The Shadow of the Almighty (Psalm 91:1)  
 The Shadow of A Great Rock (Isaiah 32:2)  
 A Shelter (Psalm 61:3)  
 My Shepherd (Psalm 23: 1; Isaiah 40:11)  
 Shepherd of Israel (Psalm 80:1)  
 Our Shield (Psalm 84:9)  
 Shiloh (Genesis 49:10)  
 Shoshannim (Psalm 45:Title; 69:Title)  
 A Sign of the Lord (Isaiah 7:11)  
 Siloam (John 9:7)  
 Sin (II Corinthians 5:21)  
 A Snare to the Inhabitants of Jerusalem (Isaiah 8:14)  
 The Son (Matthew 11:27)  
 His Son from Heaven (I Thessalonians 1:10)  
 A Son Given (Isaiah 9:6)  
 The Son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1)  
 The Son of David (Mark 10:47)  
 The Son of God (John 1:49)  
 The Son of Joseph (John 1:45)  
 The Son of Man (John 1:51)  
 The Son of Mary (Mark 6:3)  
 The Son of the Blessed (Mark 14:61)  
 The Son of the Father (II John 3)  
 The Son of the Freewoman (Galatians 4:30)  
 The Son of the Highest (Luke 1:32)  
 The Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16)  
 The Son of the Most High (Mark 5:7)  
 A Son over His Own House (Hebrews 3:6)  
 The Son Who Is Consecrated for Evermore (Hebrews 7:28)  
 My Song (Isaiah, 12:2)  
 The Sower (Matthew 13:4,37)  
 A Sparrow Alone upon the Housetop (Psalm 102:7)  
 That Spiritual Rock (I Corinthians 10:4)  
 A Star out of Jacob (Numbers 24:17)  
 My Stay (Psalm 18:18)  
 A Stone Cut out of the Mountain (Daniel 2:45)  
 A Stone Cut without Hands (Daniel 2:34)  
 The Stone of Israel (Genesis 49:24)  
 A Stone of Stumbling (I Peter 2:8)  
 The Stone Which the Builders Refused (Matthew 21:42)  
 The Stone Which the Builders Rejected (Psalm 118:22)  
 The Stone Which Was Set at Nought (Acts 4:11)  
 A Stranger (Matthew 25:35)  
 My Strength (Isaiah 12:2)  
 The Strength of Israel (I Samuel 15:29)  
 The Strength of My Life (Psalm 27:1)  
 A Strength to the Needy in Distress (Isaiah 25:4)  
 A Strength to the Poor (Isaiah 25:4)

Strong (Psalm 24:8)  
 A Strong Consolation (Hebrews 6:18)  
 A Stronghold in the Day of Trouble (Nahum 1:7)  
 A Strong Lord (Psalm 89:8)  
 My Strong Refuge (Psalm 71:7)  
 My Strong Rock (Psalm 31:2)  
 A Strong Tower (Proverbs 18:10)  
 A Strong Tower from the Enemy (Psalm 61:3)  
 A Stronger than He (Luke 11:22)  
 A Stumbling Block (I Corinthians 1:23)  
 The Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2)  
 A Sure Foundation (Isaiah 28:16)  
 The Sure Mercies of David (Isaiah 55:3; Acts 13:34)  
 A Surety of A Better Testament (Hebrews 7:22, 'Covenant' NKJV)  
 A Sweet-Smelling Aroma (Ephesians 5:2, NKJV)  
 A Sweet-Smelling Savor (Ephesians 5:2)

#### T-22

A Tabernacle for a Shadow (Isaiah 4:6)  
 The Tabernacle of God (Revelation 21:3)  
 Teacher (Matthew 10:25)  
 A Teacher Come from God (John 3:2)  
 The Temple (John 2:19)  
 The Tender Grass (II Samuel 23:4)  
 A Tender Plant (Isaiah 53:2)  
 The Tender Mercy of God (Luke 1:78)  
 The Testator (Hebrews 9:16,17)  
 The Testimony of God (I Corinthians 2:1)  
 This Treasure (II Corinthians 4:7)  
 The Trespass Offering (Leviticus 5:6)  
 A Tried Stone (Isaiah 28:16)  
 The Triumphant Lamb (Revelation 5:6)  
 The Triumphant Son of Man (Revelation 1:12, 13)  
 The True Bread from Heaven (John 6:32)  
 The True God (Jeremiah 10:10)  
 The True Light (John 1:9)  
 The True Vine (John 15:1)  
 The True Witness (Proverbs 14:25)  
 The Trustworthy Witness (Revelation 1:5, Berkley Version)  
 The Truth (John 14:6)

#### U-6

Undefined (Hebrews 7:26)  
 Understanding (Proverbs 3:19)  
 The Unspeakable Gift (II Corinthians 9:15)  
 The Urim and Thummin (Exodus 28:30)  
 The Upholder of All Things (Hebrews 1:3)  
 Upright (Psalm 92:15)

#### V-6

The Veil (Hebrews 10:20)  
 Very Great (Psalm 104:1)  
 A Very Present Help in Trouble (Psalm 46:1)  
 The Victory (I Corinthians 15:54)  
 The Vine (John 15:5)  
 The Voice (Revelation 1:12)

W - 22

A Wall of Fire (Zechariah 2:5)  
The Wave-Offering (Leviticus 7:30)  
The Way (John 14:6)  
The Way of Holiness (Isaiah 35:8)  
The Weakness of God (I Corinthians 1:25)  
A Wedding Garment (Matthew 22:12)  
The Well of Salvation (Isaiah 12:3)  
Wisdom (I Corinthians 1:25)  
The Wisdom of God (I Corinthians 1:24)  
A Wise Master Builder (I Corinthians 3:10)  
Witness (Judges 11:10)  
My Witness (Job 16:19)  
A Witness to the People (Isaiah 55:4)  
Wonderful (Judges 13:18)  
Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)  
The Word (John 1:1)  
The Word of God (Revelation 19:13)  
The Word of Life (I John 1:1)  
A Worm and No Man (Psalm 22:6)  
Worthy (Revelation 4:11; 5:12)  
That Worthy Name (James 2:7)  
Worthy to be Praised (Psalm 18:3)

X-2

X as Chi The Traditional Symbol of Christ  
X as an Unknown Quantity (Revelation 19:12)

Y-2

The Yokefellow (Matthew 11:29-30)  
The Young Child (Matthew 2:11)

Z-4

Zaphnath-paaneah (Genesis 41:45)  
The Zeal of the Lord of Hosts (Isaiah 37:32)  
The Zeal of Thine House (John 2:17; Psalm 69:9)  
Zerubbabel (Zechariah 4:7,9)

Total Names and Titles – 674

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## APPENDIX 2

### JESUS

## PREEMINENT PRONOUNS OF JESUS IN SCRIPTURE

Who Art, and Wast, and Shalt Be (Revelation 16:5)  
Him That Bringeth Good Tidings (Nahum 1:15)  
He Who Brought Us Up (Joshua 24:17)  
He Who Created (Revelation 10:6)  
He That Cometh (Luke 7:19; Matthew 11:14)  
He That Cometh after Me (John 1:15, 27)  
He Who Cometh down from Heaven (John 6:33)  
He That Cometh in the Name of the Lord (Matthew 21:9)  
He That Cometh into the World (John 11:27)  
Who Coverest Thyself with Light (Psalm 104:2)  
Who Crowneth Thee with Loving-Kindness (Psalm 103:4)  
He That was Dead and Is Alive (Revelation 2:8)  
Who Dwelleth in Zion (Psalm 9:11)  
He Who Fighteth for You (Joshua 23:10)  
He That Filleth All in All (Ephesians 1:23)  
Who Forgiveth All Thine Iniquities (Psalm 103:3)  
This That Forgiveth Sins (Luke 7:49)  
Who Girdeth Me with Strength (Psalm 18:32)  
Who Giveth Me Counsel (Psalm 16:7)  
He That Hath the Bride (John 3:29)  
He Who Hath His Eyes Like a Flame of Fire (Revelation 2:18)  
He Who Hath His Feet Like Fine Brass (Revelation 2:18)  
Thou Who Hearest Prayer (Psalm 65:2)  
Who Healeth all Thy Diseases (Psalm 103:3)  
He That Is Higher Than the Highest (Ecclesiastes 5:8)  
He That Holdeth the Seven Stars (Revelation 2:1)  
He That Is Holy (Revelation 3:7)  
He That Keepeth Israel (Psalm 121:4)  
Him Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to Come (Revelation 1:4)  
The One That Has the Key of David (Revelation 3:7)  
Who Laid the Foundations of the Earth (Psalm 104:5)  
Who Layeth the Beams of His Chambers in the Waters (Psalm 104:3)  
Thou Who Lifest Me up from the Gates of Death (Psalm 9:13)  
He That Liveth (Revelation 1:18)  
Him That Liveth Forever and Ever (Revelation 10:6)  
Him That Loveth Us (Revelation 1:5)  
Who Maketh His Angels Spirits (Psalm 104:4; Hebrews 1:7)  
Who Maketh the Clouds His Chariot (Psalm 104:3)  
He That Openeth (Revelation 3:7)  
Who Hast Power over These Plagues (Revelation 16:9)  
Who Redeemeth Thy Life from Destruction (Psalm 103:4)  
Thou Rulest the Raging of the Sea (Psalm 89:9)  
He That Sanctifieth (Hebrews 2:11)  
Who Satisfieth Thy Mouth with Good Things (Psalm 103:5)  
Thou Who Saveth by Thy Right Hand (Psalm 17:7)  
Who Saveth the Upright in Heart (Psalm 7:10)  
He Who Searcheth (Revelation 2:23)  
Whom Thou hast Sent (John 17:3)  
He Who Hath the Seven Spirits of God (Revelation 3:1)  
He Who Hath the Sharp Sword with Two Edges (Revelation 2:12)  
He that Shutteth (Revelation 3:7)  
He Who Sitteth in the Heavens (Psalm 2:4)  
Him That Sitteth on the Throne (Revelation 6:16)  
Who Stretchest out the Heavens Like a Curtain (Psalm 104:2)  
He Who Testifieth (Revelation 22:20)  
He That Is True (Revelation 3:7)  
Him That Was Valued (Matthew 27:9)  
He Who Walketh in the Midst of the Seven Candlesticks (Revelation 2:1)  
Who Walketh upon the Wings of the Wind (Psalm 104:3)

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## APPENDIX 3

### FATHER

#### PREEMINENT PRONOUNS OF

#### FATHER IN SCRIPTURE

Abba Father – Mark 14:36  
Ancient of Days – Dan. 7:13  
Father of the Fatherless – Ps. 68:5  
Father in Heaven – Matt. 6: 8, 9, NKJV  
Father of Glory – Eph. 1:17  
Father of Lights – James 1:17  
Father of Mercies – 2 Cor. 1:3  
Father of our Lord – Eph. 3:14  
Father of our Lord Jesus – Rom. 15:6; 2 Cor. 1:3; Col. 1:3  
Father of Spirits – Heb. 12:9  
Father which art in Heaven – Matt. 6:9  
God and Father – James 3:9, NKJV  
God and our Father – Eph. 1:2  
God the Father – John 6:27  
God, even the Father – 1 Cor. 15:24  
Heavenly Father – Matt. 6:14  
His Name is Father – John 5:43  
Holy Father – John 17:11  
My Father – John 10:29, 30  
My Father – Matt. 7:21  
My Father and Your Father – John 20:17  
My Father is the Husbandman – John 15:1  
My Father Worketh – John 5:17  
O Father, Lord of Heaven – Matt. 11:25  
One Father, even God – John 8:41  
One God and Father – 1 Cor. 8:6  
Our Father in Heaven – Luke 11:2  
Our Spiritual Father – Heb. 12:9  
Righteous Father – John 17:25  
The Creator of the Ends of the Earth – Isa. 40:28  
The Father – 1 John 3:1  
The Father and the Son – 1 John 2:22  
The Father in Spirit – John 4:23  
The God of My Fathers – Acts 24:14  
God our Father – Rom. 1:7  
The Living Father – John 6:57  
The Very God of Peace – 1 Thess. 5:23  
The Witness of God – 1 John 5:9  
Your Father in Heaven – Matt. 5:16, 45, 48

Total: 39 names

APPENDIX 4  
 THE HOLY SPIRIT  
 THE NAMES, TITLES AND  
 EMBLEMS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

<p>The Anointing (1 John 2:27)        My Blessing (Isa. 44:3)        O Breath (Ezek. 37:9)        The Breath of the Almighty (Job 33:4)        The Breath of God (Job 27:3)        The Breath of Life (Rev. 11:11)        The Breath of the LORD (Isa. 40:7)        The Breath of Your Nostrils (Ps. 18:15)        A Deposit (2 Cor. 1:22)        Dew (Hos. 14:5)        A Different Spirit (Num. 14:24)        Divided Tongues, as of Fire (Acts 2:3)        The Doorkeeper (John 10:3; New English Bible, cf. Acts 16:14)        A Dove (Mark 1:10)        The Down Payment (Eph. 1:13, 14, Author's Translation)        The Enduement of Power (Luke 24:49, implied)        The Eternal Spirit (Heb. 9:14)        An Excellent Spirit (Dan. 5:12)        The Finger of God (Luke 11:20)        Floods on the Dry Ground (Isa. 44:3)        A Fountain of Water (John 4:14)        The Fullness of God (Eph. 3:19)        Your Generous Spirit (Ps. 51:12)        The Gatekeeper (John 10:3, RST)        The Gift of God (John 4:10; Acts 8:20)        The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)        The Glory of the Lord (2 Cor. 3:18)        God (Acts 5:4)        Your Good Spirit (Neh. 9:20)        The Guarantee of Our Inheritance (Eph. 1:14; cf. 2 Cor. 5:5)        The Hand of God (2 Chron. 30:12)        The Hand of the LORD (Job 12:9; Isa. 41:20)        The Hand of the Lord GOD (Ezek. 8:1)        He/Himself (John 14:16,26; Rom. 8:16,26)        Another Helper (John 14:16)        The Helper (John 14:26)        The Holy One (Job 6:10)        His Holy One (Isa. 10:17)        The Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13)        His Holy Spirit (Isa. 63:10)        Your Holy Spirit (Ps. 51:11)        The Holy Spirit of God (Eph. 4:30)        The Holy Spirit of Promise (Eph. 1:13)        The Holy Spirit Sent from Heaven (1 Pet. 1:12)        The Holy Spirit Who Is in You (1 Cor. 6:19)        The Holy Spirit Who Dwells in Us (2 Tim. 1:14)        The Lord (2 Cor. 3:17)        The Lord of the Harvest (Matt. 9:38)        A Mighty Voice (Ps. 68:33)        A New Spirit (Ezek. 11:19)        Oil (Heb. 1:9)</p>	<p>The Oil of Gladness (Ps. 45:7; Heb. 1:9)        One Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 2:18; 4:4)        The Power of the Highest (Luke 1:35)        The Promise (Acts 2:39)        The Promise of My Father (Luke 24:49)        The Promise of the Father (Acts 1:4)        The Promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33)        The Promise of the Spirit (Gal. 3:14)        Rain (Ps. 72:6)        Rivers of Living Water (John 7:38)        The Same Spirit (1 Cor. 12:4,8,9,11)        The Same Spirit of Faith (2 Cor. 4:13)        His Seal (John 6:27; 2 Tim. 2:19)        The Seal of God (Rev. 9:4)        The Seal of the Living God (Rev. 7:2)        His Seed (1 John 3:9)        Seven Eyes (Zech. 3:9; 4:10; Rev. 5:6)        Seven Horns (Rev. 5:6)        Seven Lamps of Fire Burning Before the Throne (Rev. 4:5)        The Seven Spirits Who Are Before His Throne (Rev. 1:4)        The Seven Spirits of God (Rev. 3:1; 4:5)        The Seven Spirits of God Sent Out into All the Earth (Rev. 5:6)        Showers that Water the Earth (Ps. 72:6)        A Sound from Heaven (Acts 2:2)        The Spirit (Num. 27:18)        His Spirit (Num. 11:29)        My Spirit (Gen. 6:3)        Wisdom of His Spirit (Eph. 1:17)        Your Spirit (Ps. 104:30)        The Spirit of...            Adoption (Rom. 8:15)            Burning (Isa. 4:4)            Christ (Rom. 8:9; 1 Pet. 1:11)            Counsel (Isa. 11:2)            Deep Sleep (Isa. 29:10)            Elijah (2 Kings 2:15; Luke 1:17)            Your Father (Matt. 10:20)            The Fear of the LORD (Isa. 11:2)            God (Gen. 1:2)            Our God (1 Cor. 6:11)            Glory (1 Pet. 4:14)            Grace (Zech. 12:10; Heb. 10:29)            Him Who Raised Up Jesus (Rom. 8:11)            His Son (Gal. 4:6)            Holiness (Rom. 1:4)            The Holy God (Dan. 4:8,9,18; 5:11)            Jehovah (Judg. 15:14, ASV)            Jesus (Acts 16:7, NIV)            Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:19)            Judgment (Isa. 4:4)            Knowledge (Isa. 11:2)            Life (Rom. 8:2)</p>
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The Living Creatures (Ezek. 1:21)  
The Living God (2 Cor. 3:3)  
The LORD (Judg. 3:10)  
The Lord GOD (Isa. 61:1)  
Love (2 Tim. 1:7)  
Might (Isa. 11:2)  
Power (2 Tim. 1:7)  
Prophecy (Rev. 19:10)  
The Prophets (1 Cor. 14:32)  
Revelation (Eph. 1:17)  
A Sound Mind (2 Tim. 1:7)  
Stupor (Rom. 11:8)  
Supplication (Zech. 12:10)  
Truth (John 14:17)  
Understanding (Isa. 11:2)  
My Understanding (Job 20:3)  
Wisdom (Exod. 28:3; Deut. 34:9; Is. 11:2)  
His Spirit Who Dwells in You (Rom. 8:11)  
The Spirit Who Is from God (1 Cor. 2:12)  
The Spirit Whom He Has Given Us (1 John 3:24)  
A Steadfast Spirit (Ps. 51:10)  
The Voice of the Almighty (Ezek. 1:24)  
The Voice of the LORD (Ps. 29:3,4,5,7,8,9)  
His Voice (Ps. 95:7; Heb. 3:7)  
The Voice of Your Thunder (Ps. 77:18)  
Water (Isa. 44:3)  
The Well of Living Waters (John 4:14)  
The Wind (John 3:8)  
My Witness (Job 16:19; cf. Heb. 10:15)

Total: 134 names

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## APPENDIX 5

### TRINITY

#### THE NAMES OF THE LORD (JEHOVAH) IN THE *OLD TESTAMENT*

Adonai Jehovah The LORD God (Gen. 15:2)  
Hamelech Jehovah The LORD, the King (Ps. 98:6)  
Jehovah The LORD (Exod. 6:2,3)  
Jehovah Adon Kol Ha'arets--The LORD, the Lord of All  
the Earth (Josh. 3:13)  
Jehovah Bore-The LORD Creator (Isa. 40:28)  
Jehovah Ma-oz Khayyay-The LORD the Strength of My  
Life (Ps. 27:1)  
Jehovah Khereb-The LORD ... the Sword (Dent. 33:29)  
Jehovah Eli The LORD My God (Ps. 18:2)  
Jehovah 'Elyon The LORD Most High (Ps. 7:17)  
Jehovah 'Oz-Lamo-The LORD the Strength of His people  
(Ps. 28:7)  
Jehovah Gibbor Milchamah The LORD Mighty in Battle  
(Ps. 24:8)  
Jehovah Maginnenu The LORD Our Defence (Ps. 89:18)  
Jehovah Go'el The LORD Thy Redeemer (Isa. 49:26;  
60:16)  
Jehovah Hashopet-The LORD the Judge (Judg. 11:27)  
Jehovah Hoshe'ah The LORD Save (Ps. 20:9)  
Jehovah 'Immekha-The LORD Is with You (Judg. 6:12)  
Jehovah 'Izuz We Gibbor-The LORD Strong and Mighty  
(Pa. 24:8)  
Jehovah Jireh The-LORD-Will-Provide (Gen. 22:14)  
Jehovah Kabodhi The LORD My Glory (Ps. 3:3)  
Jehovah Qanna The LORD, Whose Name Is Jealous (Exod.  
34:14)  
Jehovah Keren-Tish'i The LORD the Horn of My Salvation  
(Ps. 18:2)  
Jehovah Mochsi The LORD My Refuge (Ps. 91:9)  
Jehovah Magen The LORD, the Shield (Dent. 33:29)  
Jehovah Ma'oz The LORD...My Fortress (Jer. 16:19)  
Jehovah Melek 'Olam The LORD King Forever (Ps. 10:16;  
Isa. 6:5)  
Jehovah Mephalti The LORD My Deliverer (Ps. 18:2)  
Jehovah Meqaddishkem The LORD Our Sanctifier (Exod.  
31:13)  
Jehovah Metsudhathi The LORD ... My Fortress (Ps. 18:2)  
Jehovah Misgabbi The LORD My High Tower (Ps. 18:2)  
Jehovah Makkeh The LORD That Smiteth (Ezek. 7:9)  
Jehovah Nissi The LORD Our Banner (Exod. 17:15)  
Jehovah 'Ori The LORD My Light (Ps. 27:1)  
Jehovah Rophe The LORD That Healeth (Exod. 15:26)  
Jehovah Ro'i The LORD My Shepherd (Ps. 23:1)  
Jehovah Sebaoth The LORD of Hosts (1 Sam. 1:3)  
Jehovah Sal'i The LORD My Rock (Ps. 18:2)  
Jehovah Shalom-The LORD Our Peace (Judg. 6:24)  
Jehovah Shammah The LORD Is There (Exek. 48:35)  
Jehovah Tsidqenu The LORD Our Righteousness (Jer.  
23:6)  
Jehovah Tsur-O LORD, My Strength (Ps. 19:14)  
Jehovah 'Uzam The LORD Their Strength (Ps. 37:39)

Jehovah Moshi'ekh The LORD Thy Savior (Isa. 49:26;  
60:16)

Total: 42 names

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CO: Accent Publications, 1987), adapted.

## APPENDIX 6

### TRINITY

#### THE NAMES OF THE LORD GOD (JEHOVAH ELOHIM; KURIOS HO THEOS) IN SCRIPTURE

This Holy LORD God (1 Sam. 6:20)  
The LORD God ... Abounding in Goodness (Exod. 34:6)  
The LORD God ... Abounding in Truth (Exod. 34:6)  
LORD God Almighty (Rev. 4:8)  
LORD, the Everlasting God (Jehovah El Olam; Gen. 21:33)  
The LORD, Thy Exceedingly Great Reward (Gen. 15:1)  
The LORD God (Jehovah Elohim; Gen. 2:4)  
The LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel (1 Kings 18:36)  
The LORD, the God of David Your Father (2 Kings 20:5)  
The LORD God of Elijah (2 Kings 2:14)  
The LORD God of Your Fathers (Jehovah Elohe 'Abothekhem; Exod. 3:15)  
The LORD, the God of All Flesh (Jer. 32:27)  
The LORD God of Gods (El Elohim Jehovah; Josh., 22:22)  
The LORD God ... Gracious (Exod. 34:6)  
The LORD Is the Great God (Ps. 95:3)  
The LORD God of Heaven (Gen. 24:7)  
The LORD, the God of Heaven and the God of Earth (Gen. 24:3)  
The LORD God of the Hebrews (Exod. 3:18)  
The LORD Is God of the Hills (1 Kings 20:28)  
The LORD God of the Holy Prophets (Rev. 22:6)  
The LORD God of Hosts (Jehovah Elohim Tseba'oth; 2 Sam. 5:10)  
The LORD God of Israel (Jehovah Elohe Yisra'el; Exod. 5:1)  
The LORD God Who Judges Her (Rev. 18:8)  
The LORD Is a God of Justice (Isa. 30:18)  
The LORD Is the God of Knowledge (1 Sam. 2:3)  
The LORD God of My Lord the King (1 Kings 1:36)  
The LORD God ... Long-suffering (Exod. 34:6)  
The LORD God of My Master Abraham (Gen. 24:12,27,42,48)  
The LORD God Merciful (Exod. 34:6)  
The LORD, God Most High (Jehovah El Elyon; Gen. 14:22, Ps. 18:13)  
The LORD God Omnipotent (Rev. 19:6)  
The LORD Is the God of Recompense (Jehovah El Gemuloth; Jer. 51:56)  
The LORD, God of My Salvation (Jehovah Elohe Yeshu'athi; Ps. 88:1)  
The LORD, the God of Shem (Gen. 9:26)  
The LORD, the God of the Spirits of All Flesh (Num. 27:16)  
The LORD God of Truth (Jehovah El 'Emeth; Ps. 31:5)  
The LORD Is ... God of the Valleys (1 Kings 20:28, implied)  
The LORD is My Helper (Heb. 13:6; Ps. 32:7)  
The LORD God, Judge of All the Earth (Gen. 18:25)  
The LORD, Mighty in Battle (Ps. 24:8)  
The LORD, Pillar of Fire (Ex. 13:21,22)  
The LORD is My Strength and Song (Ex. 15:2)  
The LORD, the Window Opener (Mal. 3:10, Author's Translation)

Total: 43 names

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## APPENDIX 7

### TRINITY

#### THE NAME GOD (ELOHIM) IN SCRIPTURE

A Father To Those Who Have No Father (Ps. 68:5)	The God of Patience (Rom. 15:5)
Almighty God (El Shaddai; Gen. 17:1)	The God of Peace (Rom. 15:33)
God Who Avenges Me (El Nekamoth; Ps. 18:47)	The God of My Praise (Ps. 109:1)
The Eternal God (Deut. 33:27)	God Is a Refuge for Us (Elohim Machaseh Lanu; Ps. 62:8)
The Everlasting God (Isa. 40:28)	God of My Righteousness (Elohe Tsidqi; Ps. 4:1)
The Faithful God (El Emunah; Deut. 7:9)	God My Rock (El Sela ; Ps. 42:9)
God-Who-Forgives (El Nose' Ps. 99:8)	The God of My Salvation (Elohe Yish 7; Ps. 18:46)
God (Elohim; Gen. 1:1)	The-God-Who-Sees-Me (El Roi; Gen. 16:13)
The God of Abraham (Gen. 31:42)	The God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego (Dan. 3:29)
God Almighty (Gen. 28:3)	The God of My Strength (Elohe Ma'uuzi; Ps. 43:2)
The God of the Armies of Israel (1 Sam. 17:45)	A God of Truth (Deut. 32:4)
The God of Bethel (Gen. 31:13)	The God Who is Near (Jer. 23:23, 24)
The God of the Beginning (Deut. 33:27, Author's Translation)	The Great God (Deut 10:17)
The God of All Comfort (2 Cor. 1:3)	His Voice (Most High) (Ps. 18:13)
The God of Daniel (Dan. 6:26)	A Holy God (Elohim Qedoshim; Josh. 24:19)
The God of the Earth (Rev. 11:4)	A Jealous God (El Qanna; Exod. 20:5)
God My Exceeding Joy (El Simchath Gili; Ps. 43:4)	The Living God (El Khay; Josh. 3:10)
The God of All the Families of Israel Ger. 31:1)	My Merciful God (Elohe Khasdi; Ps. 59:10)
The God of My Father (Gen. 31:5)	The Mighty God (El Gibbor; Jer. 32:18)
The God of Your Father Abraham (Gen. 26:24)	The Unknown God (Acts 17:23)
The God of His Father David (2 Chron. 34:3)	
The God of Forgiveness (Elohim Selichot; Neh. 9:17)	Total: 70 names
The God of the Gentiles (Rom. 3:29)	
The God of Glory (El Hakabodh; Ps. 29:3)	*From <i>The Names of Jesus</i> by Elmer L. Towns (Denver, CO: Accent Publications, 1987), adapted.
God, the God of Israel (El Elohe Israel; Gen. 33:20, alt.)	
The God of Gods (Dent. 10:17)	
The God of All Grace (1 Pet. 5:10)	
God in Heaven (Elohim Bashamayim; Josh. 2:11)	
The God of Heaven (Ezra 5:12)	
The God of Heaven and Earth (Ezra 5:11)	
The God of the Hebrews (Exod. 5:3)	
God Is My Helper (Elohim 'Ozer Li; Ps. 54:4)	
The God of Hope (Rom. 15:13)	
God of Hosts (Elohim Tsaba'oth; Ps. 80:7)	
God of the House of God (El Bethel; Gen. 35:7, alt.)	
The God of Isaac (Gen. 28:13)	
The God of Israel (Elohe Yisra'el; Exod. 24:10)	
The God of Jacob (Elohe Ya'akob; 2 Sam. 23:1)	
The God of Jerusalem (2 Chron. 32:19)	
The God of Jeshurun (Dent. 33:26)	
The God of the Jews (Rom. 3:29)	
God Who Judges the Earth (Elohim Shophetim Ba'arets; Ps. 58:11)	
The God of Judgment (Mal. 2:17)	
My God, My King (Eli Malki; Ps. 68:24)	
The God of the Land (2 Kings 17:26)	
The God of My Life (El Khayyay; Ps. 42:8)	
The God of the Living (Matt. 22:32, implied)	
The God of Love (2 Cor. 13:11)	
The God of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:17)	
God Most High (El 'Elyon; Gen. 14:18)	
God Most High (Elohim 'Elyon; Ps. 57:2)	
The God of Nahor (Gen. 31:53)	