

# *Daily Manna For Your Spirit*

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And Jesus said to them,  
"I am the bread of life." John 6:35

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# Foreword

Daily Manna is a “Heart Felt - Spirit Led” Devotional that is considered easy to read and designed to encourage, uplift and challenge the reader.

You will be refreshed with the Lord’s strength and renewed with joy as you learn how to enjoy a life with God through these daily prayers and apply them to your daily lives.

These Compilations of Daily Manna Devotions will inspire you with hope and gratitude as you lay down your cross and listen to God's still small voice while falling in love with Him all over again.

I have known Pastor Duane for years. He is gifted to teach a simple, balanced, uncompromised, Word of God in a manner that all can grasp easily and this would also make this a perfect gift to the loved ones in your life.

Bob Farmer





## TODAY'S MANNA

### Chapter 1: Do you struggle with the natural things of this world?

*Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

*Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground and after you have done everything, to stand.*

Ephesians 6:12-13 New International Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

*H*ow often do we forget that we, as Christians, are not in a physical war, but a spiritual war? We, as Christians, do not have to struggle with the natural things. It is so easy to forget or even not believe that there is a spiritual world that is even more real than our natural physical world around us.

Our enemy is deceptively cunning, take away the urgency of a threat and the danger appears gone. But he's there, always, just waiting to stick his foot back in the doorway. But why do we always wait for him to raise his head and make the first strike before we take action?

Why don't we make preemptive strikes of our own before he has a chance to attack, keep him on the run! The Bible says he will flee in terror when he knows we are in Jesus and Jesus is in us. Rather than try to guess his plans and counter all of his moves, Paul reminds us to simply take up the tools God has given us and stand up to the evil one at ALL times.

Put the power of prayer in the name of Jesus to work in our lives. Always, always, make sure you have on the full armor of God before you go out into the natural world around us. From the helmet of salvation to the shoes of the Gospel and everything in between.

Never go into battle with only part of your armor. Never start your day without putting on your armor first!

Spend time in prayer every morning before you do anything else - take the time it's worth it.

## MY PRAYER...

**L**ord of Hosts, my Great Deliverer, thank you for protecting me from the evil one through Your great power. Give me a sense of urgency as I face the evil one and his schemes on a daily basis but also increase my knowledge of his plans, his ways, and his schemes, that I may know how to stand. You said in Your Word that You would reveal mysteries unto us.

Father, increase my confidence that Jesus has already defeated my foe. Help me to stand against this foe and show myself faithful to You.

By Your Holy Spirit You have given me the strength, confidence, and knowledge to stand before any foe. Through Jesus my Lord and Savior I pray. Amen

## **Chapter 2 Being a Christian is a way of life not just a Sunday morning thing!**

*The fruit of the righteous [is a] tree of life, and he who wins souls [is] wise.*

Proverbs 11:30 New King James Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

**A**re you producing fruit? Are you the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ? If you are born again you are. If you are you should be putting forth a tree of life loaded with fresh fruit abounding and waiting to be picked!

You should be putting forth everlasting life through Jesus Christ. Your lifestyle should show forth the fruits of Christian living.

Being a Christian is not just a Sunday morning thing, it's a way of life every day. It's Jesus inside you shining forth His light! You should be winning souls for His Kingdom with the way you live your life on a day to day basis.

That's what He told us to do. That's what being about the Father's business is all about.

## MY PRAYER...

**F**ather, I thank You for making me the righteousness of Yourself by sending Jesus, Your Son, to cleanse me and make me pure before You. Thank You for sending me forth to bear much fruit and to teach the Gospel to all nations and kindred. Father, I thank You that You have sent Your servants to this county to reap a harvest of souls, to snatch them forth from the very hands of the wicked one.

You have given us Your Word, and You have given us Your Holy Spirit, who is our Guide, our Comforter, our Teacher, and the Power in our lives that we need to go forth and be Your witness on the earth.

In Jesus' holy name I pray and thank You Lord. Amen

### **Chapter 3 Are you settling for just some of what God has for you?**

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalms 27:1 King James Version*

#### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

**I**f the Lord is your light and your salvation: (salvation in the Hebrew 3444. yeshuw'ah, yesh-oo'-aw; fem. pass. part. of H3467; something saved, i.e. (abstr.) deliverance; hence aid, victory, prosperity: -deliverance, health, help (-ing), salvation, save, saving (health), welfare) etc.

If the Lord is your light and your salvation you will have no one to fear. He is your strength, your buckler, and your shield. No attack by the enemy, no onslaught of a so-called natural disaster and certainly no act of terrorism shall bring fear to one who truly has made the Lord their salvation.

For Psalm 91:4 says "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

No sickness or disease, not even poverty shall come upon you for He is your Healer and your Provider.

The word salvation includes it ALL people, deliverance, aid and victory, prosperity, health and healing, your welfare or well-being not just going to heaven when you die!

Take the entire box of gifts, not just one thing out of it. It is time Christians are taught the truth about salvation and not just something a man (a religious doctrine of most churches) wants them to hear.

Get to know God's Word yourself. And it is ALL ALREADY DONE for us - DO NOT ask God to heal or prosper you! He already has, just thank Him for it and receive it!

### **MY PRAYER...**

Loving Father, I commit myself to You and to Your care. I will abide in Your shadow and You shall be my refuge and my fortress. I shall not be afraid for Your perfect love casts out all fear. I know that You shall never leave me nor forsake me, so I put all my cares and trust in Your hands.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.



## Chapter 4 Do you know God's plan for your life?

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

Jeremiah 29:11 New International Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

**B**efore we were formed in our mother's womb, God had already planned our life with Him. He had already ordained that we would be priests and kings in His Kingdom. But because He is a just and a loving God He has allowed us to have our own way.

We can choose to follow His Word, which is His will for us or we can choose to do our own thing and have own way.

If we choose His way and His will He will prosper us and give us a future with Him, but if we choose our own thing then His hand is not in it and we will not receive what He has for us nor will we be blessed coming in and going out. Instead we leave ourselves open for what is referred to in Deuteronomy 28:15-68, as the "CURSE".

The 'Curse' is not from God, comes because we have removed God from our lives through our choices. But God tells us to choose life or death...and then even tells us which one to choose "life". The question is: ARE YOU LISTENING TO HIM?

### **MY PRAYER...**

**I**n my struggles, O Lord, help me find the grace You have already given me. Lord help me to fulfill the plan and purpose that You wrote in the book of my life before I was born. Lord help me to see, through Your Holy Spirit and Your Word what You have planned for me.

Father, by Your Spirit reveal the mysteries of Your plan for me to me. By your grace and through my Lord and Savior, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

## **Chapter 5: Do you possess ALL that God has given to you?**

*Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess.*

Deuteronomy 11:8 New King James Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

God is telling His people here to go in and possess the land that He has given to them. But there were conditions. How would they remain strong? They must keep His commandments so that they would be strong. Even though this was said to His people before they crossed the Jordan into the land He had given them it still applies to us today.

So many people in the World today, even many Christians, have forgotten God's Commandments, not just the Ten Commandments but all of His Word. His whole Word is His Commandments to us.

Morals are in rampant decay everywhere and lifestyles that not only appall men, but are abhorred by God abound everywhere and people think it should be okay.

States are changing their laws to allow men to marry men and women to marry women and God is outraged by this! There is even denominations that are allowing homosexuals and lesbians to be ministers in their churches! This is WRONG! These so-called Christians are NO more Christ-like than the world of heathens are.

Christians must keep God's Word in their hearts, so that we can be strong also.

We must walk with integrity in our heart before both God and man, that we can go in and take possession of what God has already given us.

Search out His Word and find out ALL that He has already given you.

Ensure that you are circumspect and with integrity before man and God, then using the Word of God that you have hidden in your heart go in and take possession of what is yours! It belongs to Christians, not the worldly.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

It is God's Word not mine!

## MY PRAYER...

**M**ost Holy God, thank You for Your Word and the many promises You have given us through Your Word. Help us to see those promises. Help us Father to remove the veil that has hidden them from Your church through the years.

Help us Lord to be strong through Your Word and by Your Holy Spirit, lead and guide us in integrity before You, to do all that You have commanded us to do.

Let You Holy Spirit lead us to all that You have already given us through Your word. In Jesus name, I pray.  
Amen.

## Chapter 6: Do you speak the truth in love?

*Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.*

Ephesians 4:15 New International Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Speaking the truth is hard enough. But do you mean I have to do it in love also? Yes, according to God's Word, if I am to be Christ's man or woman, I must speak to others as He did. I must have compassion and love (AGAPE) for those whom I speak with, but they must be told the truth, God's truth.

As we mature in the things of God we become more Christ inside minded. We begin to live and feel, and think and act as Christ did even when He came against what they were doing in the natural, He did it in love.

He loved the people, but not necessarily what they were doing. It's okay to hate evil, but we must love people.

### **MY PRAYER...**

**F**ather, forgive me for the bitterness in my heart and the unfairness on my lips. Through Your Holy Spirit, help me better use my speech to bless others and to glorify You.

Remove from me any bitterness of heart. May I speak Your truth with Your love and compassion today and every-day in all my conversations. Through Jesus, who is Truth and Love, I pray. Amen.

## **Chapter 7: You are able (through God's knowledge) to make the best decisions!**

*This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.*

Philippians 1:9-10 New International Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

**I** don't know about you, but my most difficult decisions are not about choosing between good and bad. I usually know what is good and what is bad, especially when bad involves evil.

My toughest choices are when I have to choose between good, better, and best. My love for God usually overcomes my weakness and I choose good over evil.


Yet unless I've placed myself before God and meditated His Word and surrendered my heart to Him in prayer, I have a very tough time choosing between good, better, and best.



Yes, I'm convinced that much of what God would love to do through us today does not happen because we've settled for good when He longs to lead us in His best!

Paul's prayer for the Philippians was that their love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that they would be able to discern what is best for them (according to God's will). Pray, ask God to show you what His Best is for you, then decide.

### **MY PRAYER...**

racious Father and Almighty God, Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God: Your Spirit is good; lead me into the land of righteousness. Quicken me, LORD, for Your name's sake: for Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Teach me Your ways and give me Your heart as I strive to love You more, know Your will, and have insight into Your ways. For Your ways are not my ways.

Help me to know the best things to do today and how to use my time in the best way in my work, my family, among my friends, and especially before those who do not know Christ as their Savior. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

## **Chapter 8: How often do you let God do major surgery on your heart?**

*The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

Hebrews 4:12 New International Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

**H**ow often do you let God do major surgery on your heart (your inner man, your spirit) as His Spirit uses the Word to encourage, judge, motivate, convict, instruct, and inspire? With such a great tool so readily at hand for most of us, let's not let a day go by that we don't let God use His word on hearts.

We may not always like what He has to say through His Word, or through the 'man of God', or a friend, but did you always like what your natural father had to say?

What He does, He does because He loves us. Is it time to let God show you that you must make amends to those you have offended or treated badly? Is it time for you to forgive, forget, and move on?

## **MY PRAYER...**

**A**lmighty God, Your will is my heart's desire. But I realize that I need to be fed more consistently by Your Word. You revealed Your Word in Scripture. You sent Your Word in the flesh, Your Word paid the price for me on Calvary.

I realize that I need to read, to meditate, to speak, and to do Your Word more and more every day. Give me strength and consistency in my walk with You through Your Word. Through Your Holy Spirit, inspire me to change what needs to be changed and to be blessed and encouraged in the areas that I need it most.

I turn to You and rely on and trust in Your Word to point me in the direction You have for my life. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

## Chapter 9 Let God complete His Love in you!

*Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*

1 John 4:11-12 New International Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Can you imagine what an honor it is to have the Creator of the universe, the Lord God Almighty, living inside of you! But when we love each other that is exactly what happens.

When our hearts are full of love, there is a place made for God and we fulfill His desire for us.

When our hearts are not full of love, we leave God little room to do His Work in us. Instead we leave an open door for the evil one to come in and take up residence and produce his sinful character in us. Let God complete His love in you.

### **MY PRAYER...**

**A**bbba Father, it is so comforting to know that You are not far away - that I live in You and You live in me.

Help me see others with Your eyes, and respond to their needs with Your heart, so that Your love may be complete in me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

## Chapter 10: Is your love for others ever increasing?

*We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.*

2 Thessalonians 1:3 New International Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

"Increase my faith, O Lord." "Increase my strength,"  
"Increase my wisdom," "Increase my knowledge."

*We* often pray for these things, but when is the last time you thanked God for your love increasing?

Can you think of anything more exciting to say about your church (your brothers and sisters in Christ) than "The love every one of you has for each other is ever increasing!"

Let's pray and act to make it so! God will then add the rest unto us.

### **MY PRAYER...**

**H**oly Father, may Your love so fill us that we cannot help but share it with everyone we come in contact with, especially others who call on Your name as we do. May this love grow and increase in our lives so others may readily see its benefits and recognize that it is a direct response to Your lavish love shared on us through Jesus. In Jesus, Name, I pray. Amen.

## **Chapter 11: Is your humility, patience and gentleness as solid as Jesus' was?**

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

Ephesians 4:2 New International Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

"**B**ou mean I have to put up with that?" "You expect me to do what?" "Why, I could never do that!" There are many folks in life who speak these things all the time. Just as a grain of sand in an oyster works to form a beautiful pearl, a gem, these traits are the grit out of which we are to fashion our pearl of life.

These traits are the example that we as Christians want to pay attention to and be sure and do. Our great and glorious example in this challenge is Jesus.

Think of what he had to put up with in his 12 disciples, the Pharisees, and the Sadducees. Remember how his patience and gentleness was tried and tested so often. And yet He always maintained His patience and His love for all.



Can we dare to be or do less? Shouldn't we ask ourselves in every situation, "What Would Jesus Do?"

### **MY PRAYER...**

**F**ather, increase my strength and patience, that I may be as loving, gentle, and patient with others as You have been with me.

Let Your Holy Spirit come and fill me fresh each day with the power and the grace and the love that I need for others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

## **Chapter 12: Do know and understand the secret of God's A.S.K. principal?**

*If any of you lacks wisdom he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.*

James 1:5 New International Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

Wisdom is that illusive quality we respect in others, especially in our leaders, and yet find so difficult to develop in our own lives. Solomon asked for it with a pure heart and God gave him great wisdom and also much, much more.

God promises wisdom to those who truly, from their heart ask for it. But remember the secret of God's A.S.K. principal.

Asking, seeking, and knocking. Or better yet, check out Proverbs 2:1-11.

Wisdom is ours only if we seek it with all our heart and above all other possessions and if we value it above all something about wisdom that demands we value it

before we can receive it.

### **MY PRAYER...**

**H**eavenly Father, one who gives all good gifts, please continue to bless me with increased wisdom today and tomorrow and from this day forward. Let me reflect Your will and live for Your glory in all my decisions.

Let Your Spirit guide my heart as I make my choices and have Your Holy Spirit lead me in all Your ways. I confess, Father, that I cannot guide my own steps without Your help. So grant me wisdom this day Lord to be able to know Your will for my life and follow Your will in all I do. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

## **Chapter 13: Do you practice the 'golden rule' in your life?**

*Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this sums up the Law and the prophets.*

Matthew 7:12 New King James Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

The world calls this the "Golden Rule" - golden because it's genuine, lasting, viable, and valuable. But it's really God's rule given through His Holy Son Jesus and it is a spiritual law.

A spiritual law is a law from God that will always be true no matter what! Imagine how different our world would be if we practiced this principle all the time - not just in our "church life", only on Sundays but in our daily life with our family; with our coworkers and employer, with the people we manage, with the folks on the freeway and in the neighborhoods where we drive and the grocery and stores where we shop.

Toward the waiters and waitresses who serve us in the restaurants. Toward the countries of the world that we as a nation deal with every-day. What a wonderfully

different world it would be if the "Golden Rule" were to be practiced always in all ways and at all times.

I think I'll start changing my world with it today! Why don't you. Remember, what you sow is what you will reap! Also one of God's spiritual laws.

### **MY PRAYER...**

**G**enerous Father, You have blessed me with so many rich and wonderful gifts. You have always given me love, even before I loved you. I understand why now, You wanted love in return. You gave love expecting to get love in return.

One thing I still want You to know, Daddy, is that I especially appreciate the love You have bestowed upon me even though I didn't deserve it, You gave it anyway.

Father, help me to do the same with the people my life touches from this moment forward. Lord help me to share with them the love You have bestowed upon me.

Work from within me Lord so that, that which I cannot of my own-self do, I will do because You are at work in me.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

## Chapter 14: Do you wait for or wait on the Lord?

*But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31 NKJV

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

**M**any people read this and believe that it means they are to wait for the Lord to do something for them. They don't discern the difference between 'wait on' and 'wait for'. To wait on means that you are serving and taking care of, while wait for means that you are waiting for something to happen.

See the difference here? Those that are waiting on the Lord are serving Him and in turn He will renew their strength. If you are waiting for Him, you will be waiting a long time because He is waiting for you to 'wait on' Him.

A couple translations also use the term 'hope on' instead of 'wait on' which means to be patiently

expectant and isn't really an accurate translation. Wait on is a more accurate translation of the Hebrew and more clearly describes what the Lord is requiring here of His people.

### **MY PRAYER...**

**F**ather, I pray that the eyes of our understanding would be opened and that the knowledge of your wisdom would be made clear to us. That your Word would come alive in our hearts and that we would know and understand your will for our lives.

That we might be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height, to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

## Chapter 15 God will not leave you orphans!

*If you love Me, keep My commandments. 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. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.*

John 14:15-18 New King James Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Oh, how Jesus loves to do good things for us. For those who believe in Him. Notice that He was talking to the believers and not the unsaved. He said He would send another Helper.

A helper, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, the Counselor, The Guide, the Teacher, The Holy Spirit.

Jesus made sure we would not be alone. He had the Father send us back not just a good gift, but the best gift! A gift that the world, those who have not made Jesus their Lord, cannot receive, know, or see. But we have Him, He dwells in us so that we are not alone



(orphans).

He is the promise that Jesus will return for us in that "Great Day"! Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? There is another gift of the Holy Spirit subsequent to the new birth. Many have not received this, because they either do not know about Him or they have been taught wrong.

### **MY PRAYER...**

**P**recious Lord Jesus, Thank You for sending us the Holy Spirit. Thank You for not leaving us alone, but instead giving us a Helper, a Comforter, a guide, and a Counselor.

Thank You Lord for sending the Spirit of Truth to lead and to guide us until You return for us.

Thank You Father that on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given for all those who would believe and those who receive will be baptized in fire and with power.

In the name of Jesus, Lord I give You all glory and honor.  
Amen.

## Chapter 16: Are you a king and a priest?

*And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Revelation 1:5-6 King James Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE(s)...

**M**y Bible says I am both a king and Priest unto God through Jesus my Lord! The revelation of John relates once again to us that we have been cleansed, had our sins washed away, by the Blood of Jesus. Notice it says by His own Blood, not just by blood, to infer that of animal sacrifices as in the old covenant.

God makes it real plain here in His Word that it is NOTHING but the Blood of Jesus (His only begotten Son) that cleanses us and makes us whole again in His sight.

Oh; but He doesn't stop there, we have a new and better covenant now. Jesus has also made us kings and priests unto God with that cleansing.

What can wash away my sins?

NOTHING but the Blood of Jesus!

What can make me whole again?

NOTHING but the Blood of Jesus!

There is NO other way except through Jesus!

### **MY PRAYER...**

*F*ather, I thank You for sending me Your Son Jesus.

Thank You Lord that His Blood has the power to cleanse and wash me white as snow.

Thank You Father that I was able to give You my old tattered garments and through Jesus You have given me a royal robe of righteousness, pure and white.

Thank You Father that You not only made a way for me, but Jesus was willing to pay the price for me. Father help me to be worthy of the price paid for me.

In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His precious Blood I pray. Amen.

## Chapter 17: Can and do you enter the Holiest of Holies?

*Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.*

Hebrews 10:19 King James Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE(s)...

God says here in His Word that we are to have boldness to be able to enter into the Holiest of Holies. The very Throne Room of God, into His very presence. But the reason for this boldness is not our works or our holiness.

Instead we are to come boldly to the throne based on what the Blood of Jesus has done for us. It's the power of His Blood having cleansed us of all unrighteousness that allows us to come boldly before God's throne. There is NO other way!

The Blood that makes us as white as snow. The Blood that was shed once for all sin and placed on the heavenly altar.

You need to plead the Blood of Jesus over yourself and

then come boldly before the Throne of God. But first, you must have made Jesus the Lord of your life!

### **MY PRAYER...**

**P**recious and Mighty Father, thank You for access into Your Holiest of Holies. Thank You Father that by Your mercy and grace, through the Blood of Your son Jesus, I can come boldly before Your Throne of Grace.

Thank You Lord that though I was once unworthy and unrighteous in Your eyes, You have cleansed me and made me the righteousness of You through the precious Blood of my Lord Jesus.

I thank You Father that Jesus has paid the full price for me and that I have been bought by His precious Blood. In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His Blood I pray. Amen.

## **Chapter 18: Do you have Jesus, or are you lost and without hope?**

*That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

*For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,*

Ephesians 2:12-14 New King James Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE(s)...**

**G**od's Word says that though we were once far off we can draw near through the Blood of Jesus. That's the only way – there is NO other way to God! In fact He says in His Word that we can actually come boldly before His Throne!

Though we were once strangers to God, Jesus has made a way for us. He has broken down the wall that once separated us from God.

We now have access through the Blood of Jesus to the 'Most High God' (El Elyown). Notice however, that the access is only through Jesus.

There is no other way to gain access to God the Father, than through Jesus Christ, No Other way, not Buddha, Allah or some great spirit in the sky!

I didn't say that, God's Word said that. Don't let anyone tell you anything different.

#### **MY PRAYER...**

*M*ost High God, thank You for access to You through Your son Jesus and the shedding of His Blood for me. Thank You Lord that though I was once separated from you and was far away You are drawing me nearer and nearer each day through the precious Blood of Jesus.

I thank You Lord that Jesus has removed that veil that was once separating me from You and that I can now come near by my faith in Jesus. That I can come boldly to the Throne of God and receive mercy.

In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His Blood I pray. Amen.

## **Chapter 19: Are you victorious, an overcomer, washed in the Blood of Jesus?**

*And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ:*

*For the accuser (the devil) of our brethren is cast down, which accused them (brethren/saints) before our God day and night.*

*And they (brethren/saints) overcame him (the devil) by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

Revelation 12:10-11 King James Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE(s)...**

*W*ho was cast down from heaven? The accuser (the devil, Satan) of our brethren and all those angels who had chosen to follow him, roughly a third of the angels followed the devil. Not us, the saints, we were not cast out!

How did we overcome the accuser? By the Blood of the Lamb (Jesus) and by the word of our testimony in and



through Jesus.

The real power came from His Blood, that's where we received the power to make and share our testimony, after being cleansed by His Blood.

Have you been cleansed by Jesus yet? Have you made Jesus the Lord of your life? It's not enough just to go to church, you must accept Jesus as your Lord.

### **MY PRAYER...**

**H**oly Father, thank You that the accuser has been cast down. That he no longer has any authority over us who believe. That You, Father, through Your Holy Son have redeemed us, bought us back, and set us in heavenly places with Jesus.

That we have been raised high above the powers and principalities of darkness and translated into Your Kingdom of light.

Thank You Almighty Father for access into Your Holiest of Holies. Thank You Lord for access to all the promises in Your Word by the Blood of Jesus. In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His Blood I pray. Amen.

## Chapter 20: Have you been reconciled by Jesus' Blood?

*And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*

*And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and un-blameable and un-reproveable in his sight:*

Colossians 1:20-22 King James Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE(s)...

**H**ere we see that the "Blood" of Jesus has reconciled us to God (brought us together as friends.)

His Blood has first satisfied the broken Law (Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God) and remitted (paid the price for) our sin.

Then secondly it has satisfied our guilty conscience. Nothing but the Blood of Jesus can do this for us – nothing else! We see in Hebrews 9:14, How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit

offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

If we understand the power of the "Blood" of Jesus we have no reason to have a guilty conscience or to have conscientiousness of sin any longer once we have received Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

He's already paid the price in full. Not that we are free to continue to sin, but if we do sin He has already cleansed us. We just have to ask for forgiveness from our hearts.

### **MY PRAYER...**

**H**oly Father, Most High God, thank You for reconciling me to You through Jesus' Blood. Thank You Lord for the awesome cleansing power of His blood.

Thank You Lord for purging my conscience of dead works and of a sin nature. I thank You Father that I am now the righteousness of You in Christ Jesus.

In Jesus' name I give You All Glory and Honor. Amen.

## **Chapter 21: Are you covered by the Blood of the Lamb?**

*And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.*

*And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.*

Exodus 12:13-14 King James Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

**H**ere God is telling us that because of the blood of the lamb that was placed on their doorposts He will cause the Angel of death to pass-over them and their household. But any doorpost that does not have the blood of the lamb on it He will allow the Angel of death to strike their firstborn, both of them and of their livestock.

One thing here that is very important for you to note – It is NOT God who striking the first born, it is the angel

of death. God did NOT do it! In fact He gave them a way out, a way to protect themselves.

God tells them to make this day a memorial and to keep it throughout their generations. He is saying;  
"remember that which I have done for you!"

This was Old Covenant – this was for the Israelites, the Jewish people, God's Chosen ones. But, we have a much better Covenant now!

Under the "New Covenant" Jesus has covered all of mankind with His precious Blood. The only thing necessary to be covered by it is to make Jesus your Lord!

No other work or works are necessary, just believe in Jesus. It's so easy! The Blood of the Sacrificial Lamb, shed once for all my sin and for my forgiveness. His Blood shed once for all will be my daily pass-over from now on.

We need to remember what Jesus did for us! We need to put ourselves under that Blood each and every day.

### **MY PRAYER...**

Abba Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be the Sacrificial Lamb for me. Thank You for the shedding of

His Blood that my sin might be washed away, forgotten,  
cleansed by His blood.

Thank You Lord for putting me in remembrance of what  
Jesus did for me. That through Him by the washing of  
His blood I have been made the righteousness of God in  
Jesus. In the precious name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

## Chapter 22: Is God working in your life?

*We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.*

Romans 8:28 New International Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

God is in our lives. He is at work right now, undoing Satan's destructive messes and leading us to places he wants us to go, IF we will listen to His voice.

God is NOT the one who brings bad things into your life that is the work of the devil.

My Bible says: "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) It doesn't say bad things!

This is true in everything we do and everywhere we go. The key is for us to seek his purpose, to live his will, to lay down our lives and our plan and our way of doing things and to pick up His plan and His way.

If that is our goal, then we can be sure our God is with us every step of our way.

For He has said in His Word "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" and "all good and perfect things come down from the Father of light."

### **MY PRAYER...**

**T**hank You, Father God, for being at work in my life.

Thank You for not leaving me alone to my best effort, insight, and choice. Thank You for having a plan for me from before the beginning of time and being the assurance that I can't mess that plan up if I seek Your will.

Thank You for being my God, my Father, and my Partner through all of life. Thank You Lord for all the good things that You have given me!

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen



## Chapter 23: Do you fear separation from God?

*I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:38-39 New International Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Separation is something we fear whether it's from a child, a parent, a sibling, a spouse, a friend, or from God.

Paul explains here that, because Jesus bore our separation from God, by becoming our sin and going to the cross for us we do not have to face that separation from God.

On the Cross that day He experienced our separation from God as He cried out: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

We can know we won't ever have to be separated from God's love if we are in Christ and Christ is in us, unless

you choose to separate yourself from God.

There may be physical separation but I believe that nothing, no not anything, can separate me spiritually from the love of God toward me. Jesus paid the price for me, He made the way for me.

### **MY PRAYER...**

**H**oly Father, thank You for loving me so much. Thank You for giving me the promise that nothing can separate me from Your love.

Please continue to fill me with your Spirit and make me more aware of Your accompanying presence in my life each and every day. Lord help me to understand the things that I do not, so that I can grow more and more in Your Love.

Father, give me both the want to and the power to be able to love as You love. I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

## **Chapter 24: Do you truly understand what the God kind of Love is?**

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.*

*It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 New International Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

Love does not focus on me, but instead it focuses on others. Love focuses on someone else besides me, myself and I.

Each of these qualities of love in the scripture is based upon an affectionate, compassionate, and forgiving attitude that regards others of value and not just self.

You can NOT tell someone you forgive them for something and in the next breath say, "but I'll never forget what you did!"

You've just kept a record and love doesn't keep records! God's Love is unconditional love! Did you ever notice

that in the middle of "sIn" is a big I!

### **MY PRAYER...**

**H**oly Father, teach me to notice others and value them just as You do. I know You loved me when I was not lovable, and redeemed me when I was not worthy.

Help me to take my eyes off myself and see others as You see them. Help me to love others as You love ALL.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

## **Chapter 25: It's all very simple and very basic, God is love!**

*We love because God first loved us.*

1 John 4:19 New International Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

*I*t's all very simple and very basic. God is love. He is its origin, example, and architect. I love because He loved me first. I know how to love because He has demonstrated it to me.

I can love because He made me to have His likeness, and He gave me His Spirit and His character and because He lives in me His love is also in me.

He is the fountain, the motivation, and the pinnacle of love. I love because He does, first, last, and always. And His love is unconditional Love, you don't have to earn it! He just loves us.

### **MY PRAYER...**

God of all comfort, thank You for comforting me with Your love. Just as a child learns from parents how to do so many things, I want to learn to love as You do: sacrificially, selflessly, and submissively. That others may know that they do not have to earn Your love, only receive it.

I want to learn to love as You do: that others will see You in me. Help me Holy Father, to be more like You every day. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

## **Chapter 26: Have you heard God's original message to mankind?**

*This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.*

1 John 3:11 New International Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

**T**he original love story - The original message, love one another. The enduring message - A love story, love one another. The most convicting message - A love story, love one another.

The most confusing message - A love story, love one another. The most difficult message - A love story, love one another. The most God pleasing message - A love story, love one another.

This is what God has told us to do. This is God's original and still primary message to us. Paul said that without Love he was nothing, no matter what else he did. God has given us the example to live by, He is LOVE!

He loved us before we loved Him, even before we knew Him. Do you represent God's Love?

### **MY PRAYER...**

Loving Father, I commit to You that I will intentionally show my love for Your children from this day forward in all I do and say. I do this, trusting Your grace to empower me to do more than I could do on my own.

I ask You to continue filling me with Your Holy Spirit and power, that I may be made strong in this area. Help me, Father, to walk in the footprints of Your Holy son Jesus. To become more like Him every-day and less like myself. In Jesus' name, my Savior, Redeemer, Healer, and Prosperity, I pray. Amen



## Chapter 27: Are you trying to figure God out?

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

Isaiah 55:8-9 New International Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

No matter how hard we try to perceive God and perceive what He has for us, He is still God and we are not. We must forever remember that the original, and still primary sin was to try to become God through rebellion & disobedience.

Lucifer (now known as Satan, Lucifer is not and does not refer to the Devil or Satan, it refers to a beautiful Archangel before he rebelled!) thought that he had become as God and was greater than his Creator.

We must never become like that. We are to submit to His will for our lives and do it His way. We are to know God, but we can never fully know all of His thoughts or become what He is. We are to take on His character and His image, but we cannot become Him.

God knows the 'Big' picture for us, we only know in part as He allows us to see. This is both exciting and frustrating. But the promise remains that one day we will see Him as He is.

Quit trying to figure out God and just remember, He is God!

### **MY PRAYER...**

**M**ost loving Father, thank You for being so patient with me when I cannot fully understand and appreciate Your Holy character.

Thank You for sending Jesus so I can know You better and trust You to know me better than I know myself. Thank You Father for allowing me to come boldly into Your presence and into Your throne room.

Father, continue to reveal Your thoughts to me as I go through life, that I may know Your perfect will for my life. Through Jesus, my Lord and Savior, I offer my thanks and praise. Amen.

## **Chapter 28: Don't think that you cannot be tempted, even Jesus was tempted!**

*And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil.*

*And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.*

Luke 4:1-2 King James Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

**D**on't think that you cannot be tempted. Jesus, even though He was the Son of God and was full of the Holy Ghost, was tempted by the devil.

Jesus was not alone when He was tempted, the Holy Spirit was with Him (He was full of the Holy Spirit).

The devil will come to us all, don't think because you are a Christian that you can't be tempted. And just because you are also filled with the Holy Spirit don't think that you won't or can't be tempted. The devil will always test our God given authority, just as he tested Jesus.

In fact, Jesus was tempted every day for forty days during His wilderness experience and He was full of the Holy Spirit! But, Jesus knew the Word and every time the devil came with temptation Jesus used the Word of God to defeat him.

If Jesus had relied on his own natural feelings or experiences He would not have been successful, but He used the Word of God, "It is written..."

God's Word is our authority, He has given it to us through Jesus.

We have the 'Power of Attorney' to use the Name of Jesus and God's Word. But we must know that Word and know how to use it!

### **MY PRAYER...**

**F**ather God, I thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, whom You have given to all believers. You promised You would never leave us nor forsake us and You gave us The Comforter, the Helper, The Guide, and The Teacher in the Holy Spirit.

You gave us a Your example through Jesus. You made a way for us to escape temptation, You gave us Your Word.

Father we thank You for Your Word. In Jesus' mighty name, I pray. Amen.

## **Chapter 29: There is only one way to be delivered from temptation!**

*Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

Rev 3:10 King James Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

God's promises, this one spoken through revelation to John, promises that He will deliver us (His Children, the Church, Christians, not religious folk or the world) from temptation. Temptation which Jesus says will come upon ALL the world.

No one will be exempt, all will be tempted of the devil. But He promises if we keep the Word of His patience He will keep us from temptation, deliver us from temptation.

What is that word of His patience? The very Word of God, hidden in our hearts, written upon our hearts and believed by every bit of spirit, body and soul that we are to be true.

## MY PRAYER...

**M**ost Holy God, I give You praise and glory forever.

Father I thank You for promising to deliver us from temptation. I know that You are not a man that You should lie and that what You have promised You are able to and You shall fulfill.

I thank You Lord that through Your Word I am an over-comer, for the Greater One lives within me.

And I have the Comforter, the Guide, the Teacher, the Counselor, and the power of Pentecost through the Holy Spirit that Jesus poured out on me living inside of me.

Father, thank for Your Word. In Jesus mighty name, I pray. Amen.

## **Chapter 30: So you think you are above temptation, think again!**

*Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.*

*No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*

1 Cor. 10:12-13 New King James Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

**S**o you think you are above temptation, think again.

It is whether or not you fall for it. Even Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness!

Better yet, take heed, Jesus warned His disciples:

"Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matt 26:41) What did they do? They went to sleep instead.

Temptation is common to man, God knows that, that's why He says that when temptation comes He will make



a way to escape so that you may be able to bear the temptation.

Notice God said when, not if temptation comes. That word suffer (KJV, is from the Greek) actually means allow (NKJV), God will not allow you to be tempted more than you can bear.

God does NOT say that He brings the temptation, as many have interpreted this verse (The Word says God will not tempt any man!), but that when it comes He makes a way for us to escape it.

That way is His Word... get to know His Word.  
Meditate His Word and put it in your heart, for out of the abundance of the heart flow the issues of life!  
(Proverbs 4:23)

### **MY PRAYER...**

**F**ather, I desire that I might be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that I might walk worthy of You, being pleasing and fruitful in every good work, and increasing always in Your knowledge. That I might be strengthened with all might, according to Your glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness and being delivered from temptation.

I give thanks unto You, Father, who has made me able to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light. I thank You Father for delivering me from the power of darkness, and for translating me into the kingdom of Your dear Son.

In the Holy name of Jesus, I pray. Amen

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