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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

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Chapter 1 Have you been cleansed by the Blood of Jesus?

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

— 1 John 1:7 New King James Version

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

How are we cleansed from sin? The Bible says we are cleansed from sin by the Blood of Jesus! There is NO other way! This happens when we extend our faith to trust in God's grace and walk in the light.

That means that we are walking in fellowship with God's Son Jesus daily. The more we walk in faith, in the light of His Word, and the more we fellowship with one another, the more He will have fellowship with us. And while Jesus' death was a "once for all," the cleansing power of His Blood goes on and on as long as our hearts are in tune with His and we walk in the light of His grace. We do not have to have Jesus get back on the cross for us again, just walk in fellowship with Him and in faith let Him renew our minds. God said He would

impute our faith as if it were righteousness so that we become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. We become what we are not and could not ever be on our own! Only through Christ Jesus.

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, Loving Father, thank You for the gift of Jesus and the cleansing power of His blood, shed through His death on the cross. Help me today to live a more dedicated life, to understand and receive the cleansing and renewing that His blood, through His death has made possible.

Thank you for the assurance that as I seek Your will for my life and live out Your plan for my life You have, through Jesus, also forgiven me of my sins and cleansed me with His blood and made me a new creature in Christ Jesus . In Jesus' name I pray and offer You all thanks and glory forever.

Amen.

Chapter 2 Do you understand forgiveness?

If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

—Matthew 18:15 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

The right thing to do is so hard to do sometimes. It is so much easier to just gossip, to mention another’s wrong against us to others, to pass around innuendos, sometimes to just openly spread bad words about someone. But only one thing is the right thing to do according to the Word of God.

Go to the person who has wronged you and try to keep the damage contained to just the two of you. Humble yourself before them and seek reconciliation, whether you were at fault or not. After all, God has given us the ministry of reconciliation hasn’t He? Then, as God forgave your sin, forgive theirs and wipe it out just as you would want them to do the same for you. God says in His Word that “Who you forgive, He forgives also.”

MY PRAYER...

Lord God Almighty, forgive my foolish and selfish ways. Through Your Holy Spirit, help me to be as forgiving as You are.

Give me courage to lovingly confront those who have sinned against me, but even if I cannot bring about reconciliation, help me to forgive them just as You have forgiven me. Through Jesus, My Lord and the One who forgave me while I was yet a sinner, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 3 Are you a gossip spreader?

He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

–Proverbs 17:9 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

“It’s just a little harmless gossip.” The Wise Teacher reminds us that gossip is neither little nor harmless. Its consequences are huge and its damage horrible and everlasting.

Gossip will destroy relationships faster than anything else can. Instead, it is much better to be a peacemaker and an offense-mender.

Do you love your brother / sister with the God kind of love? Do you love your enemy as you love yourself?

Help them put any offense to rest then. Show forth the God kind of love and do not repeat gossip, instead cover it with God’s Love.

Pray for those who abuse and harm you.

MY PRAYER...

Father of Glory, I confess that I am often more a peace lover than a peacemaker. Give me the strength and want to, Lord develop in me the character not to repeat gossip, but instead to have the wisdom and strength to be an offense-mender.

Help me Lord to have the same compassion for people that You have. Through the Prince of Peace, my Lord Jesus, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 4 Can you give compassion and love while forgiving each other?

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

—Ephesians 4:32 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Being kind and compassionate, two qualities that seem to be in very short supply in today’s hustle bustle modern world, where only the ruthless survive.

Maybe it is because we hold up the wrong heroes, the wrong attitudes, or the wrong morals but these two qualities are often seen as a sign of weakness in people rather than strengths.

Yet all through the Gospels we see our Lord Jesus having compassion for the multitudes. To have compassion as our Lord did we must first learn to be humble and to place our wants and needs aside so we can minister to the needs of those around us. We must learn to forgive as God forgave us.

We must allow God's Love to permeate our spirits. We must learn to be a servant to all as Jesus was. Our way as Christians is exactly the opposite of the world's way. Jesus said: "He wants to be first, must first be last."

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father God, there is no way I can adequately thank You for sacrificing so much to forgive me. So this day, I pledge to be more like You in every way, to share more of Your kindness and grace with those who have wronged me.

Today, I ask You to help me release my bitterness toward _____ (you fill in the blank with the name(s) of those you need to forgive) and I release them and my forgiveness to them now, in Jesus' name. Father, I ask You to bless this person(s) with Your kindness, Your Love, Your grace, and Your mercy. In the power of the name of Jesus, I ask this.

Amen.

Chapter 5 Can you reconcile a brother or sister in love?

*B*rethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

—Galatians 6:1-3 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

*I*n 2 COR 5:18 God tells us He has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Now again here in Galatians we are reminded that if someone be overtaken by a trespass or fault (or are in sin), becoming thereby separated spiritually from God, that we are to restore them or to reconcile them to God.

We have a spiritual obligation to do so. But we are warned, to be wary that we our self don't fall prey to the wiles of the evil one while we are reconciling our brother or sister. In other words, be careful lest what snared your brother also snare you while you are

helping them. Be careful that you don't think you are above or cannot be caught up in what got your brother. Stay prayed up, and be on your guard!

MY PRAYER...

Most Holy Father, I thank You for entrusting me with such an important ministry. I thank You Lord that You have made me an able minister of the Gospel and that I can do all things through Christ (the anointed one and His anointing) who strengthens me. Father, help me to have the wisdom and knowledge to be able to perform Your work every day of my life.

Renew me each and every day with a fresh infilling of Your Holy Spirit, empowering me with the power needed to carry out this work. Father, let Your Holy Spirit guard and keep my heart and help me to not be deceived along the way.

In Jesus' name I pray. And every one who agreed said,
"Amen!"

Chapter 6 Do you do random acts of kindness, or intentional acts of love?

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man.

–Colossians 4:5-6 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

For Christians there are no such things as random acts of kindness, only intentional acts of love given the opportunity to happen. This is true not just in deeds, but in words as well. But more than trying to avoid poor speech, we are urged to use our speech to bless and help others to come to know Christ.

We are to always be full of the Word so that we have an answer to any question, an answer that lines up with the Word of God and not a worldly answer, not an answer that is of a doctrine of men, but of the doctrine of Christ. We are to “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

Always be prepared with a Godly answer.

MY PRAYER...

Father, forgive me for the careless words I have uttered this week. I understand that these careless words are twice sins — a sin once when I committed it and a sin a second time because I didn't see the opportunity to be redemptive right away.

Open my eyes Lord so that I may see whom You have placed in my path to witness to. Lord, help me through Your Holy Spirit to have the correct words and the wisdom to know how and when to speak. Lord, use me as your oracle, help me to speak as lead by Your Spirit and not by my mind or the circumstances at the time.

In the name of Jesus I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 7 Can you praise the Lord openly?

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

—Psalm 95:1-2 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

What better way to express our joy than with laughter and song. We sing to the Lord because we are joyful and thankful for all He has done for us! Our music is not inhibited or held back, but exuberant and as full of heart as it is of sound. We praise Him with our whole being, all that we are. Just like David danced in the streets before the Lord.

Thanksgiving and praise to Him is what brings us into the Father’s presence and it is our joy at the knowledge of what He has done for us that leads us to praise Him.

Even if we are not musically inclined it’s okay. He said in His Word we could make a joyful noise unto the Lord. It’s our hearts that matter, not what we sound like.

MY PRAYER...

Most wonderful and glorious Father, thank you so much for sending Your Son and saving me from sin, death, and the law. Thank you for saving me and giving me the assurance, through your Holy Spirit, that I can come before you with exuberant and overflowing joy.

Your love and grace have not only given me hope but have made me your child, a son and an heir. Hear my heart and be blessed by my sounds of praise. Through the mighty name of Jesus I pray and because of Jesus I will shout your praise forever and ever.

Amen.

Chapter 8 Tithing lays up treasures in Heaven!

*L*ay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

—Matthew 6:19-21 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Where do you hide your heart? What we most value is where we will find our heart. So it is an important question. You see, we can treasure riches, control, security, relationships, cars, toys, tools, just about anything. When we do that, they begin to control us. When we do that we become just like the world and we become carnal or natural, worldly Christians.

God wants us to be Spiritual Christians and seek those things that are from Him for our lives.

We are reminded here that it is only by turning loose of the things that most of us keep as our treasures, that

we will find what is truly treasure. We must sow into the Kingdom of God to store up treasure for the future. God wants us to tithe (Tithe: to give a tenth of your first fruits.)

Take your income amount and move the decimal point 1 space to the left. The result is your tithe to Him. There are some of you out there that are NOT tithing and know that you should be!

When you know what is right and don't do it that's SIN. You know who you are C and so does God! Don't test God! That is NOT a good thing I to do.

God wants your N heart that's why He says to lay up treasures in heaven, where He is. God wants you to hide your heart in His Secret Place.

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, I pray that out of the riches of Your grace, You help me find my treasure in You instead of the things of this world. Today, I want to offer You all that I am and have, for Your glory.

Father, supernaturally by Your Spirit enable me to be all that You have said I am. Father, show me the way into your Secret Place that I may hide my heart in You.

Through Jesus my example, Lord, and Savior I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 9 Do you have a secret place with God?

*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

—Psalms 91:1 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Do you dwell (live and abide constantly) in the
“Secret Place” of El Elyown, the “Most High God”?

Do you dwell (live and abide constantly) under the
shadow of El Shaddai, The Almighty God?

Look closely at this verse. My God is The Most High
God, there isn’t nobody, no one, no other God that’s as
High as He is! He’s the Almighty, The Most Powerful,
the All in all, He’s anything and everything you could
possibly want or need!

He is the Great ‘I AM’. But you must abide in Him, you
must live and walk in His shadow if you expect to
receive from Him.

That means that every day, all day, not just on Sundays,
you have to live, think, walk, and talk in the shadow of

The Most High God. You must have intimate fellowship with Him, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit every day.

You must put your trust in Him and rely on Him in all that you do, regardless of what is going on around you!

MY PRAYER...

Almighty God, Most High God, may I always know the comfort and safety of your “secret place”. May I always be in Your shadow and under Your grace and mercy.

Precious Father, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, strengthen me and my walk that I may do that which is pleasing in Your sight. Help me Lord to be more like Jesus and less like me. In Jesus’ name, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 10 Do you spend time in the ‘Secret Place’ with God?

I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.”

—Psalm 91:2 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

No matter how we are attacked or persecuted, if we are in that “Secret Place” of the Most High God no evil can befall us, no foe can touch us no plague can come near our dwelling.

We must learn to dwell, abide, and to live in that secret place. We must learn to trust in Him and His secret place. Can you place your trust in God, can you turn it all over to Him and just relax in His “Secret Place”?

It is the only way He can take care of all your needs. When we try to do it ourselves we will mess it up. Remember He is your all in all, He is everything you need in life. He is the “Great I AM!”

MY PRAYER...

☪ I Shaddai, El Elyown, Most High God, Thank You for being my All in all. Thank You for having that “Secret Place” where I can come and dwell whenever I feel like it.

Thank You Lord that I can place my trust in You, that I can rely on You when all else seems dim and gloomy.

Father, thank You that You are always there willing and ready to spread Your feathers over me and provide a shadow that I might dwell under. In Jesus name I offer you this prayer of thanksgiving.

Amen.

Chapter 11 There is major protection in the ‘Secret Place’!

*S*urely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

–Psalm 91:3-4 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Just look at all the protection spoken of in this simple verse! He will deliver you, He will cover you, He will provide refuge for you, and He will provide you with the truth! He is the one who provides your protection and deliverance, you cannot do it yourself.

How does He do that? He does that when we take up refuge in His “Secret Place”. We must learn to dwell, abide, and live in that “Secret Place.” Not just to go there when we feel threatened or need comfort.

We must abide there, for if we are abiding there He will cover us with His feathers and His truth (His Word) will become your shield and your defense. Do you have His

Word? Do you abide in His “Secret Place”?

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, Protector of all who believe in You, take my life and my every breath and let me dwell in Your presence forever.

Cover me Lord with Your feathers, let Your Word of Truth become my shield and my defense. Help me to use it for Your glory. May my words and actions from this day reflect Your truth and Your Word. In Jesus name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 12 You are completely protected in the 'Secret Place' with God.

Thou shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

–Psalm 91:5-6 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

No fear! If we are abiding in the “Secret Place” there He will cover us with His feathers and not even terrorists or criminals, flaming arrows from the evil one or sickness and disease or any other pestilence or peril will be able to come near us.

It is impossible for any of that to come into contact with God Almighty, but we can! We can abide in His “Secret Place” and we can dwell in His shadow because He has given us mercy and grace through the Blood of Jesus. But we must come through Jesus as He has freed us of sin.

We must come washed in the blood of Jesus. We can come no other way! And we must remain, abide, and dwell in His presence.

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, thank You for rescuing me from all the evil things that are in this world. Thank You Lord for Your protection and for the Blood of Jesus. Father, I thank You that I can come boldly into Your throne room and receive mercy and grace from You. That You will cover me and protect me from any of the evils of this world and all You ask in return is that I love You. Father I DO love you! In Jesus name I praise You.

Amen.

**Chapter 13 In the “Secret Place” of the Most High God
no evil can befall us, no foe can touch us.**

*A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at
your right hand; But it shall not come near you.*

—Psalm 91-7 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

No matter how we are attacked or persecuted if we are in that “Secret Place” of the Most High God no evil can befall us, no foe can touch us. It doesn’t say they won’t try to. It, God’s Word, just says they can’t get to us! We must learn to dwell, abide, to constantly live in that “Secret Place.”

We must abide there, for if we are abiding there He will cover us with His feathers and even if ten thousand fall at my right hand none shall come near me!

For He is my God and my Fortress and His angels have been given charge over me. These are all promises God has made to His people and God is not a man He should lie!

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father God, thank You for being my Fortress and my Refuge in life's storms. Thank You Lord that You have covered me over and have delivered me from all evil.

Lord, thank You that I can abide in that "Secret Place" with You at all times and that You are my comfort and my strength when I am weak.

Thank You Lord for allowing me to be cleansed of all unrighteousness and sin so that I can fellowship with You.

Thank You Lord for placing Your angels with charge over me to keep me in all my ways. Lord, thank You that when I set my love upon You, You deliver me from life's trials and that You know my name! Through Jesus, my Lord and Savior, I offer my thanks and praise.

Amen.

Chapter 14 Conquerors! We win! But, not just conquerors, we are more than conquerors!

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

–Romans 8:35-37 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Conquerors! We win! But, not just conquerors, we are more than conquerors! When you open up the final book of the Bible, Revelation, and read and study it that is the message put forth.

Christians win because Jesus is the one true conqueror, and HE has already won for us. No matter how the battle is going for you right now, remember that in the end, we win! If you will not give up, you cannot lose,

Jesus already won for you! If you are walking with Jesus and have put your trust in Him and don't give up – you win!

MY PRAYER...

☪ I Shaddai, God Almighty, Father of more than enough, thank You for securing the ultimate victory for me by raising Jesus from the dead. I know He is coming with victory on the day You have appointed, but I pray that I may live victoriously for You until that day.

Jesus told us when we pray: “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

I know that there is victory in heaven, so Father I thank You that Your will be done now, here on earth, in my life. That I AM victorious now through the Blood of Christ.

As Jesus told us to pray, I pray now through Jesus my conquering King, in His Name, the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Chapter 15 You were predestined to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself!

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

—Ephesians 1:4-6 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

He chose us when? How long ago? Before the foundation of the world is a long time ago! He decided that we should be holy and without blame and decided to adopt us into His family. In order to do that He sent His Son Jesus to purchase us back from the very pit of hell.

Jesus came and paid the price once for all (that’s one time for everyone everywhere He won’t do it again don’t ask Him to) that we might be able to live according to the Father’s good will.

It is a gift, you cannot earn it all you have to do is receive it. Will you receive that gift and walk before Jesus blameless? The choice is yours to make.

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, thank You for rescuing me from all the evil things that are in this world. Thank You Lord for Your Son and the price You paid by the Blood of Jesus. Father, I thank You that I can come boldly into Your throne room and receive mercy and grace from You. Thank You,

Father, for the anguish and pain that it cost You to forgive my sins by the Blood of Your Son. Thank You that You were willing to make a way where there was no way. Thank You for giving Your very best.

I pledge today that I will not take lightly the cost of ridding me of sin and will live in appreciation of Your grace. Through Him who sacrificed all for my salvation I pray. Thank You Jesus.

Amen.

Chapter 16 Do you look unto Jesus the author and finisher of your faith?

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 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 is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:1-2 KJV

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

*I*f you have surrounded yourself with other believers, those of like precious faith rather than those who are of the world it will be much easier to cast aside the burdens and cares of this world (and the sins of the flesh).

You can't party Friday with the world and expect to cast aside the sins of the flesh. If you are not around unbelief and sin it is much easier to run the race that Jesus has set before you. He knows the race, He knows

the course, and He knows the outcome (the finish), He wrote your life before you were born! Look unto Him and He will lead and guide you giving you the strength to finish the race.

Don't look unto the world or men for your guidance. Jesus will give you the strength to cast aside that which would cause you to stumble and fall and to be caught up again in sin. Jesus alone is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the only way unto the Father in Heaven. The Only Way!

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, Author and Finisher of my destiny, take my life and my every breath and help me to use it for Your glory.

May my words and actions from this day forward be a product of looking unto Jesus. Looking unto what He has already done for me and taking it and using it to finish my race. May all that I do in life be to the glory of Your Kingdom. In Jesus name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 17 Have you heard and believed the Gospel?

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

—1 Corinthians 15:1-4 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

The Gospel story is really very simple to understand:

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit as the Son of God.

Jesus was Born of a virgin. (She had known no man.)

Jesus lived a sinless life as a man. (God in the form of humanity-The WORD made flesh.)

Jesus died on the Cross for the sin of ALL mankind once and for ALL. (Don't ask Him to do it again by praying and

asking God to something that is already done!)

Jesus was buried.

Jesus was resurrected the third day by the power of the Spirit of God. (Where in He defeated death, hell, and the grave!)

Jesus is now seated on the right hand of God, where He ever makes intercession for us, the Saints. (Those who are born again by His Blood having made Him their Lord)

The grace of the Gospel is glorious to receive. He was made to be sin that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. The sacrifice related to us in the Gospel is incomprehensible.

He laid down His life ONCE for ALL of mankind.

A sacrifice so pleasing to God that it surpassed and put an end to the Law (Ten Commandments and their Levitical Law requirements) for atoning for our sin.

The victory of the Gospel is eternal. Eternal life with Him and with the Father, in heaven!

MY PRAYER...

Almighty Lord, thank You for the empty cross, the empty tomb and Jesus' victory over death, hell, and the grave.

Just as Jesus' death pardoned my sin, carried away my sickness and disease, poverty, and depression, His resurrection assures my future with You.

Thank You for Your grace and mercy and the glory that now prevails in my life. May my life today be lived by the power presented by and in the Gospel of Jesus and by the same power that raised Jesus from the grave into heaven, Your Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 18 Notice it states that we are the children of the covenant God made with Abraham.

Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

–Acts 3:25 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

*N*otice the Word doesn’t say you might be, but you shall be! It states that we are the children of the covenant God made with Abraham through Abraham’s faith in God. The covenant in which God promised to make Abraham exceeding fruitful, a promise which God fulfilled exceedingly.

The Covenant that God made with Abraham 430 years before the Law (Ten Commandments). That promise (covenant) still exists between “born-again” believers (children of God) and God today it was NOT nullified by the Law. In fact the Law was fulfilled and set aside by Jesus that we might continue in the covenant of Faith God made with Abraham. It is an “everlasting”

covenant. We just need to find out about it, understand it, believe it, and lay claim to what is ours according to it!

Then we need to keep our side of the covenant with God and He is bound to keep His. God is not a man that He should lie, what He has promised He will fulfill.

MY PRAYER...

Father God, give me revelation knowledge of Your Word and of Your covenant with Your people. Open the eyes of my understanding that I may see and understand the promises that You made with our fathers are still ours today.

Lord help me to understand the true meaning of Your Word, Your covenant, Your promises, and most of all Your grace. In Jesus mighty name, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 19 Do you know how to stand against the devil?

***B**e strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*

–Ephesians 6:10-11 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Many of the struggles in our lives are not mere accidents! They are put there to stumble us and make us fall. But, understand this very clearly, none (NOT one of them) are put there by God. Our challenges and struggles most often come from ourselves or from the hand of our enemy, Satan.

He always prowls around looking for the best scheme to knock us out of our commitment to, and our relationship with, the Lord.

Then he will use your own mind or a friend or a relative or even a complete stranger to cause his scheme to be put into motion. Placing ourselves firmly in the hands of the Lord and using His tools of warfare will help us keep

our enemy, who has already been humiliated and defeated by Jesus and the cross, where he belongs. Under our feet! Trust in the Lord and all His might.

MY PRAYER...

Strengthen me, O God that I may stand against my foe and triumph by the power of Your Holy Spirit and bring honor and glory to my conquering Savior. You will return one day and take me home in victory.

Father reveal yourself to me through Your Word, Your power and Your strength that are mine to use to keep the enemy down until he is finally cast into the everlasting lake of fire. In the name of Jesus, Your Holy Son, I pray Lord.

Amen.

Chapter 20 Are you Christian or just religious?

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

—Galatians 5:22-23 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

A lot of different religious groups (Christianity is not religion when practiced correctly – religion is being like the Pharisees and Sadducees of old.

Christianity is being Christ-Like and Christ-centered in everything you do) will give you all sorts of ways to know whether or not you are filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus has one simple answer: “by their fruit you will know them.” Paul gives us the definition of Holy fruit, of being filled with and letting the Holy Spirit live in and guide your life.

Say them out loud and ask the Lord to make it true in you: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL. Notice which one is first! Do you walk in

them daily? All of them? Let the Holy Spirit come and live in you and guide you daily. He will bring them to pass in your life.

MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, in the name of Jesus I call upon You. Please help me to fulfill in myself the character You possess and desire for me to possess.

I want to exhibit the qualities of Your Son, Jesus in my daily life. I want Your Holy Spirit to fill me and dwell, abide, make His permanent home in me that I might allow Him to lead, guide, and teach me all the days of my life. That my fruit would bear forth and be a witness of Your indwelling presence in my life.

Most of all, Lord that I be filled with and walk in the same love for people that You do.

Through Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 21 Are you filled with the entire Godhead?

For in Him (Jesus) the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].]

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].

–Col 2:9-10 Amplified Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

All the fullness of the Godhead (the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) dwells in Jesus Christ (as a man). I didn’t say that the Bible did. Remember He was the Word become flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God! (John 1:1)

If the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and the Word was God, then Jesus is God bodily or in the form of humanity. Now if you are in Him and He is in you

then you are complete in Him. Then we have the full power of the Godhead dwelling within us, if we are born again, if we are in Christ! Why aren't we walking in the miracles that followed Jesus?

We need to learn to put a demand on that power of God that dwells within us. Quit asking God to come and do something that He has already done and given you both the power and authority to do yourself in His place! We need to bring forth all the power of the Godhead when we speak or act according to the Word of God. We need to expect the same results that Jesus got, that Paul got, and that Peter and John got at the gate beautiful.

We need to walk in the fullness of that Godhead! How has it come to pass that this isn't happening? I'll tell you why, because of the doctrines of men (religion) that have crept stealthily into the Church over the ages from the very beginning. Because of the doctrines of men keep telling us the power has passed away.

Do you know why they say this? They don't know the Word and they don't know how to walk in it, so they tell us it's passed away.

That's not what it says in His Word! It's time to get them (the wrong doctrines) out and Christ back in! Remember, all that really matters is "Jesus and His death, burial, and resurrection on high!" The same

power that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you. (If you are a born again Christian).

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, help me to understand the fullness of Your power that dwells within me. Give me a revelation of what it is like and what it is for.

Help me to put aside all things of the natural that hinder me and to learn to expect the same results that Jesus and the early church got when they applied Your Word to sickness, disease, and evil spirits.

Lord, let the power of Your Holy Spirit manifest itself fully in all that I do and say so that the world will see the Glory of the Lord manifested bodily. But always remind me (caution me) to guard my heart and to give You all the Glory and all the honor.

Father I will that Your Kingdom come and Your will be done here, now, on earth as it already is in heaven. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 22 Are you robbing from God?

Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me! But you say, In What way have we robbed You? In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.

–Malachi 3:8-9 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Are you robbing God? What happened to your tithing, why did it stop? Are you giving tithes (plus additional offerings) through the church you attend? Or do you even believe in tithing, or have you stopped giving tithes because you were offended, or because you don’t think you can afford to give with all the price increases lately and the recession and all?

Let me tell you something you may not know. God is not asking for something that is not His already.

The tithe, a tenth of your first fruits, is His period! Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. If it were not for Him we would not/could not take our next breath! God even gives us our ability to get

wealth.

All He asks is that we give 1/10th of our first fruit (what is rightfully His anyway) and an additional offering on occasion.

We give this tithe to God (through His commandment) through our local church (the church where you are pastored and cared for) for use in the Kingdom ministry. It doesn't matter what that church or minister then does with the money, that's between him and God.

The IRS takes up to 28% or more, and we would dare deny God His 10%?

Notice what God says will happen to you if you rob Him (if you do not tithe and give extra offerings). You are cursed with a curse.

Need a description of those curses...try Deuteronomy 28:15-68 (Old Testament) for a rather thorough list?

Some of you are testing God – you have stopped tithing (God knows who you are!). Be careful, God will not be tested or mocked!

MY PRAYER...

Father, help us to see the revelation of Your Word. Open our spiritual eyes and show us the wisdom and knowledge You have hidden in Your Word. Lord help us to obey Your Word that we will not have to suffer the curses of disobedience, but will be blessed with more than we can contain. That we may be a blessing to others.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 23 To Tithe or not To Tithe, that is NOT a question!

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, (Your Local Church) 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 (one translation says floodgates of heaven) and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the LORD of hosts;

–Malachi 3:10-11 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

To Tithe or not To Tithe, that is NOT a question. The scripture is very clear about what we are to do.

Tithing, you mean we’re really supposed to do that? No, We GET to do that, we have a choice. God won’t make

you do anything you don't want to do. But, if you're not tithing you are NOT doing God's Word, if you are not doing God's Word you can NOT expect to get anything from Him.

Tithing should be done with a willing heart and cheerful heart, not because you have to. What is a tithe you ask?

It is a tenth or 10% of your first fruits. In other words to make it easy for, when you get your check the first thing you should do is put aside your tithe. It's easy take the check amount, let's say it is \$1,534.20 your tithe is 10% of that. Just pick up the decimal point and move it one place to the left, \$153.42 that's your tithe and that is supposed to come out first for God before you do anything else with the money, it is His.

God even says to test or prove Him by bringing your tithes into His storehouse (your local church where you are a member and are pastored).

You are a member of a local church somewhere right? That's in His word also!) See if He won't open the windows of heaven and pour out more blessings than you can contain.

The Hebrew word translated here as windows ('arubbah) could also have been translated as a sluice (an opening for water or better yet a dam).

He wants to flood you with blessings...will you let Him?
And that's not all, He says He'll rebuke the devourer for
our sakes and all we do will prosper.

Is the devourer eating up your income? You have a
choice, Life or death, Blessings or curse...Tithe or not to
tithe. God even helps with the choice, in Deuteronomy
30 verse 19, He tells us to choose life!

I chose the Blessings!

MY PRAYER...

Father, help us to understand your plan. Help us to
see how the Kingdom of God works. Open our spiritual
eyes and show us Your ways.

Lord help us to obey Your Word, help us to reap the
blessings You have promised for obedience. Help us to
reap the blessings and prosperity You have commanded
us to have.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 24 Do you know God's will for your life?

*W*herein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

—Ephesians 1:8-10 King James Version

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

Jesus is Lord! God's plan was purposed in Christ from the very beginning. It centered on Christ coming at the right time (God's perfect timing). God's plan was to bring unity to His people in and through Christ by making Him Lord of all! What's more, this plan that brings our salvation brings God great pleasure.

God is the only loving, saving God and Jesus is both our Lord first, and then our Savior. So the real issue we face today is this: What area of our lives, our hearts, our secrets, our sin, our rebellion, have we not submitted to His Lordship? For when we have fully submitted

ourselves unto His Lordship then and only then will we see the manifestations of all His promises begin to take shape in our lives. "On Earth just as it is in Heaven!"

MY PRAYER...



Precious Father, I know my heart can be deceitful. At times I even fool myself. But when I kneel in Your presence and I am convicted by Your Word, I find myself reminded of the areas I have not yet fully submitted to Your control and to Jesus' lordship.

Please, dear Father, use Your Holy Spirit to gently show and convict me of my self-deception so that I may be wholly lost in Your will. Help me Father by giving me the want to submit all to you and then the power to do so. Through Jesus, Lord of lords, and King of Kings, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 25 Have you accepted God's commanded commission?

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

— Matthew 28:19-20 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Are you born again, are you a disciple of Jesus Christ? Not just confirmed in some church on a roster, but truly born again of the Spirit of God.

If you are and you know it, then this is the commission we were given by Jesus before He went to sit at the right hand of the Father.

He spoke this to His disciples before He was taken up, but that doesn't mean that He limited it to only those standing there with Him. No, it was spoken to ALL His disciples both present with Him and future ones. It is a call to discipleship to each and every believer from that

day forward until He comes back again for His church. How else is the work of making disciples supposed to get done if we don't go and do it?

There is a further call to some others that are to raise us up to do the work of the ministry. Those are called specifically to be Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers. But ALL believers are called to do the work of the ministry as outlined above.

We are all called to the ministry of reconciliation, reconciling the world of sinners unto Jesus.

MY PRAYER...

Father, I thank You for calling me to do the work of reconciliation, to be a pastor of your sheep. To go forth and teach the Gospel to all nations and kindred.

Father, I thank You that You are the one who equips us with all that is necessary to do this work. You have given us Your Word, and You have given us Your Holy Spirit, who is our Guide, our Comforter, and our Teacher.

You have put in place Your 5-fold ministers Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers to equip us, the saints for the work of the ministry.

Father, thank You for having faith in me, before I even

knew You, for placing a call on my life to do Your will and Your work here in the earth until the return of Your Son and my Lord for His church. In Jesus' holy name I pray and thank You Lord.

Amen.

Chapter 26 How will they hear the Word unless we preach it?

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

— Acts 2:41 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Think about it, can you imagine a man who, just days before, had denied that he even knew Jesus. He gets filled with the Holy Spirit and fire (power), stands up and preaches his first sermon and 3,000 people repent (change their way of thinking and their lives) and call on Jesus to be their Lord!

How would they have received the Word unless they heard it? How will they hear the Word unless we preach it? How can we preach the Word to them that need to receive it, unless we first receive it, are filled with the Holy Spirit and fire (power), and the commission from Jesus to go?

If we remain inside the four walls of our church building

and don't go out how will they hear? Jesus said to GO into the world and make disciples of all nations! Two thirds of God's name is "go"!

We have to go and tell them, just like Peter went out of the upper room into the town square and preached the 'Gospel' to them that would receive. Peter wasn't Pastor Peter or Reverend Peter, or 1st Pope Peter when he went out and told the people about the Gospel.

He was just a believer, a disciple of Jesus, baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire that Jesus promised us and told us to receive before we went out. "(Zec 4:6 KJV)

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."

Have you told anyone about Jesus today?

MY PRAYER...

Father, we ask You in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, to change our hearts. Help us to have the compassion that You have for the lost, those that don't know the way home to You.

Help us to become bold through the infilling of Your

Holy Spirit, just like on the day of Pentecost. Lord, baptize us with Your Holy Spirit and with Fire, that we may become bold in the spirit for You.

Just like the boldness that overtook Peter and saw 3,000 added to Your Kingdom in one preaching!

Father, we give ourselves unto You this day, from this day forward to do Your will and Your Plan, Your way. In Jesus' Mighty name.

Amen.

Chapter 27 Christ is not divided and no one but Christ was crucified for you!

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

–1 Corinthians 1:10 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Paul was appealing to the church at Corinth to be of one mind. To care for one another as though they were one body, because they were. For churches (people are the churches not the buildings) to get along, often times their leaders must remind them about the unity of the spirit.

Paul reminded them that Christ was not divided and that no one but Christ was crucified for them. Paul goes on in the following chapters to explain to them how although you may have come to know Christ through one or the other of the disciples like himself, that the foundation for your relationship should always be Jesus Christ and Him crucified for you. Not Paul, or Apollos, or

Cephas, nor Baptist, or Catholic, or Protestant, or Nazarene, or some other denomination, but only Jesus Christ and Him crucified for you!

When we get to Heaven there won't be any denominations people, only the saints who gave their life to Jesus while still on Earth. Oh and by the way, the Bible says we are ALL saints once we make Jesus the Lord of our lives! Not only Saints, but Kings and Priests unto God also!

MY PRAYER...

Lord Jesus, You have presented so many of my prayers to our Father, but today, I want to thank You for loving me so. I promise that I will do all I can, to the glory of our Father, to live at peace and to serve not only those who belong to You, but those to whom You are also calling.

Father I pledge to serve Your Body (Your Church) as if it were my own, because it is. In Your Holy Name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 28 Do you have a covenant with God?

And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

—Genesis 17:6-7 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

A covenant from God made with Abram (Abraham) and handed down to us through Jesus, 430 years before Moses was told to write down the Ten Commandments.

A covenant so powerful that God said it would still prevail over the covenant made with Moses and it still exists today!

In the Hebrew language the word translated here as covenant has the meaning that there is to be a cut or incision made implying “Blood Covenant”. H1285. beriyth, ber-eeth!; from H1262 in the sense of cutting [like H1254]); a compact (made by passing between

pieces of flesh).

God made this “everlasting” covenant with Abraham and with his seed after him for generations. Abraham “cut” the covenant with God for us and then it was ratified through Jesus.

If you are a “born-again” believer, if you have asked Jesus to be the Lord of your life, then you are Abraham’s seed.

You have a part of this covenant with God Almighty! You have a right to expect and claim the things promised by God to Abraham and his seed as long as you keep your part.

As this New Year comes to a close and we prepare for the beginning of a new year take a stand and stand on God’s Word to you and believe for an exceedingly abundant and fruitful year! And then go out and do your part, what you were called to do.

MY PRAYER...

Father, I thank You for Your Holy Word, thank You for every promise You made in Your Word to Your people.

Thank You Father for making a covenant with Abraham and his seed and making it an everlasting covenant

through the generations.

Thank You Lord that I am a part of that covenant with You, that what You promised Abraham and his seed, You also promised me, because I have believed in Your Son Jesus. Because I am washed in His Blood, I have a part in that covenant. In Jesus mighty name, I Thank You Father.

Amen.

Chapter 29 Freedom is a wonderful gift when it is handled with responsibility!

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

—Galatians 5:13 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S MANNA:

Freedom is a wonderful gift when it is handled with responsibility. Freedom from the Law, not being under law (the Old Covenant, the Ten Commandments, and the Mosaic Law) is such a sweet grace, but we must pass that sweetness, that grace on to each other through service, kindness, care, and love.

We must remember the commandments given us by the Lord Jesus. “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”

On these two commandments hang all the law and the

prophets.

Notice that Jesus said fulfilling these 2 commandments would fulfill the Law (Ten Commandments) and the prophets. He made it so simple for us! But freedom is not to be free to indulge in sin and feed the sinful fleshy nature of man.

Freedom is not to be able to sin and then run to confession on Sunday. Freedom is freedom through grace to serve God and one another in love.

Freedom is knowing that if you mess up, you can come to God and confess and He will forgive you and cleanse you of ALL unrighteousness.

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Holy Father, thank You for rescuing Israel from Pharaoh's grasp, David from the sword of Goliath, and Daniel from the lion's den. But Holy Father, thank You most of all for the triumph of Jesus over sin, sickness, disease, poverty, depression, and all the other curses of the law at Calvary and His victory over death, hell, and the grave being raised from tomb.

Thank You, Holy Father that I am no longer under the "law", but that I have a new and better covenant,

bought with the Precious Blood of Jesus that day 2000 plus years ago on a hill so far away from me. Thank You that the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death! Hallelujah!

In Jesus name I praise You.

Amen.

Chapter 30 Whose Word is supposed to dwell in you?

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

—Colossians 3:16 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S MANNA:

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, not the word of the world or the daily sitcom on TV, or the hard rock or heavy metal music!

Not the nightly news from ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, ESPN, or BBC. You say, “Well it’s just a movie.” True, but that movie is planting seed in your heart that is not of God and is filling you with un-Godly things!

No, we need to be full of His Word, the Word of God. How else will we be able to teach one another or correct, warn or caution each other about bad spiritual habits’?

We need the wisdom of God which can only be

obtained through an intimate fellowship with Christ and His Word on a daily basis. When we are full of His Word then our praise and spiritual songs will flow from the fullness of our hearts. When we are full of His Word our faith will show it!

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:

I am so thankful today, Lord, for all the many blessings You have poured into my life. Your love, Your grace, Your mercy, and Your forgiveness give me hope for the future. Your gift of Jesus gives me life today and promises life eternal with You.

The incredible physical blessings, as well as the blessings of family and friends, are wonderful. You have also given me all spiritual blessings in heavenly places. Blessings that can only be understood through fellowship with You and Your Word.

Yet the greatest of all blessings is the assurance that I will one day see You face-to-face and share Your glorious presence forever.

In Jesus name Lord I give You all Glory and Honor forever. Amen.

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