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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

**God's Grace for Salvation has been given to ALL men (mankind), have you received it?**

*For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;*

–Titus 2:11-13 King James Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S MANNA:**

**I**n a world that has no absolutes, in a world that has day by day declining moral and ethical standards. In a world where justice is a thing of the past and crime runs rampant even to the killing of police officers just for the sake of doing it, salvation by the costly grace of God beckons us to change our lifestyle in response to God's grace.

Anyone who receives the grace of God and refuses to pursue righteousness only demonstrates his or her



ignorance of the Word and Grace of God or just their plain evil hardness of heart. And by their fruit are showing that they really haven't received the Grace of God.

Notice also that in the verse cited above, God's Grace for Salvation has been given to ALL men (mankind). But not all have received it! In our day and time, to be saved means we must also pursue righteousness - not so that we may earn our salvation, since salvation is the gift of God and not of works, but so that God's saving grace, freely given to ALL mankind, will not be in vain.

Looking to Jesus who has (past tense) redeemed us with His precious blood and making Him the Lord of our life. Putting away old ways and habits.

#### **MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:**

**H**oly Father, I confess that I live in a confusing time. Satan is always distorting the distinction between right and wrong, good and evil, moral and immoral.

He is forever trying to lie and deceive us, sometimes even using scripture that he has slightly altered.

You have been so gracious with me, may my life today reflect the righteousness You gave me through Jesus. May the words from my mouth and the thoughts of my

heart, be pleasing in Your sight, my Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer. Through Jesus, my redeeming sacrifice I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 2

**Yesterday is gone, finished, past, over, and forgotten let it go!**

*Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.*

—Isaiah 43:18-19 King James Version

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S MANNA:**

**D**ou cannot change what happened yesterday.

Yesterday is gone, finished, past, over, and forgotten. We cannot reclaim it or undo it. We cannot rest on the things it has brought us.

When tomorrow dawns, it will be another day, a new opportunity, and the time to once again show forth our faith in Jesus as Lord. Let’s journey forward, knowing that God already inhabits the future just like He does the present and just like He did the past. He promises to provide us refreshment, and rest in Him. God makes a way where we don’t seem to see one, but if we trust in

Him and rely on Him through faith and seek to do His will, He will always keep His Word to us. God gift of salvation was given to ALL mankind. Will you receive it?

**MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:**

**L**ord of all eternity, please help me to learn from my mistakes but not to dwell on them. Please help me not to rest on my own accomplishments in the past, but to use them to further Your work in me and through me.

Please help me not quarrel with those who may have injured me yesterday, or last month. Instead, Father, lead me in Your paths and help me see Your mighty works in this coming year. Father, help me to trust in You for all things and in all ways. In Jesus name and by the power of His Holy Spirit, I ask it.

Amen.

## Chapter 3

**Like it or not YOU ARE one of these four types of people. Which one are you?**

*Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.*

*They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.*

*But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.*

–Luke 8:11-15 King James Version

## THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

According to the Bible verse we just read there are 4 kinds of people in the world:

1. Those that hear the Word of God, but through unbelief (or deception by the devil) allow the devil to immediately steal the Word from them. All have been given God's gift of Grace for Salvation. But, they refuse to believe in God.
2. Those who hear the Word and receive it, but fail to build a foundation on the Word and fall away. They would rather spend their time on other things – things of lust and fleshy pleasures, instead of building that foundation in the Word of God by spending time with the Word and with Jesus. They like what they hear, sounds good, but I've got my own life.
3. Those who hear the Word and receive it, but are so caught up in the cares and things of this temporal earthly realm that they become choked out...don't have time for God and His Word because of all their things that have them and the lusts they have for those things, and consequently they eventually fall away and become once again just like the rest of the world. They like what they hear, sounds good, try to do it, but their love for un-Godly things is more powerful in their lives – not willing to change yet.

4. Then there are those who hear the Word and receive it, and are totally sold out to God. They will give up everything this earthly realm has to offer them for the things God gives. Nothing can sway them, nothing can shake them. Like Paul said it like this:

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

These are those who KNOW THEIR GOD and know how to enter the “Secret Place” with Him. These are those who remain steadfast in their faith. These are those who will win in the end!

Like it or not YOU ARE one of these four types of people. Which one are you?

I myself am striving to be a number 4.

It takes much perseverance and reliance on Him, but I am sure I can make it because: “With God all things are possible!”

Which one are you?

Your fruit will tell others which one you are.

## **MY PRAYER...**

**F**ather God, thank You for giving me revelation knowledge of Your Word and of Your covenant with Your people. Thank You Lord for opening the eyes of my understanding that I may see and understand the promises that You made with our fathers and that you still honor in us today.

Lord help me to renew my mind and to fill my heart with Your Words of Your covenant to me. Help me to understand the true meaning of Your Word, Your covenant, and Your promises. Help me Lord to know how to not allow anything to separate me from Your Love, Your grace, and Your mercy unto Your children. In Jesus mighty name, I pray.

Amen.



## Chapter 4

**Do you know what happens to the tares of the world – Those who are un-Godly?**

*He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*

*As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

–Matthew 13:37-43 King James Version

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

**D**o you have ears (spiritual ears) to hear? Are you good seed or bad tares? Are you children of the wicked one, do you offend God and are you iniquity (sin) in the World or are you the righteous children of God – those who have made Jesus the Lord of their lives and live according to His Word.

Will you pass the test of fire? Will you be gathered for the fire or for heaven? Do you know ABOUT Jesus or do you really KNOW Him intimately? There is a difference you know. Is He really the Lord of your life?

It takes more than just reading about Him, to know Him. It takes making Him the Lord of your life and fellowshiping intimately with Him daily.

## **MY PRAYER...**

**F**ather, I thank You for Your Holy Word and Your covenant of promises. Father I ask that You help us to understand the difference between being good seed and being tares.

Reveal unto us, to our hearts, with revelation knowledge about how to keep Your Word planted within our hearts. Help us to know how to keep the

enemy from planting tares in us. Lord help us to keep our hearts pure and clean with Your Word.

Father I pray in the name of Jesus that the eyes of our understanding be opened and that we be filled with the knowledge of Your will and with all understanding of what Your Word means to us.

In Jesus name I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 5

**Will you be one of those arrayed in white robes?**

*And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, what are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.*

*Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.*

—Revelation 7:13-15 King James Version

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

**A**rrayed in white robes, taken out of tribulation, (out of the battle and strife) and set before the Throne of God! Can you think of anything better than that?

Because we have been washed in the Blood of the Lamb we will serve Him day and night and He will dwell among us. Glory to God, can someone shout Praise the

Lord!

What can wash away my sins?

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus!

What can make me white as snow?

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus!

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

**H**oly Father, praise the glorious Name of Jesus. Exalt His Name for evermore. Lord thank You for the robe of white that clothes me round about. For the robe of righteousness that You have clothed me with.

Thank You Lord for taking me out of the tribulations of this world and placing me high above in heavenly places with You. Thank You Lord that You have come to dwell amongst us and in us, as we are now the temple of the living God.

Thank You Lord for calling me to serve You and anointing me to do the work of Your ministry. Though I was not worthy You have Called me and have promoted me within Your Army. I thank You Lord for the privilege to serve you and for all You have given me. In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His Blood I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 6

### God's promises are always 'Yes' & 'Amen'!

*But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*

—2 Cor. 1:18-20 New King James Version

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

*None, not one of God's promises are anything but yes and amen! God does not have any "No" answers or "I'm sorry not today in His New Testament!"*

When a child of God asks Him for something according to His Word, it is always "Yes and Amen!" It may not be for right now though, it is always in His good timing not ours.

If you are hearing No after asking God for something according to His Word, you are not hearing God's answer! My question then is "Who are you hearing

from?"

You may not hear any answer if you are asking amiss, it must be according to His Word. That means you must first know His Word before you ask. Remember, His Word is His Will! And you must be walking with Him in your life.

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

**H**eavenly Father, Thank You for being my all in all.

Thank You for having nothing but good answers for me when I ask you for something.

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 answer me with Yes child and Amen daughter. In Jesus name, Father I thank You for Your loving care for me.

Amen.



## Chapter 7

### Do you have a testimony ready to share?

*In your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

–1 Peter 3:15 New International Version

#### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

We are to be ready, willing, and able to tell people about the “Good News”, the hope (“The Faith”) and the changes that Jesus has brought to our lives! To have a “Testimony” to share. After all He has made us able ministers of the Gospel (2 Cor. 3:6).

To do this we must be meditating His Word always. We must have an abundance of the Word in our hearts for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks! But when we share this hope with others, two things are very important:

Our credibility — is Jesus really Lord of our hearts and our lives — Do we walk the talk? Are we really living the life of the Christian faith in Jesus, or do we merely just

talk the talk? Do we show up for Church on Sunday and then live like the rest of the world all week?

Smoking, drinking, cursing, and carrying on as the unsaved do. As Christians, we MUST live by faith, we MUST walk the talk always! Four (4) times in God's Word He tells us the just (those who are in right standing with Him) must live by faith.

2. Our character — do we show gentleness and respect in our approach and speak in love? Are we lead by the Holy Spirit and His inner promptings when we tell others about Jesus? Or do we preach condemnation to them for the way they are? (I hope not!)

Do we tell them what is theirs already through Jesus according to the Word if they will only believe? Do we tell them that God loves them and wants them to love Him. We must preach the Gospel (the "Good News"), not the "Law". No man is justified by the Law. The goal is not to win arguments, but to win hearts and souls to Jesus!

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

**H**oly and Loving Father, thank You for sending Your grace in and through Jesus. Thank You for having Your Word (Jesus) become flesh and dwell among us. Thank You for giving us an example to live by. I'm sure I would

not have believed any other message than that of the “Good News” (the news of what Jesus had done for me!)

Father, increase in me the conviction I need to share my faith in Jesus, but in a way that reflects Your grace. Let Your Holy Spirit fall on me anew each day, just as it did on the day of Pentecost, giving me the same boldness it gave Peter that day when he stood up and preached about Jesus, and 3,000 souls were added to the church in one preaching!

Father, do in me what is necessary so that You can use me that same way. In Jesus’ name, I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 8

**Are you imitating God, Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery.**

*Be imitators of God as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

—Ephesians 5:1-2 New International Version

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

Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery you can bestow on anyone. God must have wanted us to be imitators of Him, after all He created us in His image (Gen 1:26). If we are to sincerely flatter God by being like Him, we must be prepared for the cost as well.

You see, love for God is never something that occurs just in our minds or our hearts. Love is something we do for another — it is an action.

John said in 1 John 4 that we must love in both our deeds and our words. Love means to give ourselves up — what we want, our rights, our desires — so that we can honor God and serve others. This is true 'AGAPE',

the God kind of love, not an emotional or physical love. This is a kind of love that can change the world, or a marriage, or a family, or the lost.

This is the kind of love whereby Jesus said: “and I lay down my life for the sheep.” Are you willing to lay your life down for someone, a brother, a sister, a father, or maybe a wife or husband, what about a friend or a neighbor, maybe even someone you don’t even know?

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

**A**bbba Father, I will never fully understand how You could love me so much that You would allow Your only begotten Son to die for me as my sacrifice and substitute.

Please help me love others as sacrificially as You have loved me. I know the power to do this is not within me, so please pour Your love into my heart through Your Holy Spirit so that I may share that love with others. Through Jesus, my Lord, my brother and my sacrifice, I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 9

**God is love and love needs to love to someone!**

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life, the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us, that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.*

—1 John 1:1-4 New King James Version

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

**S**ome people get the idea that God made man so He'd have someone to dominate. But God is not a dominator, He is not a cruel, punishing God either. God is love and love needs to give love to someone. That's why God made man. He made man so He could give

him His love. So man would fellowship with Him and God could be his friend!

God made man something really special, He made man in His own image. Man is made in the image and the likeness of God. He is like God, but he is not God.

He is made to have fellowship with God. But, God also gave man a free will, so he could choose for himself what to do.

God could have given His love to the angels, and He did do that to some extent. But giving to angels didn't provide God with total fulfillment.

Why? Because the angels aren't mankind, they aren't made in His image and likeness. God wants to give His love to you so that your joy may be full and overflowing. The choice is yours. Will you receive His love and then give yours in return?

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

**A**bbba Father, I will never understand how You could love me so much that You would create me in Your own image.

Or why You would chose to fellowship with me over the angels of heaven. But one thing I do know, and that is,

You love me beyond compare.

Please help me to love others as You have loved me.  
Help me Lord to be what You would have me to be. In  
Jesus name, I pray.

Amen.



## Chapter 10

### God does not reward according to our transgressions and disobedience

*Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,*

—Hebrews 2:1-3 New King James Version

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

**H**ow many of you have taken the time to think what would happen if God rewarded us according to our transgressions and disobediences? I don't really think the outcome could be called a reward, for the punishment would truly be great!

Well, that's exactly what will happen to those who neglect His salvation, who refuse to believe in Jesus. The punishment will be eternal damnation and hellfire.

But for those of us who have gladly and willingly accepted His Grace and Salvation our sins and previous disobediences have been paid for.

Jesus shed His blood for my sins and my disobediences, that I might have life and life more abundantly. Don't let your opportunity slip away, call on Jesus as your Lord today, you must do this while you are still alive in the physical body.

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

**F**aithful Father, thank You for loving me so much.

Thank You for sending Your Son to pay the price for my life.

Thank You Father, that You made a way for me where there was no way, a way to walk clear of the things of this world. A way to be forgiven of all the past deeds done. A way to boldly enter into Your Throne of Grace and receive Your Mercy. Thank You that You have given me Jesus to be the Way the Truth, and the Life to me, that I might have eternal life. In Jesus name.

Amen.

## Chapter 11

### Do you follow Jesus' example?

*In as much then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.*

—Hebrews 2:14-16 New King James Version

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

**J**esus became flesh and blood just as man had become so that He could share in what we have to go through. He came and showed us how to overcome. He defeated death, hell, and the grave as a mortal man filled with the Holy Spirit of God.

Just as you and I should be and can do! He came and showed us how to be victorious while we were still here on the earth in these mortal bodies. Yes it will all be better in the sweet by and by, but my Bible says I can

have heaven on earth now, so why wait? And notice He doesn't give aid to the angels, but to us who are of the seed of Abraham. Born again, faith believing, Holy Spirit filled Christians, who walk the talk.

Oh, but He does give His angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways. Do you call on your angels according to the Word? You can you know according to the Word of God and they will harken unto you to fulfill God's Word in our lives. Thank God for His Jesus and our angels!

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

All Mighty Father, Thank You for sending us Your Son as an example of how we were to overcome, for showing us how to be victorious. Thank You for showing us that it was a mortal man, just like myself, who full of Your Holy Spirit, subsequent to being born again, defeated the Devil, death, hell, and the grave.

Thank You Father for sending us Your Holy Spirit through Jesus. For giving us the strength through Your Holy Spirit that is within us and upon us. In the mighty name of Jesus, Lord I pray and I give You all glory and honor.

Amen.

## Chapter 12

### Have you received the Helper?

*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 believers and not the unsaved. He said He would send another Helper. A helper, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, The Holy Spirit. Notice He said you had to receive the Helper, 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? Many have not. You must receive Him by Faith. He was Jesus’ promise to all who believe!

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

Precious 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 13

### Who are you waiting for?

*So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.*

–Hebrews 9:28 New American Standard Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Who are you waiting for? There is only one who can introduce you into the Father’s presence! There is only one way into heaven and the Father’s presence, not many as some think. There is only one who can and has taken away your sin.

The Lord Jesus Christ, any other way is a dead end. Can you think of anything more exciting than to wait for Jesus to come take us home in His glory? But, that word wait doesn’t mean to sit by and do nothing until He comes. That word wait in the Greek means to look for with full expectancy, to serve and tend to His needs and desires until His return. Are you ready? Have you laid the ground work, have you done your homework? Have

you spent your time kneeling so that you can stand in good standing? Remember there is only one way to Father and that way is through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. There is only one way!

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

**M**ajestic King of the Ages, may your Kingdom come in all its fullness and glory. May every knee bow to your Son and my Lord and Savior, and may you grant that it may come to pass in our generation. I eagerly await the coming of my Lord and Savior, Jesus. In Jesus' name, I expectantly pray and prepare myself for His coming.

Amen.



## Chapter 14

### Do you walk upright with integrity?

*The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.*

—Proverbs 11:3 New King James Version

#### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

**R**emember God told Abram (Abraham), “I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.” (Gen 17:1) God was telling Abram to be upright or in today’s language to be a man of “integrity”.

God wanted to bless Abram beyond what he could comprehend, but Abram had to be a man of integrity in order for God to be able to do so.

A man who walks in perverseness or transgressions walks in the curse and will be destroyed. Not because that’s what God wants, but because it opens the door for Satan, the destroyer to come in. I believe that is what’s missing from much of our society today integrity of person, both with each other and especially before God. The world today is in such moral degradation that

integrity has been cast aside long ago. That lack of integrity is causing even greater moral degradation of the human race we see today. And it is bringing about its own destruction by opening the door for Satan and his demons to come in and do their evil deeds.

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

**M**ost Holy Father, I give you praise and glory in all things. Lord I ask you to help me, so I may know how to be a man of integrity. Lord I ask you to empower me through Your Holy Spirit to be able to walk in integrity. Father, help me to understand Your ways and Your will. Help me to walk as Jesus did when He walked on the earth among men. In the name of Your Holy Child, Jesus, I ask and I pray this.

Amen.

## Chapter 15

**The Lord shall give those who walk in integrity  
an inheritance forever!**

*The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.*

—Psalms 37:18-19 King James Version

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

**T**he Lord knows the days and the ways of the upright or those who walk in integrity before Him. The Lord shall give those who walk in integrity an inheritance forever. I didn’t say that, God did! What kind of an inheritance do you think God can give His Children? We shall never be ashamed nor shall we ever lack for anything, even during a famine.

That famine isn’t just a lack of food that is a lack of anything you would need to survive! If, we will seek Him and walk in integrity before Him, He will preserve and keep us always.” I didn’t say that, God did in His Word,

His Bible (His basic instructions before leaving earth!)

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

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

**H**oly Father, I thank You and praise You for who You are. I thank You Lord that You are a loving Father, whose only desire is to preserve and keep those who will walk upright before You. Just as You did for the father of our Faith Abraham when You made Your covenant with Him. He walked upright before You and You counted it unto him for righteousness.

Father, I thank You that I can walk upright before You and that I can be the righteousness of God through the blood of Jesus. I thank You Lord that by my faith in Jesus Christ, I am Your child and have an inheritance in the Kingdom. Father, I resist the devil, evil and all that comes from the devil, for You have given me Your promises and they keep me. In the precious name of Your Son, Jesus, I give You all praise and all glory forever.

Amen

## Chapter 16

### How do you walk in integrity before God?

*If the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.*

–Psalms 94:14-15 King James Version

#### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

If we will just walk in integrity and righteousness, with an upright heart, a heart that is pure and set on the things of God, He has promised us that He will not forsake us. That He will not cast us off, but that we shall be partakers of an inheritance and be the children of God.

I don’t know about you, but that sounds like an awesome promise to me and I want to partake of it. So how do I walk in integrity before God?

Obey His Word, always! Obey His delegated authority where ever it is and through whomever He delegates it, for ALL authority is from God. When needed I come to

Him and ask for forgiveness for transgressions, and I ask from my heart not as lip service and then I repent (make the changes necessary), He forgives me and cleanses me of all unrighteousness.

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

**F**ather God, help us to understand Your ways. Help us to understand that Your ways are not our ways. Lord, help us walk in Your ways and to set ourselves on the things that You would have us to do. Lord, strengthen us and help us to keep a pure heart through the working of Your Holy Spirit within us.

Lord, help me to be as Abraham was when You accounted it unto him for righteousness. In Jesus name I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 17

### Out of the tiniest of seeds huge trees grow!

*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*

—Galatians 6:7-8 King James Version

#### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

⓪ut of the tiniest of seeds huge trees grow! A very small acorn can produce a giant majestic oak tree over time. Whatever we sow is what we will reap.

As Creflo Dollar would say “You don’t plant corn if you want collard greens!” This principle runs true throughout all of life. It is a principal ordained by God and it controls nature.

When we sow to the flesh (or the carnal, lustful sin nature of man) by yielding to such things as alcohol, tobacco, drugs, greed, anger, pornography and other such lusts of the flesh, we will only reap the destruction

that will come from it. ("For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23) (or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23)

Take a good look at modern society today and you will see what I mean. Men with men and women with women, and trying to tell the world it's okay. It is NOT okay, it is not what God intended for us to do. Even the animals don't live like that. Why else would He have made male and female?

Adults sexually abusing children, pornography all over the internet and even cable TV. Liars, cheaters, and illegal aliens as politicians, even a president. The list just goes on and on. We cannot get completely away from the seeds we have already sown, but we can control what seeds we will sow in the future.

We can control our future harvest. It is possible to uproot the seeds before they sprout, if you will turn to God and His Word.

So let's not fool ourselves by trying to do a "snow job" on God. He knows what you are sowing, just like you know what you are sowing. If you're sitting in front of the 'boob tube' all evening instead of meditating the Word guess what your harvest is going to be? Ever wonder why they call the television the 'boob tube'? Seek first the Kingdom of God. Sow to the spirit and spiritual things instead of to the flesh, and you will reap



eternal life.

Yes, those things of the flesh seem pleasant and fun to do, BUT it is only for a little while and then there is a price to pay. If it's not of faith in the things of God, it's sin. Sin, when mature produces death.

Let's make sure the seeds we sow are the ones we want sprouting up later! Remember God SEES and HEARS all that you do and say and He even knows what is in your heart!

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

**H**eavenly Father, God who lived before creation and who will be the Great "I AM" when time is no more, help me to sow seeds in my life that will bear eternal fruit.

Let Your Spirit guide and teach me to sow to the spirit and to avoid those seeds that are carnal and lead to destruction.

I know that I cannot accomplish this on my own, I know that I need You and Your Spirit to help and guide me every step of the way.

So Father, I ask You to fill me afresh each day with Your precious Holy Spirit that I may be endued with power

from on High to accomplish that which I cannot of myself do.

Through Jesus, who died and was buried and rose on high so that I might have life and it might forever flow forth from me by the power of the Holy Spirit within me. My Lord and my Savior, in Jesus name I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 18

**Freedom, that precious, coveted condition in life.**

*Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

—John 8:31-32 King James Version

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

There are few things in life more coveted than freedom. People have died for it throughout history, are doing it today, and will continue to do so in the future. People pray for it. People strive for it. But true freedom comes from knowing the truth.

Knowing the truth only comes by living in obedience to Jesus and the Word. By knowing, understanding, and living by the very Word of God. Truth is not something you merely think about or believe. Truth is something you do, something you live. Jesus’ teachings always end with the exclamation: Blessed are you who do these

things! Jesus made it so simple and easy to understand, how can you not know what He meant. Only by doing what He told us to do will we ever know the truth that liberates us. You can hear about it, you can read about it, you can even see it, but until you do it for yourself and it gets into your very heart, you will not experience the truth that sets you free.

That truth is the Word of God! Until you know Jesus Christ and Him crucified for you, you cannot experience true truth!

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

To the only true God be glory, honor, power, and praise. Father, I seek not only Your presence in my daily life, but also Your pleasure and Your will in the choices I make. Please continue to teach me more of Your truth as I pledge and strive to live every day in obedience to Your Word and Your will.

Father, help me to be a doer and not just a hearer. Let Your Holy Spirit fill me fresh each day with the power necessary to do the things You have called me to do. Through Jesus the living Word I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 19

**I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you!**

*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 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 20

### Have you been disciplined recently by God?

*And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.*

*If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline from the Lord), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.*

—Hebrews 12:5-6, 8 New International Version

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

Even our natural fathers disciplined us, why should we expect any less from our Heavenly Father. This does NOT mean God is a cruel mean ogre! It only means He wants the best for you because He loves you.

I want to know my Father loves me, I want to know I have been made His son. Because if I am not His son and He is not disciplining me then whose son am I? There is only one other possibility and that is the Devil as a father, and I for one don't want that.

Remember Jesus told the Pharisees: “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. “(John 8:44) Whose son/daughter are you?

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

**M**ost Holy God, I give You praise and glory forever. Father I thank You for Your discipline and Your love, for Your correction and chastisement. I thank You Lord that those whom You love and accept as sons, You correct. I want to be corrected by You, so that I am doing the things You would have me to do.

Lord I accept Your correction and Your rebukes when necessary, but I also cherish and receive Your Fatherly love. For You do not rebuke without also sending love. In the mighty name of Jesus, Father, I give You praise and glory forever.

Amen.



## Chapter 21

### Is God at work in you?

*He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

—Philippians 1:6 New International Version

#### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S MANNA:

God made the world in 6 days using His Word and His Faith. Now He sustains the world He made with the power of His Word and His Faith.

His Word is sufficient to cast out even demons, to hold the heavens in balance and to care for all of His Children. But in each of us, He is still at work and will continue to work in and through us to His glory until Christ comes back to take His Church (us = the Children of God who have made Jesus their Lord) home!

Until then, God is still at work in us changing, building, and perfecting our character and image until we are the perfect image of Him when Christ returns for His Church. Is His Word working in You?

**MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:**

**T**hank you Father, for being at work in my life. I confess that at times You seem distant, but looking back over the crucial moments where things were held in the balance in my life, I can see Your fingerprints and Your grace leading me to where I am today.

I can see Your footprints where You carried me when I couldn't walk on my own. Please make Your presence more powerfully known in my life as I seek Your will and as I seek to live for Your glory. Through Jesus I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 22

### Is someone stealing from you?

*The thief does not come EXCEPT to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.*

–John 10:10-11 New King James Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

**H**ow many of you have had someone try to steal the Word from you by telling you that there are other ways to know God? They claim “we’re all trying to get to the same place, we just have different ways of getting there.”

Or how about this one: “Well you know God doesn’t heal everyone!” That’s NOT what my Bible says. My Bible says He healed them ALL. (Matt. 4:24, 12:15; Luke 4:40, 6:19)

No, these others are thieves, sent by the devil who is, trying to steal, kill, and destroy you. These are those who have been deceived by the oldest deceiver of all,

Satan himself! Some of them might even be setting beside you in Church or claim they are Christians going to church somewhere else.

A Christian is Christ like and knows the voice of the Lord. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep, and am known by my own." John 10:14.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:" John 10:27

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: NO ONE comes to the Father, except through Me." John 14:6.

There is NO other way to the Father and eternal life in Heaven except through JESUS! I didn't say that, the Word of God (Jesus) said that!

Guard yourself from the deceivers in this world. They are everywhere and are in disguise. Make sure what you are hearing passes the filter test of the Word of God!

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

**F**aithful Father, thank You for loving me so much. Thank You for sending Your only begotten Son to die for me, to take my place on the cross. Thank You Father, that You made a way for me where there was no way.

Thank You that You have given me Jesus to be the Way  
the Truth, and the Life to me and to this dying world.  
Father, help us to have ears to hear and eyes to see and  
the wisdom to discern when the thief tries to come and  
steal from us.

Father, I pray Lord for those who have been lied to that  
You will reveal the truth unto them in a way that they  
cannot deny it. Thank You Lord for Your everlasting  
Mercy.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

## Chapter 23

### Have you found the 'Secret Place' with God?

*Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,  
Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall  
befall you, nor shall any plague come near your  
dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you,  
to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall  
bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

—Psalm 91:9-12 New King James Version

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

*H*ave you made El Elyown, the "Most High God", your dwelling place? Do you dwell (live and abide) in the secret place of the Most High God?

God must be your Lord, your 'FIRST LOVE', read these verses slowly and carefully, look closely at them, meditate them over and over.

My God is THE Most High God, The only true God, and if you make Him your dwelling place look at what He says He'll do for you! No evil shall befall you, no plague shall come near your dwelling, He shall give His angels charge

over you, so that you won't even stub your toe on a rock!

Man that is awesome, He's an AWESOME GOD, HE IS A MIGHTY GOD. But have you ever thought to ask Him to protect you from evil? To place His angels over you and your family? Have you ever commanded His angels to do His Word?

Do you ever thank Him that no plague can come near your dwelling? Because He is your refuge.

You have His promises as long as you do your part. Covenant means each party has something they must do, yours is to make Him your dwelling place and the Lord of your life. To let Him lead and guide you in ALL that do and say.

You must be born again of God and you must keep His Word.

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

**M**ost High God, I thank You that I can always abide in the comfort and safety of your "Secret Place".

Lord I thank You that as I abide in Your shadow and under Your grace and mercy that you allow no evil to befall me.

Lord I thank You that I can ask for and expect from you that no plague will come near my dwelling(s), that You will give Your angels charge over me and my loved ones.

Precious Father, I know that Your angels are at work in my life day by day and that the power of Your Holy Spirit strengthens me and helps me walk in a way that is pleasing in Your sight. In Jesus' name, Father I thank You for Your protection and Your angels who watch over me.

Amen.



## Chapter 24

### Do you know what God has prepared for you?

*As it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.*

–1 Corinthians 2:9 New International Version

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

Many of the things we anticipate and dream about are much less glorious in real life than they were in our imaginations. There is one event, however, that is better than we can imagine and is beyond our wildest dreams. When Jesus returns to take us home to the mansion He has prepared for us in our Father's house, it will be far better than we can ever ask, imagine, dream or think of.

We have no real concept of just what He has prepared for us. But, we also have no concept of what He has prepared for us right here, right now, on earth! Did He not say in Matt 6:10: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." We are to have here

on earth now, what we would have in Heaven also! Jesus said that not me. He has called us to serve Him, to wait on Him and to finish the work He started here on earth. Have you answered the phone or are you just letting it ring? Have you checked your voice mail lately, perhaps you missed the call because you were too busy with everyday life.

Come Lord Jesus! I will go for You!

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

**A**bbba Father, thank You for knowing me before time began. Thank You for crafting me while I was still in my mother's womb. Thank You for sending Jesus to redeem me from the curse and pay the price for my sins. And thank You in advance, Father, for the day Jesus comes to take me home to be with You forever. But in the meantime Lord, I ask that You begin to show me what You have prepared for me here and now. I want to go for You now Lord and do what You have called me to do. I will answer the call Lord, I'll pick up the phone. I know You're on the "Main Line".

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

Amen.

## Chapter 25

### Have you lost your life to Jesus yet?

*Jesus said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.*

–Luke 9:23-24 New International Version

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

So many times when I've tried to talk with people about giving their lives to Jesus this is what I hear: "I've just got to find myself first", or "I've just got to get my life together", or "I've just got to get myself cleaned up, then I will be able to follow Jesus." Got news for you, it won't ever happen that way!

We can NOT "find ourselves, or our life" by pursuing it. We find it by losing it to the calling of Jesus, one greater than ourselves. We can NOT get it together or clean ourselves up without His help and His power working in our lives. Jesus never told anyone to go get cleaned up and get your life together and then follow me. No, He

just said “come follow me.” We find our life by taking on the work of His Kingdom.

We lose our life to Him and He puts His life into us and the new life we live is Him in us. We get ourselves together and cleaned up by letting Him take control of our lives and letting His Holy Spirit work in our lives.

Anything else is just a work of the flesh and will not endure for very long at all. Just surrender, it’s much easier!

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

**C**reator, Master and Maker of all that lives and breathes, take my life and every breath I breathe and use it for Your glory. Change me Lord, let your Holy Spirit work in my life. May my life become as clay in the Master Potter’s hands as Your Holy Spirit works upon my life. May all that I do in life be to the glory of Your Kingdom. In Jesus name I offer you this prayer.

Amen.

## Chapter 26

**He said it in His Word, we need to believe it!**

*Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;*

–Psalms 103:1-3 King James Version

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

**H**e said it in His Word, we need to believe it. I have forgiven you, I have healed you, I will cause you to prosper and gain wealth. Actually that’s pretty straight forward. Why is it so hard to believe? He said in Exodus 15:26 “for I am the LORD that healeth thee.”

In Nehemiah 2:20 “The God of heaven, he will prosper us;” In Luke 6:38 “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom...”

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

**H**oly Father, I thank You for making me one of Your children, for forgiving my transgressions and my iniquities. But father, You also said that You healed me of my diseases.

Father, help me to understand that You have already done this, that it is not something You might do in the future.

You also said you would prosper me and everything that I set my hand to. Father, help me to increase my faith and to receive that which You have already so graciously provided through Your Son, Jesus. In Jesus name I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 27

**Humble yourselves. That sounds ridiculous, why would I want to humble myself?**

*Humble yourselves [feeling very insignificant] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up and make your lives significant].*

–James 4:10 Amplified Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

**H**umble yourselves. That sounds ridiculous, why would I want to humble myself? At least to the world and those that believe “get ahead at all cost” and “don’t look back, the competition is gaining on you” it sounds ridiculous. But, humility is a forgotten virtue. Being humble doesn’t mean crawling off in the corner and letting the world walk all over you. Often confused with weakness or timidity, humility is about knowing your proper place in the spirit realm of God and in the world without flaunting it.

Would you rather fall on the rock and be broken or have The Rock fall on you and crush you into many little

pieces? Only God can exalt us in a permanent way, so the key is to know our place before Him and let Him put us in the place He chooses in order to bring honor to Him. Jesus said, "If any man DESIRE to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." (Mark 9:35) That's humbling yourself. I had no desire to be a pastor, but God decided to put me in that position because it pleased Him.

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

**A**bbba Father, Most Holy God, thank You for allowing me into Your presence. When I think of all that You have done, the incredible universe You have made and hold together by Your Word, I am amazed that You would invite me into Your presence and care about my needs.

I am in awe knowing You have a plan for my life that would please You. Help me this day to know my place in Your courts and Your presence. Help me to glorify You in what I do and say from this day forth. Let Your Holy Spirit lead and guide me in all things. Teaching me Your will and Your ways as we go.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.



## Chapter 28

### God is faithful and keeps His Word!

*The Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.*

–Deuteronomy 7:9 New International Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

God is faithful and His covenant is a covenant of love not of hate or anger. The devil would love for you to think that God is a god of hate and anger toward you.

No, God is a good God, He will not forsake us, but rather He will treat us better than we deserve. A covenant established with Abraham 430 years before the “Mosaic Law” (the core of which is the Ten Commandments) was given to Moses.

A covenant that the “Law” could not and did not replace, but rather the “Law” only served as our guide & teacher unto Jesus. Just as any loving parent treats even a rebellious child better than they deserve, the only requirement to receive this covenant of love is that our

hearts must be tuned to love and honor God as God.

He only asks that we love Him and Keep His commandments, do what He said to do in His Word, daily.

We must not think of Him as just a good luck charm or a weekly guest into our otherwise busy lives. What we do must be done in awareness that it is done before His eyes and must be done for Him!

Everything we do must bring Glory and honor to Him as God. Remember this, God hears and sees what you do all the time, not just when you are praying or when you are in church. He even knows the thoughts of your heart!

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

**F**ather God, help us to understand Your ways. Help us to understand that You are not the one who brings evil or bad things upon us.

You are the one who will deliver us out of such things. You are He who will turn back our enemies and cause them to flee seven ways. For all good and perfect things come down from the Father of light.

Thank You for the way You preserved Your promises to

the Israelites and brought Jesus just as You promised. I trust Your promise to send Him back to bring me home to You.

Please receive the deeds and words of this day as my thanks to You for Your covenant of love with me. Lord, help me to increase the effectiveness of my faith. In the name of Your Holy Child, Jesus, I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 29

### Do you begin each new day with God?

*These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

–Deuteronomy 6:7 New International Version

### THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

**W**e should begin each new day with God. Time should be spent first with God before we ever venture out into the world around us. Remember we are in the world, but we are not of it! Every breath we take should be a powerful reminder that He has granted us another day of life to serve Him, that it is He who sustains our very life. Every beat of our heart should seem as though God Himself were there causing it to beat (because He is.) It should be a reminder of His love for us. These simple blessings are so easily forgotten. We best remember to teach His ways to our children, to show them, and live them with and before our children

always. We must be examples to our children, especially you fathers, for you are head of the family just as Jesus is Head of the church.

Ask yourself this question: “Am I teaching them the ways of God or the ways of the world?” “Would Jesus do this if He were here?”

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

**A**lmighty God, Gracious Sustainer, and Undeserved Friend, thank You! Thank You Lord for this breath I take and for the heartbeat that sustains my life.

Make me aware Lord as I travel, talk, rest, and work that You are the reason I live and that You are worthy of my very intentional best. Help me Lord to never forget to lift my voice in praise to You at all times. Through Jesus, my gracious sacrifice I pray.

Amen.

## Chapter 30

**Have you received the divine nature of God Himself according to His Word?**

*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

–2 Peter 1:4 King James Version

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

God made us in His image, character and holiness. We are called to participate in the divine nature of God Himself according to His Word.

He has promised that if we have died with Christ in baptism, then we have then been seated in heavenly places with Christ by His Spirit.

We are assured that we will escape the corruption and destruction destined for the world. He is not a respecter of persons. His promises are sure. He does not lie nor change His mind. But, the condition to receiving these promises is this: If we will hearken unto His Word and

follow it wholeheartedly, always, everyday, all day, then we will reap the Promises He has made to us!

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

**A**lmighty God, my Everlasting Fortress, thank You for giving me Your great and precious promises.

Help me Lord to understand them and to walk them out in my life. I long to know You more fully and be able to see Your face today, just as I believe I will one day.

Thank You for giving me the means to protect myself and my heart from this world's corruption. Lord, help me by Your Holy Spirit to walk in the spirit and not in the flesh. Lord help to manifest the fruits of the Spirit in my life. In all love and appreciation I pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

## About The Author

Pastor Duane was born in Adrian, Michigan in 1950. He was raised in an essentially non-Christian home. But at the age of 7 he was taken to a vacation Salvation Army Bible School by an older cousin. Duane went on to reject the Gospel of Jesus and to live his life apart from God and the Bible until the age of 47 when he gave his life to Jesus.

While at work one day he cried out to God and as he did he was genuinely Born Again and filled with the Holy Spirit. Since then he has prayed for many to be saved, baptized with the Holy Spirit, and healed in their bodies.

Duane studied the Bible for four years in his senior pastor's Bible school, Liberty Bible Institute of Word & Spirit Church in Bremerton, WA. He completed his Bachelors in Church Ministry and his Masters in Biblical Studies from The Sure Foundation Theological Institute and recently completed his PHD in Theology from the Institute.

He is currently the Associate Pastor of Word & Spirit Church in Bremerton, Washington where he assists his senior pastor with the pastoral duties. Duane is gifted to teach a



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He has been on 2 mission trips to Africa with his senior pastor and one mission trip to the Philippines accompanied by his wife Laura of 43 years.