

A person is seen from behind, sitting on a tractor and holding a long pole with a flag at the top. The tractor is on a road that curves to the right. The background is a hazy, overcast sky.

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*Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."
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Foreword

Daily Manna For Your Spirit Volume 2

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

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

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

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

Bob Farmer

TODAY'S MANNA

Chapter 1: What do you do when you are tempted?

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

James 1:12-14 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

*N*otice it doesn't say if he is tempted, but "when he is tempted." God knows we will be tempted, but we have to know that God doesn't do the tempting! It says so right there in His Word. We, through our own lusts and desires open the door for temptation. And guess who is standing there at the open door ready to come in and deliver that temptation that we ordered. That's right, Satan is there immediately to offer up his temptation to us.

Even Jesus Himself was tempted in the wilderness by Satan! Do you think you won't be? We are to endure through that temptation, but how do we endure?

We endure through the promises of God and His Word. Remember what Jesus said to Satan in the wilderness, "It is written..." We must know God's Word if we are to endure temptation and we must apply God's Word to our lives.

2 Cor. 10:5 says this: "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

We must allow the Word of God to control our temptations and our thoughts. That's exactly what Jesus did when He was tempted - "It is written..."

MY PRAYER...

Father God, give me revelation knowledge of Your Word each day as I read and speak it. Open the eyes of my understanding that I may see the true meaning of Your Word. Reveal unto me the mysteries hidden there in. Father, help me to be able to stand and to endure when temptation comes.

I know that I cannot by myself endure, but all things are possible to him who believes on Jesus. In Jesus mighty name, I pray. Amen

Chapter 2: Has temptation taken control of you?

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1 Tim 6:9-10 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Temptation comes in many forms, but the most common in this country (USA) is that of seeking riches. We are so caught up in having the very best of everything that we have forgotten our first love, we have forgotten who has made us what we are, Jesus. The Bible didn't say the money or riches itself or even having money was evil, it said the love of or the lust for it is the root of all evil.

The Word does NOT say that money is evil, It does not say that you can't have money or even that you can't be rich. It says it is the lust, the overpowering desire, or greed for money that is evil.

There is nothing in the Word that says Christians must be poor! In fact, my Father owns the cattle on a thousand hills – that does not sound poor to me. It says that this love or lust for money will open the door for the greatest tempter there is to come and tempt you and steal from you.

You have strayed from the Faith when you lust for money. It's okay to have it, just not to lust for it. It's time to get your eyes back on Jesus and have faith in Him, remember who gave us the ability to get wealth. God said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

What things was he talking about? What to eat, what to drink, what to wear, the things we need in life, etc. So we won't have to lust for money. (Phil 4:19 KJV)

But my God shall supply ALL your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. What part of ALL don't you understand?

MY PRAYER...

Father, I thank You for Your Holy Word. I thank You Lord that for every temptation, trial, or test that comes our way, You have an answer, a way of escape. You do bring the temptation, but you provide a way for us to

escape it. You have given us through Your Word everything we need for this life if we will only hear it and obey it.

Thank You Lord that You know all of our needs and You promised to meet them if only we would seek You and Your righteousness first.

Help me Lord, to make my life a reflection of Your Word. To live my life like Jesus did, who both proclaimed and lived Your truth. In Jesus mighty name, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 3: Are you using the right door?

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

John 10:7-9 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Jesus makes it pretty clear that He and He alone is the door through which we must enter.

That all those others (cults, the occult, Wicca, New Age, Harry Potter type things, religions and religious type doctrines, professing Godliness but lacking fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ) are but thieves and robbers trying to steal away our salvation.

There are many who even try to call themselves Christian religions, but without that fellowship with Jesus, without making Him their Lord, they are not and can NOT be Christian. They may know about God and Jesus, but do NOT KNOW HIM personally. You must

believe in and confess Jesus as your Lord to be a Christian, for by no other name shall man be saved than that of the Lord Jesus!

There are NOT many ways to get to Heaven or to come to God as some like to profess. They are liars and of the devil himself. There is ONE God, ONE Heaven, and ONE Way, the Lord Jesus. Everything else is false. I didn't say it, the Bible did.

MY PRAYER...

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, I confess that sometimes I forget who to listen to. That I forget to reach for Your opportunities and Your concerns. To press into the things of God through fellowship with Jesus.

Lord change my heart into a heart that yearns to live life in all its fullness by seeking after Your will, Jesus' example, and the Holy Spirit's leading in my decisions today and always.


God help me to increase my fellowship with You through my fellowship with Your holy Son Jesus more every day. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Chapter 4: Are you eating the right kind of food?

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:35 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

 Our physical bodies crave and need food at regular intervals throughout the day in order to maintain our physical health and well-being. But sometimes we allow food to totally occupy our thoughts and fill up our activities during those times and sometimes we let food occupy our thoughts when we shouldn't. Because deep in our soul, in our spirit-man there is a hunger also, a spiritual hunger that cannot be filled or satisfied by food, drink, or other chemical substances (drugs and alcohol).

This hunger is the desire pre-programmed into us by our Creator, placed there when He knit us together in our mother's womb. Many will try and satisfy this spiritual hunger with the wrong kind of spirit(s). They will seek after the occult and the things of the evil (that which is of the devil). It will seem that this satisfies that

spiritual hunger at first.

This is because the devil is a liar, but eventually you will find that the spiritual hunger is still there. This hunger of our spirit can only be satisfied by fellowship with Jesus, with God, and with the Holy Spirit.

We need to satisfy this hunger for Jesus by feeding on Him and His Word, by having a personal relationship with Him on a daily basis. By spending time with Him in prayer and meditating His Word daily.

The physical body feeds almost constantly - shouldn't your spirit also, after all we ARE a spirit that only lives temporarily in this fleshly body. Remember our spirit lives forever.

MY PRAYER...

Father, thank You for Your Son Jesus. Give me today, my Daily Bread, that I may find life in all His fullness. Help me Lord to spend time with You and Your Word and help me Lord to have revelation knowledge of what I meditate and read in Your Word so that I may become more intimate with You. Precious Lord, Jesus my Savior and brother, fill me and touch me with Your presence so that I can serve You by blessing those around me with Your grace. Amen.

Chapter 5: Have you humbled yourself before God?

*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to
be equal with God:*

*But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him
the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of
men:*

*And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled
himself, and became obedient unto death, even the
death of the cross.*

Philippians 2:5-8 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Jesus, became as a man (John 1:14), became a servant, emptied Himself of any reputation, and then humbled Himself to the will of God. Thank God that Jesus was willing to make Himself humble and to be obedient to the will of God. His self-emptying humility, the fact that it was stark, bold, drastic, and outrageous, but the will of God, bought for us a precious salvation from God. But we are to have this same attitude when it comes to reaching the lost and loving God's children

(our brothers and sisters in the Lord). We have to be willing to lay down our lives, to humble ourselves, to be obedient to His calling.

We are His hands, feet, and mouth, His spokesperson here on the earth! Have you touched someone for God today? Does the world see Jesus and the Father when they look on you, or do they just see you?

MY PRAYER...

Father, You are all-powerful and yet You emptied Yourself to become a man just like me in order to redeem me. In order to show me the way by being my example. Help me to be more selfless in my attitude and treatment of others, like Jesus was with me.

Father, give me the want to, the will to, and the power to become as Jesus was when He walked this earth. I know that I can not do this in my own strength.

In His name, the name of Jesus, I pray. Father, I remind You that You said in Your Word whatever I asked in the Name of Jesus, that You would do. Hear my prayer Lord and answer it in Jesus Name. Amen.

Chapter 6: Do you know how to encourage one and another?

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

We need to really take note of what Paul is saying here. We live in an age where we are constantly pressured to emphasize the novel, new, or improved versions of things.

They've outlawed the Word of God in our schools and instead teach the "New Age" movement or 'Harry Potter' witchcraft and that's okay? This 'New Age' is really nothing more than a fancy name for the 'occult' or witchcraft if you will. They won't allow the reading of the Bible in school, but they will assign our children to do book reviews of witchcraft (Harry Potter series)!

They won't allow us to pray in school, but they will encourage the learning of chants and incantations from so called "New Age" teachings (Witchcraft). It seems they have forgotten the very thing this country

(America) was founded on, Christianity! It was NOT just freedom of religion, it was freedom to practice Christianity that we were founded on.

READ Your History (if you can find a correct history book anymore) find a copy of the Mayflower Compact and read what our founders had to say about their new colony. The separation of Church and state that our forefathers meant in the Constitution was not allowing the 'state' to control our church!

It was the freedom to practice Christianity according to the Bible not according to the King's way!

In our lives as Christians, we need to remind each other of what we should be doing according to God's Word. We need to keep encouraging each other in the Faith, prodding and pushing each other to new and exciting things in God. From Glory to Glory!

We need to have our Christianity heard in our government as loud and as much as the immoral views are heard.

MY PRAYER...

Faithful Father, thank You for noticing and keeping record of the things I've done that are good and pleasing to You.

Please help me to keep doing those things that please You, only to do them better, that You may be pleased and glorified. Help me to encourage the Brethren as we all make our walk of Faith with You.

Help us Lord to heal our country and return it to the state in which it was intended before You. In Jesus name. Amen.

Chapter 7: Do you live by God's one rule?

The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13:9-10 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Wouldn't it be great if we didn't have to have laws to keep people in line! That's the point behind Paul's message here. Treat our neighbors as we would like to be treated. Love them as we like to be loved.

Using God's type of Love (AGAPE-Love without conditions) not physical love. If we do that, then we're not going to do anything that would hurt them, much less violate a command of the law, God's or man's. Do that and we fulfill the Law of God.

MY PRAYER...

Father God, who gave the Law on tablets of stone to Moses, please write Your character and will on my heart so I might be a living stone, testifying to Your Almighty Righteousness, Your Mercy, and Your Grace.

Help me to think more carefully about how my neighbors feel before I act or react to them from this day forward. Help me Lord to exhibit Your love in all I do and say.

Help me Lord to have integrity before both You and my neighbors. Through your Holy Son, Jesus, I pray. Amen

Chapter 8: Are you willing and obedient?

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Isaiah 1:18-20 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

When things have gone wrong and you are walking in sin the Lord says: "Come now, and let us reason together...", in other words let's talk about this. Talk to me says the Lord our God, ask me and I will not only forgive your sins, but I the Lord your God will cleanse you white as snow, I will remove your sins.

Now comes the conditions though; you must be willing and obedient. Willing and obedient to what? To change and do what God tells you (in His Word) and to do it His way not yours.

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, every good thing I have in my life has come from or because of You. I can never thank You or praise You enough for rearranging my life so that it will begin and end in You.

You have truly washed away my sin and made me whole again through Jesus. I give my life to You now and I will strive to do Your will from this day forward. By the power of Your Holy Spirit I ask you to strengthen me and help me to do your will. In Jesus mighty name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 9: Do you know how and do you regularly praise God?

***P**ours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.*

1 Chronicles 29:11 New International Version


THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Praise is letting God know we recognize Him for who He is, what He has done, and what He is doing. But more than informing God of His greatness, praise is rejoicing before Him in His greatness and recognizing that not only is His grace and wonderful mercy without comparison, His majesty and Might and Holiness and Faithfulness and Righteousness and Love and Forgiveness and Justice and, and, and are without comparison.

Praise is thankful celebration that He is God in our lives even when things around us are a mess.

Praise is our thankful appreciation that even more importantly He is our God and that we are His Children.

MY PRAYER...

reat and Gracious God without comparison, You are truly worthy of my best praise and best thoughts and best imaginings.

I give you ALL praise and ALL glory as I humbly submit myself to You, I rejoice that You are who You are, I celebrate in what You have done, and long for what You are yet to do. I know that all god things come down from the Father of light and that You only do good things for Your children.

You are magnificent, my Father and my God. Through Jesus, and His matchless love, I praise you. Amen.

Chapter 10: Are you called by the name of God?

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

I first I want you all to notice who God is talking about here. His people, Christians, not the people of the world who are still lost & without hope & without God. They couldn't even humble themselves and pray even if they wanted to - they don't know how and they don't have the fellowship yet with Him for Him to hear their prayers. Besides why should they care.

Our country's moral ethics are at the lowest I've ever seen, and they are still in a downward spiral. They must be approaching that which was in the days of Noah!

Remember Sodom and Gomorrah? We're headed to the same end as they had. And that can only mean we are very near the end of time as we know it.

Along with the morals being in such a decadent state look at our economic situation. And even now our

government is trying to turn us into a socialist country. Corrupt presidential elections, the 2012 election was rigged and fixed so that the democrats won, regardless of how the general public really voted, not what the people wanted! More like an election in South Africa!

Let us not forget what God did to the world in the days of Noah, He can do again. Are we about to see a cleansing of the earth again? And that can only mean we are very near the end.

Let us, as children of the Most High God, get before our God and ask His forgiveness for this country, He said "My people" - not the worldly people.

Humility is not our culture's biggest asset or our most desired character quality. But humility is what is demanded by God not so much because it's commanded (though that would be enough), but because without it he doesn't even hear our prayers.

Every year brings another wave of major failures in morality, character, and spirituality to this nation.

Rather than progressing as a culture, we find ourselves regressing, though most do not think so. Every day the news is full of more stories that show our morality is in deep decay, it is in a death spiral going down.

Child molestation, adultery, gay and lesbian activity and all the other types of immorality that does NOT belong in this people let alone in His Church. And that can only

mean we are very near the end.

It is time that those who are called by His name (those who call themselves Christians), humble themselves before Him, ask forgiveness through prayer, and then really do change.

Being humble is not being poor and weak. Being humble is knowing when and how to get on your face before God and cry out to Him for help, knowing that you cannot do anything for yourself without Him.

So let's get humble and call upon the Lord for help for this nation and not only ours but all nations! It's time that we as Christians are heard just as loud as those who are trying intimidate us into their ways!

We have just as much right to our beliefs as they do theirs, in fact even more since ours are (should be anyway) God's beliefs!

I ask all who read this to truly search your hearts and then with all your heart to pray this prayer from your heart both for yourself and for this country of ours and especially for all of our Military members wherever they may be today. Without our military being where they are and doing what they are doing this nation would NOT be free today!

MY PRAYER...

Holy and Almighty Father God, Your deeds are awesome, Your faithfulness is overwhelming, and Your mercy and grace are unwarranted yet very welcome. I come to You knowing that You hear me, despite the incredible distance between You and I, between Your worth and holiness and my lack.

I confess that I, and my culture and the country around me have made a mess of what You so wonderfully blessed us with. I come humbly asking that You reassert Yourself in our nation and in our precious land in clearly recognizable ways. That You would heal our land as you said you would. That you would show those who are without You who You are and how they are wrong.

Father, that You place Your Holy angels around our military and that You show them things to come before they happen.

That you would foil the enemy's plans against our military and expose them on every front. Lord and Father I pray that You would send laborers into the harvest while the harvest is still ripe.

That You give us strength where we are weak and make us strong through Jesus to be what You would have us to be and to do what You would have us to do. I ask this in faith through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Chapter 11: Have you ever given any thought to what the beginning of the Earth was?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.

John 1:1-3 King James Version

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

Have you ever given any thought to what the beginning was? Before there was anything that we know of, The Word WAS!

The Word was with God in the beginning and He was God, in the beginning the Word was whatever God spoke! The Word was not already written down somewhere on scrolls or tablets. God spoke forth the Word and what He spoke came into existence.

The faith filled Word-seed that God spoke went forth and the Holy Spirit acted upon it and the supernatural power of God caused something to happen in the natural realm.

It wasn't some 'Big Bang' as science theory tries to proclaim. The Bible also says that nothing that was made came about without Him (the Word). Verse 2 says the same was with God in the beginning.

The Greek word used here is "houtos" G3778 in the Strong's Concordance and it's possible meanings are: the he (she or it), -he (it was that), hereof, it, she, such as, the same, these, they, this (man, same, woman), which, who. Notice the Greek implies a person.

This same ("houtos", the He), the Word, was with God in the beginning. Now let's jump ahead and look at verse 14 of John 1 and see who this "houtos" was.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Praise God, Jesus (the Word) was with God in the beginning, it was He Who formed the worlds, because He was the Word!

And now God has given us His Word by divine inspiration through holy men of old, written down, to guide us each and every day. Because He wanted His Word with us always.

MY PRAYER...

Heavenly Father, I pray that You will reveal unto Your people the true image of Jesus, the truth of who He really is.

That You would fill our hearts with the knowledge and truth of Your Word as we read and meditate on it.

That You would quicken that Word within our spirits that we might be alive unto You even as Jesus was in the beginning.

Father help us to become as living Word unto You. Help us to be what You would have us to be, and to do what You would have us to do on this earth as we complete the ministry given us here on earth. In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 12: Can you come boldly into the Throne Room of God?

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

Hebrews 10:19 King James Version

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

God says here in His Word that we are to have boldness to be able to enter into the Holiest of Holies. In the Old Testament only the Head Priest, and then only after much sacrificing could he even dare to enter the Holy of Holies. And he always had a rope tied around his ankle so they could pull his body out if he was struck dead. But the reason for our boldness is not our works or our holiness, instead we are to come boldly based on what the Blood of Jesus has done for us. Jesus was our sacrifice to God and He was the perfect complete sacrifice! It's the power of His Blood having cleansed us of all unrighteousness that allows us to come boldly before God's throne of grace and mercy, not any works that we could ever do. The Blood that was shed ONCE for ALL sin and placed upon the heavenly altar of God a sacrifice for us. And now we can come boldly before the throne of God whenever we wish.

What can wash away my sins?

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus!

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus!

MY PRAYER...

Precious and Mighty Father, thank You for access into Your Holiest of Holies. Thank You Father that by Your mercy and grace, through the Blood of Your son Jesus, I can come boldly before Your Throne of Grace. Thank You Lord God that though I was once unworthy and unrighteous, You have cleansed me and made me the righteousness of God through the precious Blood of my Lord Jesus. I thank You Father that Jesus has paid the full price for me and that I have been bought by His precious Blood. I thank You Father that You only look at me through the Blood of Jesus. In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His Blood I pray. Amen.

Chapter 13: Do you ever wonder what you need to wear to that special meeting?

As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Do you ever wonder what you need to wear to that special meeting? Paul reminds us that we have a set of clothing that is always in style no matter what the meeting or with who. We wear this clothing because we are God's special people, a chosen people. This clothing is from the "Ultimate Designer's" collection and is called 'God's Character' and is best worn when we are with and around other people.

These qualities are hard to wear, but always a blessing to those who meet us when we're decked out in His wardrobe. This is the Robes of Righteousness given us through the blood of Jesus. Wear them proudly, but with humility and meekness.

MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, thank You for bringing me into Your family. May I never disappoint You in the way I treat others.


May they see in me the qualities of character that can only be attributed to Your presence in my life. Father thank You for giving me Your Robes of Righteousness, may I wear them in a manner worthy of You. To You be the glory and the honor, forever and ever, through Jesus my Lord. Amen.

Chapter 14: Do you have control of your mind, your thoughts?

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things.

Philippians 4:8 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

 Our actions follow our thoughts just like a heat-seeking missile follows the hot exhaust of a jet fighter plane's engine. Therefore we must be very careful what it is that we are thinking on. God's Word says take no thought saying.

There is a very good reason for that, if our actions follow our thoughts, then we must be careful what we think on and then speak on. That means that when you speak something you have taken a thought and put it into action.

Our words create a power that will bring to pass an action, be it good or bad depending on what was spoken. So in a day and age when so much of the things around us distract us, fills our minds, and trains us to find and dwell on the negative in life, we must

aggressively think and pursue the character, the qualities, and the things of life that Jesus teaches us about and that He patterned His Life after.

We must learn to get our focus off the negative things of this world and onto the positive things of Jesus in our life and in the promises of God for us. They're ours, He has already given them to us!

We need to make sure that every word that comes forth out our mouths lines up with God's Word and not with the worldly things around us. For what proceeds from our mouth is the confession we make and is the thoughts we have taken to heart!

MY PRAYER...

Holy and Magnificent Father, thank You for being better than anything this world can offer me. Thank You for calling me out of this world and to a higher standard than the world accepts. Thank You for giving me the promise of a better future than any human can ever imagine. Thank You Lord for all things that pertain to life and Godliness. Thank you for giving me such a high calling through the blood of Jesus. In Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 15: Are you being used by God here on Earth?

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all of our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

We are comforted so that we may be a comfort to others. God doesn't bless us because we are somehow uniquely better than everyone else, but He blesses us specifically to equip, empower, and encourage us to be a blessing and a comfort to others. God has need of human hands here on earth to do the work of His ministry. Yet, God has human hands to use only when we are willing to allow Him to use ours for His glory and for His purposes. Remember He is in Heaven and relies on us here on Earth. It is our job to see that it is on Earth just as it is in Heaven.

MY PRAYER...

Tender Shepherd, there have been times when I was so broken I could not go on alone. I know the strength to continue came from Your rich grace and unfailing mercy, acquired through the prayers of someone on my behalf. Please use me this week to offer Your comfort and love to others so they may feel Your warm embrace and come to yearn more and more for the day when we will see You face to face in that glorious reunion in heaven. Through my brother Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 16: Are you really a Child of God?

We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose.

Romans 8:28 Amplified Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

If we are Children of the 'Most High God' then God is in our lives. He is at work right now, "UNDOING" Satan's destructive messes and leading us to the places He wants us to be, if we will listen and follow Him. But we must choose to follow Him, He will not make us.

God doesn't cause the messes in our lives or bring sickness and disease. That is NOT what this scripture says. Those things are from the curse and the devil is responsible for them.

God never put someone in a wheelchair to teach them something or so He could use them as a witness. That is NOT god's way of doing things and you won't find scripture to back up that nonsense. That kind of talk and teaching is pure lies straight from the pit of Hell and

the author of all lies, Satan and anyone who is trying to use this kind of garbage is being used by the devil. But we know that God will take what was meant to be of harm (caused by the devil) and will use it to accomplish His purposes in our lives. He will turn it around and use it against the evil one.

The key is for us to seek His purpose, to live His will, to love Him and to honor Him with praise. If that is our goal, if our hearts are pure and true to Him, then we can be sure our God is with us every step of our way.

MY PRAYER...

Thank You, God, for being at work in my life. Thank You for not leaving me alone to my best effort, insight, and choice. Thank You for having a plan for me and being the assurance that I can't mess that plan up, IF I seek Your will.

Thank You for being my God, my Father, and my Partner through all of life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 17: Do you have what Peter had in the book of Acts?

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk....

And His name through faith in His name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by Him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Acts 3:6, & 16 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

What did Peter have to give that lame man that day? Nothing from himself, nothing from the world, not even silver or gold, but he passed along the 'Power' from on high! The resurrection power of the Holy Spirit of God residing within him by God's Holy Spirit.

That same power that raised Jesus from the dead. That power, by the name of Jesus Christ and faith in His name made the lame man whole! Faith is that seed, that vision of what you desire that causes you to call those things that be not as though they were. To speak

into existence that which God has already said was yours. Peter and John looked upon a man that was lame from birth and saw not his affliction but the resurrection power in the name of Jesus and called into being that which was not as though it was.

Faith in the name of Jesus caused that which was not to become a reality. The man felt the power of God surge through him and he leaped to his feet and walked!

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, thank You for Your Word, Your Son and Your loving mercy and grace upon us. Thank You for sending us Your Holy Spirit to live and dwell within us, just as He did in Jesus when He walked the earth.

Thank You for giving us the example of Jesus, that we might learn how to walk and live the way You want us to.

Thank You Father that Jesus Christ is always the same yesterday, today, and forever. What He did then He'll do today, and also forever, if we will only believe and have faith in Him. In Jesus' name, Father, I pray and glorify You. Amen.

Chapter 18: Do you know what God's greatest promised gift to man is?

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:14 New International Version


THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

The Holy Spirit is God's abiding gift, God's seal and His promise. The Holy Spirit is our assurance that what He began with Jesus' sacrificial death and our participation in it through faith and baptism, He will also bring to completion.

But the world (those who are not born-again by the Spirit of God) cannot understand this great and precious promise, just like they cannot truly understand much of the Scripture, because without the Holy Spirit, their eyes see only what is written on the pages, and what they can touch with their fingers and what their intellect tells them is true.

Yet, intellect cannot reveal to one the true meaning of God's heart and what is written in the scriptures. It must be revealed by the Spirit of God to our spirit. Because the things of God are spiritually discerned, the world cannot see what is true in God's heart and in His Word (Spiritual Truth) because they cannot touch and commune with His Spirit.

MY PRAYER...

reat Eternal I Am, Who is and was and will be forever, I thank You for sending Jesus.

Jesus, I thank You for sending the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, I thank You for never leaving me alone. Thank You Lord for opening the eyes of my understanding that I might know and understand Your Word. That I may know what is the hope of Your calling, what are the riches of the glory of Your inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of Your power in and towards us who believe.

O Lord, fill me anew each and every day until my will and my life more nearly reflect Yours.

Use me to bless others just as Your presence now blesses me. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

Chapter 19: Do you have access to the Father by the Blood of Jesus?

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

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Ephesians 2:12-14 King James Version

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

God's Word says that though we were once far off we can now draw near through the Blood of Jesus. And only through the Blood of Jesus. Though we were once strangers to God, Jesus, by the shedding of His Blood on the Holy altar of God, has made a way for us.

He has broken down the wall (the sin barrier passed to mankind by the first Adam's sin) that once separated us from God, just as the veil of the temple was torn apart when He was crucified.

We now have access through the Blood of Jesus to the 'Most High God' (El Elyown). No matter what you have done or how bad or evil you think you are, you have access to God through Jesus. You do NOT have to clean yourself up first, as that is the Holy Spirit's job after you come to God through Jesus.

Notice however, that the only access to God is through Jesus. There is NO other way. Not works, not doing good, not being good, not through religion, not through some church program or some other so called god.

There is no other way to gain access to God The Father, than through Jesus Christ, No Other way!

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, except through me."

MY PRAYER...

Most High God, thank You for access to You through Your son Jesus and the shedding of His Blood for me.

Thank You Lord that though I was once separated from You and was far away You are drawing me nearer and nearer each day through the precious Blood of Jesus.

I thank You Lord that Jesus has removed that veil, that wall of sin, that was once separating me from You and that I can now come near by my faith in Jesus.

I thank You Father for the privilege to come boldly
before Your Throne of Grace in the name of Jesus.

In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His Blood I give
praise and glory forever. Amen.

Chapter 20: Have you been washed in the Blood of Jesus?

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

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in His sight:

Colossians 1:20-22 King James Version

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

Here we see that the "Blood" of Jesus has reconciled us to God , not our works or anything we have done.

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

Then secondly it has cleansed our guilty conscience. We can see this in (Hebrews 9:14) ; "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit

offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" If we understand the power of the "Blood" of Jesus we have no reason to have a guilty conscience or to have conscientiousness of past sin any longer once we have received Jesus as our Lord and allowed Him to take over our lives, thus becoming our Savior. And we have no reason to try and do good works to receive our salvation. The only way to cleanse us of sin is through the Blood of Christ – there is NO other way period.

He's already paid the price in full for us, just receive it!

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, Most High God, thank You for reconciling me to You through the "Blood " of Jesus. Thank You Lord for the powerful cleansing power of His Holy Blood, able to wash me "white as snow".

Thank You also Lord for purging my conscience of dead works and of a sin nature. I thank You Father that I am now the righteousness of You in and through Christ Jesus. In Jesus' name I give You ALL Glory and Honor forevermore. Amen.

Chapter 21: Are you an able, competent minister of the new covenant?

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant - not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 3:6 New International Version

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

A new covenant -- God willingly entered into a new agreement with us, His creation, then sealed it with the blood of His "First Born" Son Jesus, and sent the Holy Spirit to give us the power to live the life required by this new

covenant. In this new covenant we (EVERY Christian!) are to be competent (able and willing) ministers of this "New Covenant", (The Gospel of Christ) not the letter ("the LAW" , i.e. the Ten Commandments & the rest of the 613 Mosaic Laws). God has made a covenant of love and grace and mercy with us.

The Almighty Father has then turned around and made us worthy and competent to share that covenant with others.

Not to preach the law or the Ten Commandments nor to mix them with the "New Covenant." No, we are to be able ministers of the "Good News", we are saved by grace through faith - not by keeping the law, not by our works, not by our holiness or attendance in church!

No wonder it is life-giving: it brings life to us and through us by the power of His Holy Spirit! If you are standing on a street corner preaching Hell and damnation, calling people sinners – then you are NOT God's competent minister. You are an imposter.

MY PRAYER...

Father, I thank You for Your Word. Thank You for Your grace that has saved me from sin and has redeemed me from the law of sin and death. Thank You for sending the gift of Your Son and the gift of Your Holy Spirit so that I can live with You in a covenant of life, grace, mercy, and love. While I confess my weaknesses, I also promise You that I will live to honor Your sacrifice, love and covenant; trusting that You will empower me, by Your Holy Spirit, to be what You are calling me to be.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 22: Does the Word of God abide in you?

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

John 15:7-8 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

✪ E.W. Kenyon once made this observation: "When the spirit is in perfect fellowship with the Lord, faith is as natural as breathing."

E.W. Kenyon

If My Words abide in You, Jesus speaking. The BIBLE is the living Word of God.

God's living Word abiding in you is how your spirit will walk in perfect fellowship with God and your faith will become as natural as your breathing. When you are walking in perfect fellowship with God you will know that you know that you know that you know that you know, that whatever you ask will be given you.

The Bible is our manual for life, given to us by God to direct our lives while we live out this earthly existence in this fleshly shell, this earth suit, this house we call a body.

We are spirit and we only live in this body for a short time, and we have a soul (our intellect).

When we walk according to His Word and we listen to the 'still small voice' as God whispers to us, we will bear much fruit.

I like Acronyms.

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MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, Most Holy God, thank You for Your Word. Help instill in me a genuine desire in my heart for more of You and Your Word. Father, put a fire in my belly that can't be quenched.

Cause Your Word to come alive inside of me as I feed on it. Send forth Your revelation knowledge and wisdom as I meditate Your Words that were written to me and are being written in me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 23: Does God dwell in you?

*Who*soever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world.

1 John 4:15-17 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

*H*ave you confessed that Jesus is the Son of God, that He is the Lord of your life? If you have the Word says that God dwells (lives) in you and God is Love.

The Kingdom of God is now within you! Have you allowed God to come and live in you or are you still trying to do everything in your own power and strength and in your own way? Now, God is Love. Love is a verb, an action. That action must come from the heart (the spirit) of man. The beginning of love is God, God is love. He showed His love in the most sacrificial of ways so we could know our incredible value to Him.

The price of our adoption was the emptying of heaven of its greatest treasure, God the Son (Jesus), who is our Savior. But notice that He did this so that we could be like Him now in this earth, we don't have to wait until we get to heaven.

MY PRAYER...

Loving Father, Abba Daddy, thank You for adopting me into Your family. I can never thank You enough or ever repay You for Your kindness and Your Grace, but I can offer myself a living sacrifice unto You.

I must confess, in my heart I intend to love others as You do, but my intentions often get washed away with "busy-ness" or timidity or the cares of this world. Father, through your Spirit, prompt me to show my love to others in actions rather than just thought and talk.

Father, embrace me with the power of Your grace anew each and every day that I might, through Jesus who lives in me, show forth Your love and compassion on my fellow man. Help me, Oh Lord, to not only be the image of Your Son, but to feel what He felt for Your people as He walked among them. Father, receive the service of my life today as thanksgiving for Your grace (Your unmerited favor) and as my small way of trying to share the love You have given me. Through my Brother, my Ransom, my Substitute, and my Savior, JESUS, I pray.

Chapter 24: Would you lay down your life for the church, your Brethren?

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16 NKJV

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

What does it mean to lay down our lives for our brothers? Sounds pretty gallant, full of chivalry, Most of us would think it means dying.

But the next verse, "But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" (1 John 3:17), reminds us that most often it's very simple to lay down our lives for our brothers (and sisters). If we have a brother or sister in Christ with needs and we have the means to meet those needs, then we need to give up what we have to fill that need!

That's what laying down your life for your brother means. Putting aside your own needs and wants and helping him who is in need. Showing the love of God to

them. Really, we should even extend this to those of the world also, that in doing so we would show them the love of God, that we might win them for Christ!

MY PRAYER...

Lord God Almighty, I am convicted by Your ultimate sacrifice and ask for eyes to see and grace to act when my brothers and sisters are in need.

Father, help me to be able to walk in the same love that Jesus walked in, to be able to lay aside my needs and my wants to fulfill those of a brother or sister in need.

Father, thank You for the grace and the power through your Holy Spirit to make this possible.

For I know I cannot of myself accomplish this, but all things are possible through Jesus Christ who strengthens me. In the name of Jesus I ask and pray.
Amen.

Chapter 25: Did you know that God said everyone was to be subject to the governmental authorities?

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil.

Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister (servant) to you for good.

But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister (servant), an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

Romans 13:1-5 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Do you struggle with what your government or your president is doing? Do you find it hard to follow all of the rules and laws of society today?

Just remember what is says in Romans 13:1 above, "For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God."

The authority is appointed by God not the man or woman in the office, they are there usually through your votes.

Remember, God's Word says we are to pray for them who are in authority. And it didn't say only if you want to! Be careful though, that how and what you pray is in line with God's Word also, anything else is witchcraft or sorcery praying. God didn't say you had to like them, He just said pray for them.

We need order and structure in our society, where would we be without it? But, more importantly we need what God has set forth for us, and we need to be obedient to His Word.

If you resist authority of any kind, then you are resisting God. If you are resisting God then you are in rebellion and are subject to the governing authority's sword of justice.

You are also subject to the same punishment given to

Lucifer for his rebellion unless you change your ways.
He fell (was thrown out of) from heaven like lightning
and became Satan for his rebellion against God.

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father God, please help us to understand the
true origin of authority, even natural authority. Help us
Lord, to walk within the bounds of that authority just as
if it were You yourself laying it down before us. Because
in effect you are.


Help us Lord, to not resist the authorities You have
placed over us, but to learn to flow with them. In Jesus'
name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 26: Will you endure to the end with Christ?

Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who is patient under trial and stands up under temptation, for when he has stood the test and been approved, he will receive [the victor's] crown of life which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12 Amplified Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

 Only Christians (those who are born again, Christ inside minded believers who walk the walk of Christ) win at life. And only those Christians who have a daily fellowship with Christ and endure to the end with Him.

Not those that have a religion, not necessarily those who attend church every Sunday, and not those who think they are good and okay because they do good, and certainly not those who are always concerned about me, myself, and I, for “All have sinned” (Romans 3:23). But only those who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and have given their lives totally to Him, will win. Jesus must be the Lord of your life before He can become your Savior!

That's because none of us have the power on our own to hold back any of our enemies, especially our greatest enemy death. But through Faith in Jesus, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to call upon.

When we have persevered in "The Faith through Jesus" (Christian Faith), we are given the ultimate victory, ETERNAL LIFE that will not end and a glorified body to live it in. We will spend eternity in heaven with Jesus and our Father God. But, the Bible also says we can have heaven on Earth now!

MY PRAYER...

Thank You, Father, for giving me the assurance that when all is said and done, I will share in Your life and Your victory forever. You have purchased that life for me with Your Son's precious Blood. Help me this day to live confidently, knowing that I have life through You, my Lord and Savior, Jesus, living inside of me.

That because of what You did in my place, I can have eternal life, and have it now. Thank You Jesus. In Jesus, name, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 27: Is your life bearing the fruit?

Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Matthew 7:17-20 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

In this parable Jesus was using a fruit tree as an example of men. He was really talking about those who say they are His, but aren't bearing the fruit of a Christ-like walk. There are many who claim to be Christians ("Christ-like"), but really they aren't. They may have accepted Jesus as their savior, but have they really made Him the Lord over their lives? NO.

Do they really fellowship with Him and serve Him daily? NO. They are really just punching their religious time clocks on Sunday mornings thinking that's all it takes to be a Christian and you're on your way to heaven.

If that's so, then they are in for a big surprise come judgment day, especially if they aren't walking the talk!

They don't have a daily relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and that's what being a Christian is about! Notice what He says will happen to them, they will be cut down and cast into the fire. Could He possibly mean that eternal lake of fire?

If you read on in that chapter you'll see that He says, "Not every one that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but (or only) he that does the will of my Father in heaven." Do you walk the walk or just talk the talk? Your fruit will let us know!

MY PRAYER...

Most Holy Father, thank You for Your mercy and Your grace. Thank You for Your Son and the Blood He shed for me.

Praise You Father, for You are worthy of ALL our praise. Father, let Your Holy Spirit fill me fresh each day with Your precious power. That same power that fell on the day of Pentecost. That same power that gave such boldness to Peter and Stephen and the rest of Your early church.

Power to bear forth fruit in this earthly life. Power to be able to separate myself from this world and consecrate myself unto You.

I thank You Father that You are the same yesterday,

today, and forever and that we are still in the same dispensation of mercy and grace and power as the early church was following Pentecost.

Thank You Lord for enduing me with power from on high to be a witness unto You and to serve You day by day. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 28: To Tithe or not To Tithe, that is NOT a question!

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts,

“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

“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. But God tells us what the right choice is and what will happen if we make the wrong choice (the curse comes). It should be

a done with a willing heart and cheerful heart, not because you have to.

But, God 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 aren't you? 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 or flood gate).

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, Blessings or curse...Tithe or not tithe. God even helps with the choice, in Deuteronomy 30 verse 19, He tells us to choose life!

I chose the Blessings! Some of you choose disobedience to God instead.

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 29: Are you robbing 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? Are you giving tithes to the church you attend 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?

I know personally at least two of you reading this, that know God's word concerning tithing and yet you are disobedient and DON'T tithe. An offering now and then is NOT tithing. Those of you who are being disobedient in tithing know this - God will NOT be mocked and He knows who you are. As long as you are disobedient He cannot help or Bless you like He wants to. In fact He can NOT even restrain the curse from overtaking you! Get it together and do His Word.

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! That's a tenth of what you earn every time you get paid! Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God.

If it were not for Him we would not/could not even 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.

Some of you don't tithe, and some of you think that giving an offering whenever you happen to be at church and have extra money is giving your tithes. I have news for you, it's not.

A tithe is 10 percent of your first fruits (income) every time you get paid, whether you are at church that week or not!

Even if you are on vacation your tithe still should be given! 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 34% or more from us, 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 listing.

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 30: Have you been redeemed by the "Blood", washed in the "Blood"?

For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1 Peter 1:18-19 King James Version

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

Are you under the "Blood"? Have you been redeemed by the "Blood", washed in the "Blood"? Do you fully understand what this means? Or are you still receiving the traditions of men concerning remission of sin? Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the "Law", from our life of sin and the sin nature we were born with and from our separation from God.

He offered His blood upon God's heavenly altar once for ALL sin. It's over, it's a done deal, we have nothing else to do except to receive it! We were not redeemed with silver and gold, or with the things of men, or with our own futile works, or by our confessions to a priest, but only by the precious blood of Jesus.

The 'Blood' of Jesus is the ONLY thing can (has-past tense) redeemed us from sin. He paid the price required by God for the remission of sin, our sin! (Hebrews 9:22, And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.)

MY PRAYER...

Most Holy Father, thank You for making a way for me where there was no way. Thank You Lord that You sent Your Son to redeem me, to shed His blood for the remission of my sin. Thank You Lord that He willingly became the sacrifice required for my sin. That He placed His blood upon Your Holy Altar that I might be redeemed and have remission of sin.

Thank You Jesus for paying the price for me, for being my Substitute. Through my Redeemer, my Lord, and my Savior, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

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