

The background of the cover is a photograph of a sunset over a calm body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, glowing orb that reflects on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. In the foreground, two dark, vertical wooden posts are visible, one on the left and one on the right, partially obscuring the view of the water. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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Foreword

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

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

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

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

Bob Farmer

TODAY'S MANNA

Chapter 1: Does God's light shine forth from you?

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

--Ephesians 5:8-11 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

We must let His light shine forth from us, not our light we have none of our own, but the light of the Lord that is within us. Oh, how Jesus loves to give good gifts to us. He has given us a Helper, a Teacher, a Guide, a Comforter, and a Counselor to help us cause that light to shine forth.

Call on the Helper, the Teacher, the Spirit of Truth, and

find out what is really acceptable to the Lord.

Call on the Helper to strengthen you with His power and might so that you can stand against the works of darkness and expose them, not fellowship with them. You can't be a beacon if His light don't shine through you!

MY PRAYER...

All Mighty Father, Thank You for sending us the Holy Spirit through Jesus. Thank You for not leaving us alone, but instead giving us a Helper, a Comforter, a Guide, a Teacher, and a Counselor.

Help us Lord to be strong and strengthen us Lord through Your might by the Holy Spirit that is within us. Lead and guide us Holy Spirit into all truth that we may be filled with all the fullness of God in our inner man. That we may bring glory to the Church and to Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

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

Chapter 2: God loves you regardless of whether you love Him or not!

This is love: not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

---1 John 4:10 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

God loved us first! He offered his Son to save us regardless of our decision to believe in Him or to ignore His grace. Regardless of our condition or state or how bad of a sinner we were.

Remember, 'For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God,' because of Adam's sin in the Garden. Regardless of whether we loved Him or not. His love was, is and always will be 'Unconditional Love.'

We are given the ability to accept or reject the death of His Son as the sacrifice for our sins and the proof of His Love for us. It's our choice either way. But, what we need to understand, as 1 John 2:1-2 emphasizes, is that He died for everyone else in the world too, and that now we must tell them of HIS sacrifice of love for them!

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, Almighty God, why You should love me and send Jesus to die for me I will never fully understand. But I thank You for Your love, Your mercy, and especially Your grace (unmerited favor) and I receive Your love.

Thank You for Your sacrifice for my sins. Thank You, Jesus, for coming to save me and to show me the way. I pray in Jesus' name and by His intercession at the Father's right hand for me. Amen.

Chapter 3: Justification before God is easy!

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

-- Romans 3:24 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

*I*t is so easy to receive justification before God that many refuse to accept it because they don't believe it can be that easy.

Instead they want to try to work out their justification through works of the flesh or penance to a priest. They want to clean up their life themselves, first before coming to God.

Do they really think they have the power on their own to do that? If they did, then why are they in such a mess now! They think they have to earn their way into the Kingdom of God. It can't be done that way! It can't be earned!

You must just accept that by grace through faith you become a child of God, a 'Saint' in the Kingdom of God (without works).

Now I didn't say you become a "Saint", the Word of God did!

The Word of God clearly says that all we need to do is freely receive His grace. "Freely" What do you do when someone gives you something free?

You take it, say thank you, and are blessed! Just back up 4 verses in Romans 3 and read what it says leading up to this verse. (Romans 3:20-22)

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh (mankind) be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:"

Notice it says, "Unto all and upon all them that believe..." That includes everyone out there in this world so that you can believe and come to God. He so loved the world! Not just Christians.

MY PRAYER...

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your grace. Thank You for the seed of faith that allows me to believe Your

Word.

Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that you would give unto to those who read this prayer the Spirit of wisdom and revelation into the knowledge of Him: That the eyes of their understanding be enlightened; that they may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints (those who believe) is, that they may understand the simplicity of Your grace unto those who believe.

That they may "Freely" receive justification through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Chapter 4: Are you the righteousness of God?

*And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.
Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was
imputed to him;*

*But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we
believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the
dead;*

--Romans 4:22-24 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSES...

Paul is talking here about Abraham, the father of faith. Because Abraham believed that what God promised him He was fully able to do (faith in God), God accounted his faith unto him for righteousness.

But the Word of God goes on to say that not only was righteousness accounted unto Abraham for his faith but also to those of us who believe on Him who raised Jesus from the dead.

It's so simple people. All we have to do to be righteous (to be Just) in the sight of God is believe in Jesus and God who raised Him from the dead. To come to Him in

Faith, we don't have to do anything else to obtain righteousness, our righteousness is from Christ Jesus. We don't have to get our act together or clean up our lives first, we can't without His help anyway.

Jesus has washed us with His Blood and made us clean (righteous) before God. It is so easy, yet religion has made it so hard to grasp. All we have to do is Believe – no proof needed!

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, thank You for making it so easy for me! So easy that many will not believe it is so easy. Father, thank You for providing for my righteousness through Your Son and my Lord Jesus.

Thanks Abba Daddy for giving me that which I was not worthy to receive. That which I could in no way earn You lovingly gave to me as a free gift, if only I would receive it.

Father, I exercise my faith and I accept that which I was not worthy to have, but that which You have freely given. Thank You Lord for sending me Jesus to show me the way, the only way! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 5: Have you been strengthened by the angels of God?

“For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me.”

Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.

And he said, “O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!” So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”

--Daniel 10:17-19 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSES...

Daniel was in such a weakened state that he was not even able to speak when the Angel of the Lord first appeared. But because he was humble and had called on God, He sent His angel to strengthen him and renew him.

Do you need God’s angels to strengthen and renew you? All we have to do is call on them, their job is to

minister unto us, the heirs to salvation.

All we have to do is Believe - no proof needed!

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, thank You for giving your angels charge over me. Thank you Lord for instructing them to harken unto your spoken Word and to be ministers (servants) unto those of us who are heirs to your Kingdom through our faith and believe in Jesus, Your Son.

Thanks Abba Daddy for giving me that which I was not worthy to receive. That which I could in no way earn You lovingly gave to me as a free gift, if only I would receive it.

Father, I exercise my faith and I accept that which I was not worthy to have, but that which You have freely given.

Thank You Lord for sending me Jesus to show me the way, the only way! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 6: Have the angels of God been sent to you?

And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

--Daniel 10:11-12 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSES...

Daniel was in great distress and being held by the king and had been drained of all his strength and was short of breath even. But, because he had set his heart on God and humbled himself to the point of asking God for help, God sent His angel to strengthen him. Not only did God send an angel He sent Michael, the Archangel, one of the greatest of the angels.

Do you need God's angels at work for you? All we have to do is Believe – no proof needed!

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, thank You for giving your angels charge over me. Thank you Lord for instructing them to harken unto your spoken Word and to be ministers (servants) unto those of us who are heirs to your Kingdom through our faith and believe in Jesus, Your Son.

Thanks Abba Daddy for giving me that which I was not worthy to receive. That which I could in no way earn You lovingly gave to me as a free gift, if only I would receive it.

Father, I exercise my faith and I accept that which I was not worthy to have, but that which You have freely given.

Thank You Lord for sending me Jesus to show me the way, the only way! In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 7: Do you believe in Angels? Here's God's Word About Angels

"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

--Psalm 91:11 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

It's time to set the record straight. Angels are not kid stuff. They're not cute little fat babies (that we call cherubs) with long blonde hair and bows and arrows in their hands. And they are NOT those who have gone before us either.

Our people who die before us do NOT become angels. Angels are NOT human in nature though they may at times take on human appearance to complete their tasks.

Angels are a separate being created by God and are not human beings! They are separate spiritual beings created by God for His purposes ("Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?" Heb. 1:14).

Angels are big, strong warriors. They are real, though spiritual. They are powerful. And, if you are a believer, they should be a vital part of your life. God said they are ministers (servants) to those who inherit salvation, that's all who give their life to Jesus. God said His angels harken unto the Word spoken.

Read the account in Daniel chapter 10 about how the angels, even Michael, the Archangel, came to Daniel's aid. If you're a child of God, then you have a right to expect God's angels to be at work for you. So, start expecting, start directing them, according to God's Word.

Say, "Thank You, heavenly Father for giving Your angels charge over me to keep me in all my ways." Once you've spoken that word of faith, stand fast. Don't fear.

Don't waver. Just be patient and keep believing, and you will surely see the angels of heaven go to work on your behalf. I have numerous personal accounts I could give, if space would permit.

MY PRAYER...

Lord I thank You that You have given Your angels charge over me. I thank You that I can speak forth Your Word and the angels of heaven harken unto it to make it happen. Lord I thank You that when I am weak You

are strong and Your angels will come and minister to me just as they did to Jesus in the wilderness.

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

Amen.

Chapter 8: Only Godly people who are God's Children will have an inheritance in the Kingdom of God!

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

--Ephesians 5:3-5 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

*I*sn't it fitting that God warns us through Paul right after saying we are to be imitators of Him, about what we should not be or should not do.

He goes on to tell us that if we are or if we do these things that we will have no inheritance in His kingdom. In other words God will NOT acknowledge us as sons or daughters of Him. God will NOT allow His children to act like the world around them.

This is a pretty stern warning if you ask me. Have no other God's (Idols/Icons/Statues/Prized Possessions, coarse or worldly friends) before me. Oh, and did you notice that God called all of His children (believers) saints!

MY PRAYER...

Lord help me to renew my mind and to fill my heart with Your Words of wisdom 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 towards Your children.

Lord give me the power and the strength to change my ways from this day forward.

In Jesus mighty name, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 9: Love is more than a 4 letter word that means lust!

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

--1 Corinthians 13:4-5 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Love does not focus on me or on self, but instead the focus is on others. Each of the qualities of love in the verse above is based upon an affectionate, compassionate, and forgiving attitude that regards others of value and not self-first.

It is an unconditional love. It is a God kind of Love. These principles are based on the way Jesus saw people. The Jesus kind of Love is the basis that makes our faith work. Did you ever notice that the middle of the word "I'm" is a big I!

Did you know that I is one of the most commonly used words in the English language today! Too many times we let our self (our EGO, the "I") get in the way and we

forget to walk in love.

Love someone today, with the 'AGAPE' love of God through Jesus. Put the I in your ego aside for once and see others as Jesus and the Father sees them. Through the Father's Love.

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, teach me to notice others and value them just as You do. I know You loved me when I was not lovable, and redeemed me when I was not worthy. Help me to take my eyes off myself and see others as You see them.

Help me to love others as You love ALL mankind. Father, give me the will to and the want to, to be able to change in the area of walking in love.

In Jesus' name, Father, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 10: Know this: God has not given us a spirit of fear!

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

--1 John 4:18 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

What is there to fear if God sent His Son to die to redeem us? What is there to fear if we know we cannot be separated from the love God has for us in Christ Jesus?

What is there to fear if God is on our side? What is there to fear except ourselves? Since we are His children, rather than run from Him in fear, we need to bow before Him in reverential awe and thanksgiving, knowing that He who hears our prayers is also He who loves us and casts away our fears.

We need to run to God not from Him. We need to run into His protection always. His protection is awesome and always available. You need to read and meditate on Psalm 91. You need to make this your place of refuge in

life's storms.

Fear is the opposite of 'Faith', you cannot be in faith toward God if you are in fear.

MY PRAYER...

Loving Father, I thank You that I can revere and worship You without fearing Your wrath. Thank You that I can revere Your word and yet not be terrified by my inadequacies and failings.

Thank you that I know from Your Word that when I mess up I can run to You and ask for and receive forgiveness.

May Your love in me produce a closer likeness to Your holiness, righteousness, justice, and mercy than all the laws, threats, and judges in this world combined.

Through Jesus, who ransomed me from sin, I pray.
Amen.

Chapter 11: 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 VERSE...

God made the world in 6 days using only His Word. Remember the Earth was void and without form in the beginning. Now He sustains it with the power of His Word.

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 us home. Only then will we be fully complete in Him. But, this will only happen if we have made Jesus our Lord.

Notice I did NOT say Savior, but Lord. Jesus must be your Lord before He can ever be your Savior! A Lord has control over you and your life.

MY PRAYER...

Thank 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, Your footprints, and Your grace leading me to where I am today.

Please make Your presence more powerfully known in my life as I seek Your will and to live to Your glory. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

Chapter 12: Do you wear the shield of faith in God's Word?

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

--Psalm 18:30 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

He is a Shield whose Word can be trusted, it is always true and will never return void. His Word will always accomplish that for which He has spoken and sent it and when we speak it and send it in Faith.

If His flawless Word for us is to accomplish what He sent it to do and His presence is to be our shield and our defense from the enemy, then we must take refuge in Him, trust in and rely on Him, We can NOT believe what we see, hear, feel, taste, or touch in this world around us.

Neither can we believe the reports of others. If they are not in line with His Words, they are but false reports! Only His Words are the "True Report."

Even and especially when they do not line up with the

natural reports we are receiving from other sources. God's Word even asks: "Whose report will you believe?" Remember, God calls those things that be not as though they were. And then they are!

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, I thank You and praise You for who You are and what You are. I thank You Lord that You are a loving Father, whose only desire is to give good things unto His children.

I thank You my God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I trust my soul and future to You.

You are my strength and my shield and I pray that Your name will be exalted in my life. Thank You Lord for protecting and guarding my family, my church, and myself from the Evil One and for keeping us physically safe and whole as we serve You in this race.

Help me Lord to increase my faith. In the name of Your Holy Child, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 13: Did you not know that He sees and hears all, even your thoughts!

"Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" Declares the Lord. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" Declares the Lord.

--Jeremiah 23:24 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

There is no hiding from God. Remember, there is no place that you can hide that God doesn't see you. There is no place you can run to that God isn't already there. There is nothing that you can say to anyone in private that God doesn't hear you speak.

There is nothing that you can think but what He knows your very thoughts. He is everywhere at all times, He is omnipresent. Ask yourself this; "Would I want God to see me do this, or know where I am going, or to hear what I am going to say? Because He will see, hear, and know! But for those who willingly and joyously seek Him, there is comfort, power, peace, prosperity, love and so much more in His presence.

If God is with you, who can be against you?

MY PRAYER...

Most High God of the Mountains, the seas, the plains, and the skies, You are my source of strength as I seek Your presence. I acknowledge Your presence in all I do and everywhere I go.

Please, continue to use me to bless others in Your name. Continue to remind me that You are always present in everything I do or say.

Father, help us to understand Your ways. In the name of Your Holy Child, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 14: Do you participate in God's Divine nature?

He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

--2 Peter 1:4 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

God made us to be like Him in character and holiness. Did you get the meaning of the verse? Do you understand what it means to participate in the Divine Nature?

Is there sickness and disease in God or Heaven? Is God poor? We are called to participate in the divine nature and we are assured that we will be made ready when Jesus comes again.

His promise is sure if we will obey and keep His Word. But, the choice is ours. We can choose to be partakers of the promises of God and share in the inheritance of the children of God and His Divine Nature while we are still here on Earth (Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Matt 6:10) or we can

partake of the world and the curses found there. We can NOT do and have both, we must choose!

The choice is ours, but the promises come with a stipulation. We must choose to harken to the voice of the Lord our God and obey His commandments (See Matt 22:35-40 for what these commandments are). Will you partake?

His will is this: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:" (Deut. 30:19 KJV)

MY PRAYER...

Almighty God, my Everlasting Fortress, my Shield and my Buckler, I thank You for giving me Your great promises. I long to know You more fully and be able to see You face to face someday. Thank You for protecting me and my heart from corruption. Thank You for sending Your Son to be my shield and my strength. Thank you for sending Your Holy Spirit to be my Helper and my Counselor.

Lord, I fully intend to walk in Your promises, to share in my inheritance, and to partake of Your divine nature here on this earth, just as Your Word says. In His mighty and precious name, Jesus, I pray. Thank You Lord.

Chapter 15: Is His Power at work in you?

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen

--Ephesians 3:20-21 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Of all the names for God in the Bible, this is my favorite: El Shadday, Him who is able to do immeasurably more, The God of more than enough! The Great 'I Am', I am anything that you need! Our God today is the same God who parted the Red Sea for Moses and then fed 5,000 (men not to mention the women and children who were there with their men) on a green hillside with only a couple of sardine sandwiches and then provided 12 baskets of left-overs!

I have personally experienced His provision of multiplication of food. He longs to do more than we can ask and imagine, but most of us haven't really given Him much of a challenge or much of a chance. We try to do it all ourselves. Dream big dreams for God. Then step

aside and let Him go to work for you and just hang on!
Our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb.
13:8). What He did before He will do again and again!

MY PRAYER...

Almighty and awesome God, do in our day what You
did in days past. You said in your Word that You change
not, that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and
forever.

You gave us faith to believe and then You are amazed at
the smallness of our faith. Give us vision to see Your
plan, to have greater Faith, and to do greater things.

We ask this, not for ourselves or our experience, but for
a sign to Your people so that the harvest will be large
and that Your glory will be great and for the salvation of
the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Chapter 16: Do you have a mansion waiting for you?

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

--John 14:1-4 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Jesus, shed His blood on the Cross for all of mankind. For you and for me, and for anyone else who would believe on Him and call on His name and endure to the end with Him. Jesus, made us a promise of a mansion in His Father's house!

Grasp that statement. A mansion within a house! How grand that house must be! He promised that He Himself would prepare a place for us and return for us. His only requirement: that we believe in Him until the end. He said you know where I go and you know the way. It was

understood that He was telling us to walk in "The Way",
His way.

He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and no one comes
to the Father except through Him. (John 14:6) No one,
no other way!

MY PRAYER...

Most Holy God, I give You praise and glory forever.

Father I thank You for Your covenant promises made to
Jesus for us. I thank You Lord that Jesus is preparing my
eternal mansion in Your house.

Lord I thank You that You are preparing to receive us for
eternity. I know that what You have promised in Your
Word is true. I thank You Lord that You have given us
the best gift You had to give, Your Son Jesus!

And I know that You have shown us the way, and that
all we must do is follow it. In Jesus mighty name, I give
You praise and glory forever. Amen.

Chapter 17: You have been bought, your debt has been paid in full

And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

--Luke 22:19-20 King James Version

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

Jesus paid the price for us with His body and His blood on the Cross. His body was broken for us that we might have health and live free from sickness and disease.

His Blood was shed as an offering to God for us, a seal of the "New and Better" covenant God has made with us who believe. We have been bought with a price, a very precious price.

Do you rightly discern the Lord's body and what He has done for you, or do you give sickness and disease place in your life. When sickness tries to come on you do you

Speak what the Word of God says to it or do you just receive the sickness? Jesus already bore all sickness and disease so we wouldn't have to! It's a done deal – He said, "It is finished!"

Can someone shout Praise the Lord!

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, praise the glorious Name of Jesus. Father as we partake of communion with You help us to fully understand everything that You meant it to be.

Lord, open the eyes of our understanding and fill us with revelation of You and Your Word. Lord, help us to understand ALL that was done for us by Jesus on the Cross that day.

Lord help us to understand who we are in, by, and through Jesus. Lord purge us of all unrighteousness that we may be as vessels of honor worthy to be used by You.

In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His Blood I boldly make this request of You. Amen.

Chapter 18: "Looking for love in all the wrong places!"

He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity, and honor.

--Proverbs 21:21 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Isn't it funny that most of us pursue worldly things like fame and fortune, according to the world, the best things in life (?) according to those who are worldly? We strive to find happiness, joy, significance or meaning to life in and through these things. But we seldom find it, because we are looking in all the wrong places.

You've heard the song "Looking for love in all the wrong places." We are looking in the world and the things of the world to try and satisfy our spiritual need instead of looking to God and the things of God which are Spiritual. We are not following the principles that God laid out in His Word. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and ALL these things will be added unto you."

What things? All the things mentioned above that we are looking for, that we are looking to make ourselves

happy through! However, when we offer ourselves wholeheartedly to the Lord and His will (seeking His Kingdom first), it is then that we find what we most need.

It is then that the empty spot in our hearts is filled. When we have laid down our lives and picked up the life (Zoë life) of God, it is then that we are overcome with joy unspeakable and full of glory receiving the end of our faith (Eternal Salvation.) Are you aware that the Hebrew word for Salvation means: something saved, i.e. deliverance; hence aid, victory, prosperity:--deliverance, health, help (-ing), salvation, save, saving (health).

Yes, salvation is much more than just going to heaven someday, it is also health, prosperity, deliverance from whatever you need delivered from, it is victory over everything, and it is for now here on Earth! I didn't say that God did. Why is it that many churches and preachers only preach salvation as going to Heaven when you die?

God said in His Word "On Earth just as it is in Heaven." The Word of God says I can have Heaven here on Earth now! Is there sickness in Heaven? Is there poverty in Heaven, whose streets are made of gold? Is there lack in Heaven? Are people depressed and sad in Heaven?

There answer to ALL of these is in NO! Emphatically NO! Then if I can have Heaven on Earth now, I can be set free, lack for nothing, be prosperous, and be healthy

here and NOW! I just have to submit to God and His Word. Look to God for Love and you will find it!

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, Giver of every good and perfect gift, I ask today that You give me a chance to serve You and others in a way which glorifies Your kingdom.

Father, help me to lay aside my life and the cares and things that come with it and to pick up Your life. I thank You that in the process You choose to fulfill the desires of my heart, because Your Word says it is so.

Father, fill that empty place in my heart with Your Holy Spirit and Your great and precious love. This I ask and pray through my Lord and Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Chapter 19: Does your lifestyle bear the fruits of the Spirit of God?

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

--Galatians 5:16 King James Version

Or if you need an amplified version so you can hear what God is saying to you:

But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit of God]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).

--Galatians 5:16 Amplified Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

It is so much easier to live by and do the things that we can see, hear, feel, taste, and touch in the natural than it is to do the things of the Spirit. Of course the point is simple: what we can see, hear, feel, taste, and touch appear to be more real to us than something in the spiritual realm.

That's why we need to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,

the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit within us and His presence upon us also (as on the day of Pentecost), to help us walk and live by the spirit, this is so important. He enables and empowers us to move beyond our sin nature -- not by focusing on it and refusing it, but by enriching us and empowering us to do the important things of God, so that we will not even want to do the things we used to, but shouldn't do now.

He will give us the want to. He helps us to destroy old habits and create new ones based on our walk (our living out) by the Spirit. He will erase the old programming tapes (of the mind) and write over them with new programming from the Word of God.

To live by the flesh is death, but to live by the Spirit is Life! "Casting down arguments (imagination) and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ," 2 Corinthians 10:5

MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, I thank you so much for Your Holy Spirit that lives in me and is now empowering me with His presence upon me to do that which pleasing to You. Thank you Lord for continuing to fill me anew each day with Your Holy Spirit so that my life more nearly reflects Your will and focuses on Your concerns. Through Your

Holy Son Jesus, who sent Your Spirit to dwell in and upon me, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 20: Have you cast off the the things of the world that will hinder you spiritually?

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

--Hebrews 12:1 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

The world around us is constantly witnessing to us it's worldly, sinful, immoral ways. It is constantly bombarding us with things that are not Godly, with what they claim is the acceptable norm for today. Lesbianism and homosexuality are not the norm nor are they acceptable to God.

Who says what is acceptable, them or God? I think it is God who says and Romans Chapter 1 is very clear how God feels about it. It is nothing but their justification for their lack of very poor judgment and their immoral ways. They try to make everyone think it is okay and the norm. We need to throw off the vision given us by the world, shake it off and turn away from the lustful sins that come with the things of the world. We need to set

our minds on the things that are from above, from the Father. You can't embrace the things of the world and be Christian (Christ-like) at the same time!

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

We need to press into the things of God using Jesus as our example. We have a race, a course charted for us, that was charted before we were even born. But we must choose to run that race, and not only to run the race but to run it to win and finish.

It's our choice. God's way and life or the world's way and death, the choice is yours!

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, I thank You and praise You for who You are and what You are. I thank You Lord that You are a loving Father, who has charted my race for me before the beginnings of time. I thank You Lord, that You know the end of my race and the outcome if I will only follow You. I thank you Lord that I can choose to run that race and that You will provide the example and the strength I need to complete my race. In the precious name of Your Son, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

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

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

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

--Exodus 12:13-14 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

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

God tells them to make this day a memorial and to keep it throughout their generations. He is saying;

"remember that which I have done for you!" This was Old Covenant –this was for the Israelites, the Jewish people, God’s Chosen ones. But, under the "New Covenant" Jesus has covered all of mankind with His precious Blood.

He is the Lamb of God to us. The only thing necessary to be covered by it is to make Jesus your Lord! No other work or works are necessary, just believe in Jesus. It’s so easy! The Blood of the Sacrificial Lamb, shed once for all my sin and for my forgiveness.

His Blood shed once for all will be my daily pass-over from now on. We need to remember what Jesus did for us! We need to put ourselves under that Blood each and every day.

MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be the Sacrificial Lamb for me. Thank You for the shedding of His Blood that my sin might be washed away, forgotten, cleansed by His blood. Thank You Lord for putting me in remembrance of what Jesus did for me. That through Him by the washing of His blood I have been made the righteousness of God in Jesus. In the precious name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 22: Where are your spiritual eyes fixed?

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

--Hebrews 12:2 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S MANNA:

Have you ever heard the statement: "You drive where you look?" It is true that whatever you fix your attention on is going to be the direction in which you go, either in the natural or in the spiritual. That's true of all of us. We live and act like where we look, meaning where we spend our time watching, looking, and listening is going to affect the way we live.

That's why it's important to fix our eyes on Jesus, not the six o'clock news! I don't mean you can't watch the news, only don't become fixated on it. Forget or at least put aside this world and fix ourselves on Jesus.

Who He is, what He has done for us, who we are in Him, what He means to us, and where He is taking us. Remember, if you are born again, you are seated with

Jesus at the right hand of the Throne of God! I didn't say that, the Bible did.

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Almighty Father God, without Your grace and the gift of Your salvation, through Jesus, I could not approach You with confidence and truthfully I would not be able to. Thank You for sending Jesus to be my substitute, to take and bear the punishment I was due!

Thank You for His life, His death, His burial, His resurrection, His exaltation and His intercession at Your right hand for me. I pledge this day to keep my eyes on Him! I pledge to live by Faith, not by what I see in this world.

Father, I ask You by the power of Your Holy Spirit to enable me to keep my eyes and my heart fixed on Jesus. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 23: We have been commanded by God's Word to be compassionate, courteous, loving to our brothers

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; Not returning evil for evil, or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

--1 Peter 3:8-9 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

We have been commanded by God's Word to be compassionate, courteous, loving and a blessing to our brothers. God wants us to live together in harmony and peace, to give forth the 'Agape' (God's kind of love) love just as HE has called us to do.

He does not want us to be like the world and get even with people when they are evil to us, but rather we are to bless them. In fact He has told us to set a table before our enemies. To pray for our enemies. If we will do so He says we shall inherit a blessing. Can you imagine the world inviting their enemies for dinner!

MY PRAYER...

Father, thank You for providing us Your Word as our Guide in our life. Our 'Manual For Life' is Your Word. Father, I confess that I have let my own over-sensitive carnal self be offended, and have often reacted with pettiness when my brothers and sisters in Christ have not treated me as I felt I deserved.

I have let those world offend me at times. I know Jesus was treated rudely and shamefully by those he created and loved, so I know I shouldn't be surprised.

But Father, please help me to know when to challenge those who wound me with a loving confrontation and when to just ignore the barb and minister love to them. Father, help me be an instrument of Your love, peace, harmony, and unity. In Jesus' precious name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 24: God will not forget what you have done in His name

For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

--Hebrews 6:10 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

So much assurance in such a short verse! God is not unjust -- that is definitely an understatement. If He produced the redeeming, atoning sacrifice for our sins, while we were yet sinners, what will He deny us if we seek diligently after Him now as His Children?

He will not forget our work and our love -- an eternal record of the ministering unto Him and for Him that we have done! When we help our brothers and sisters in Christ, we bless Him!

When we minister to those that don't know Him, we do His will and His work. We are all HIS people!

MY PRAYER...

Most Holy Father God, I give You praise and glory and thanks giving forever. Father I thank You for Your covenant promises made to us through Your Son Jesus.

I know that You are not a man that should lie and that what You have promised in Your Word must be true. Father, You are so gracious. Words cannot express my joy at hearing such a simple and profound statement describing Your virtues.

I am so glad I am now Your child. That You have given me all things that pertain unto life and Godliness. In Jesus mighty name, I give You praise and glory forever. Amen.

Chapter 25: Abraham 'believed' God and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

--Galatians 3:6-9 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Notice that as Abraham believed God it was accounted to him for righteousness. Not by anything that he did or by his works, or by keeping the law, but by his 'faith', his belief, in what God had said to him.

Notice that God promised in His Word to justify the heathen (the unsaved worldly people) through that same faith that brought Abraham his righteousness. The just shall live by faith! All we have to do is believe that God is and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek after Him and He will (actually HE has

already) justify us through the Blood of Jesus.

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, I know that I was not worthy for You to justify. But because You loved us so much You made a way whereby we could be justified.

You sent Jesus to the Cross for us. On the Cross the penalty was paid. In the Grave the victory was won. At Your right Hand the reign begun.

And Jesus now and forever sits at Your hand making intercession for those that will call on Him in faith. I pray Father, that everyone reading this will get a revelation of Jesus Christ and Him crucified for them. In Jesus name. Amen.

Chapter 26: Are you quick to listen and then slow to speak?

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

--James 1:19 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Hit the gas pedal on your ears, but have a dual caliper, double cylinder, power assisted disc brake on your tongue, and don't let anything anger you without seeking God first.

Let the email that angers you sit there three or four days before responding and then make sure you read your answer, re-read it, re-read it, and edit it, then re-read it again, and then pray in the Holy Ghost about sending it.

Better yet just delete the offending email and any reply that you were going to send and then praise God for the sender.

It would be better if you just deleted it, prayed for the

person who sent it, and forgot about it. This says the same thing as James says above, except in more modern terms.

Now if we would just do it, wouldn't we all be so much more blessed! Next time a brother or sister, or for that matter anyone, says or does something that could anger you stop for a moment and ask yourself this before you do or say anything: "What would Jesus do right now?" "How would Jesus handle this" There were times when people wanted to stone Him and He just turned and walked back through their midst and walked away. He didn't repay anger with anger, instead with love.

MY PRAYER...

Mighty and Holy God, You are incredible beyond my comprehension. Father God, help us to understand Your ways. How You put up with all the drivel, the senseless, and hurtful speech that I and Your other children spew out is beyond my understanding. I ask that You release Your Holy Spirit to convict our hearts and help us to guard our lips from any form of hurtful, harmful speech. Lord, I want my voice and my actions to be as much if not more Yours than mine. Make my thoughts as Your thoughts and my peace as Your peace. This I pray through Jesus. Amen.

Chapter 27: Are you being deceived, do you know if you are?

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience (Those who are of the world, not of God). Therefore do not be partakers with them.

--Ephesians 5:6-7 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

How many of you have had someone try to steal the Word from you or try to convince you that the Word wasn't true or doesn't work?

Beware, they are thieves trying to kill, steal, and destroy you with their empty words. Beware of books and movies which go against the Word of God, even if they claim to be fiction, for example the Harry Potter series.

They are there to deceive you, placed there by or through the devil or his advocates (anyone who will listen to him and do his bidding) slyly like a fox.

The devil comes only to kill, steal, and destroy you. Remember God's warning, because of these things the

wrath of God comes on the sons of disobedience (those of the world not born again, who do not obey God's Word) God sternly warns us to NOT be partakers with them. Either in the acts spoken of, or believing in what is said or portrayed. His wrath which will come upon them will also be upon you if you do! He loves His children, but He hates the sinful acts that people do. And while He loves His children He can NOT condone the sinful acts, they have NO place with Him.

MY PRAYER...

Faithful Father, thank You for loving me so much. Thank You for sending Your Word to teach and to train me in Your ways. 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. Thank You that You have given me Jesus to be the Way the Truth, and the Life to me and to this sinful, corrupt, and dying world if they would receive Him.

Father, help us to have spiritual ears to hear and spiritual eyes to see and the God given wisdom to discern when the thief tries to come and steal from us and deceive us. In Jesus name. Amen.

Chapter 28: What can wash away your sins?

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

--Revelation 1:5-6 King James Version

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

The revelation of John relates once again to us that we have been cleansed and had our sins washed away, by the Blood of Jesus. Not that our sins have been covered over or hidden, but washed away...as far as the East is from the West.

Notice it says by His own Blood, not just by blood, to infer that blood of animal sacrifices as in the old covenant could not wash away our sins. God makes it real plain here in His Word that it is nothing but the Blood of Jesus that cleanses us and makes us whole again in His sight. Oh, but He doesn't stop there, we

have a new and better covenant now (really it's the first one God made 430 years before the Law was given to Moses). Jesus has also made us kings and priests unto God here on earth now with that cleansing. Remember this old Christian tune:

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...

Father, thank You for sending me Your Son Jesus. Thank You Lord that His Blood has the power to cleanse and wash me white as snow. Thank You Father that I was able to give you my old tattered garments and through Jesus You have given me a new robe, pure and white. Thank You Father that You not only made a way for me, but Jesus was willing to pay the ultimate price for me. Father help me to be worthy of the price He paid for me. In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His precious Blood I pray. Amen.

Chapter 29: How is your spiritual maintenance?

The cares and anxieties of the world, and distractions of the age, and the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things creep in and choke and suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless."

--Mark 4:19 The Amplified Bible

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Did you know that the seemingly innocent things in your everyday life can rob and steal from your spiritual life and your walk with God?

Those little innocent cares can suffocate and kill your spiritual life if you allow it? It's been said that the United States, among other nations, has become a nation of maintenance and workaholics. And it's true.

We have so many things to maintain: our houses, our cars, our yards, our toys, our machines, our tools, our hobbies our appearance. It's true. We can become a maintainer of so many natural things that we don't have

any time left to maintain our own spirit! Is it time to simplify your life? What happened to the simple life? You feed your physical body at least 3 times a day (some of us many more), how many times a day do you feed your spiritual man?

Most of us can't even answer once a day! But we should be feeding the spiritual man that much more than we feed the natural man.

Why? Because he will be with us for all eternity. I've had to learn to simplify life myself. I released or gave up or just got rid of some of the time consuming things that were in my life. Now when I'm considering something I think I need, or something new I think I need to do, I don't just count the cost in dollars and cents.

I think about how much time it will take to maintain it or to do what it is. I check to see if I can spiritually afford the time to maintain it without affecting my spiritual life. After all, when it's all said and done and natural life comes to an end, it's the spiritual life that I will have forever after!

And nothing that I have here in this natural world will I be able to take with me. Nothing!

Second Timothy 2:4 says, "No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier."

Are you in the Army of The Lord? If you're a Christian

you are supposed to be.

MY PRAYER...

Father God , I pray that You would continue to help us purge ourselves of the I and Me, and show us how to refill with more of Jesus. Help us, Lord, to lay our cares at Your feet, and to not get caught up in the things of this world.

Father, You said in Your word, for us to seek first Your Kingdom and Your righteousness and then You would add all these THINGS (things of the world) unto us. Help us lord to understand truly that in our hearts and to learn to maintain our spiritual well-being first and foremost. I thank You, Father, for Your perfect grace and mercy. In Jesus' name 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, every day, all day, then we will reap the Promises He has made to us!

MY PRAYER...

Almighty 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.

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