

Chatting with GOD

A life's worth of Divine Wisdom



... a few concise conversations that contrast and illuminate conservative fundamentalist beliefs about the Bible's "God" (espoused by evangelical Christians, Old Testament writers, and the apostle Paul) and the gentle all-Loving principles of the Bible's GOD (known by progressive Christians, modern-day Saints, and Jesus Christ)

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“Because here's something else that's weird but true: in the day-to-day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping or not believing. Everybody worships – everybody believes. The only choice we get is what we worship and what we believe. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god or spiritual avenue to worship — be it Jesus or Allah, be it YHWH or the Wiccan Mother Goddess, be it the Four Noble Truths or some secular set of ethical principles — is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive ...

If you worship money and things, if they are where you try to tap real meaning in life, then you will never feel you have enough – you will always be wanting more or to forever preserve that which you already have. On the other hand, if you worship your body and beauty and sexual allure you will deep down always feel ugly and alone, and once time and age inevitably start to show, you will die a million deaths before others finally grieve your passing. Finally, if you worship fun and pleasure and comfort you will always return to a scathing sense of boredom and agitation and meaninglessness; you will ever be walking towards vapid ‘satisfaction’ and ever away from real, deep-seated Contentment ...

Of course, on a deeper level, we all know these things already. They have all been interminably codified into our myths, our proverbs, our clichés, and our parables; always forming the skeleton of every great story we have ever heard or told ... The trick then is not in learning these Truths – the trick is in keeping them up front in daily consciousness; in keeping them vibrantly alive in our daily interactions.”

(~ inspired by David Foster Wallace)



“God is not a separate being; certainly not some old man who lives in the sky. No, the essence that people call God is something far more potent – something far more intimate -- something that lives both within and all around all of us. Yes, it is true that what Jesus and Rumi and Buddha and all the rest said was essentially correct. It's just that over the years the translations of their teachings have gone all astray ... In the end it is crucial to remember that communicating with God cannot be done to alter or influence God, but rather solely to illumine and enhance the nature of the one doing the communicating.”

(~ inspired by John Lennon & Soren Kierkegaard)

Introduction: How I came to talk to God ...

Back in late October of 2010, I came across a Facebook page called “*God*” – a page that posted mostly conservative passages from the Bible (and sometimes the personal theological opinions of its administrator); doing so without citing biblical book or verse, and doing so as though it was God who was actually doing the posting (!!!) ... While highly amused at first by this blatant show of hubris, I soon became quite concerned. For after reading through many of the page’s comment threads, it became immediately and disturbingly apparent that thousands of people actually earnestly believed that it was God Himself who was typing those words, and that it was God Himself who was uploading those posts. It also seemed quite clear that the author of these entries (along with the vast majority of his or her readers) was completely unaware of the fact that there are actually not one but *two* primary celestial forces at play in the Bible – the highly dysfunctional and overtly judgmental “*God*” (often written as *Elohim* in the ancient Hebrew) and the gently just and unconditionally loving “*LORD*” (or “*Father*” – most often written as either *Adonai* or *YHWH* in the Hebrew manuscripts). Even though this dichotomy is purposefully ignored by most preachers and its mention is almost completely absent from most churches, it is nonetheless blatantly obvious to any earnest student of the Bible. Having been an avid student of the texts for roughly the previous decade of my life, it was clear to me that the author of this page – ironically in this case, “*God*” – was not representing a worthy godhead, and that his or her readers were as such being shamelessly misled.

And so it was that I set out to rectify the problem, and to do so I simply started going to the page every day and responding – sometimes cryptically, sometimes directly – to every post that was either biblically inaccurate, dysfunctionally dogmatic, &/or less-than-Divinely reflective. Almost needless to say, a wonderful series of extremely concise dialogues ensued over the next several months – hundreds of them, in fact, and it occurred to me thereafter that they would make a most insightful book; a log of profound insight and potential inspiration. That, at least, has been my primary intention with compiling & releasing this tome – that it prove to be a beacon of Light to those currently shrouded in the shadows of conservative Christian dogma, &/or a source of illumination regarding all that GOD can truly be.

Amen ... Let it be so!

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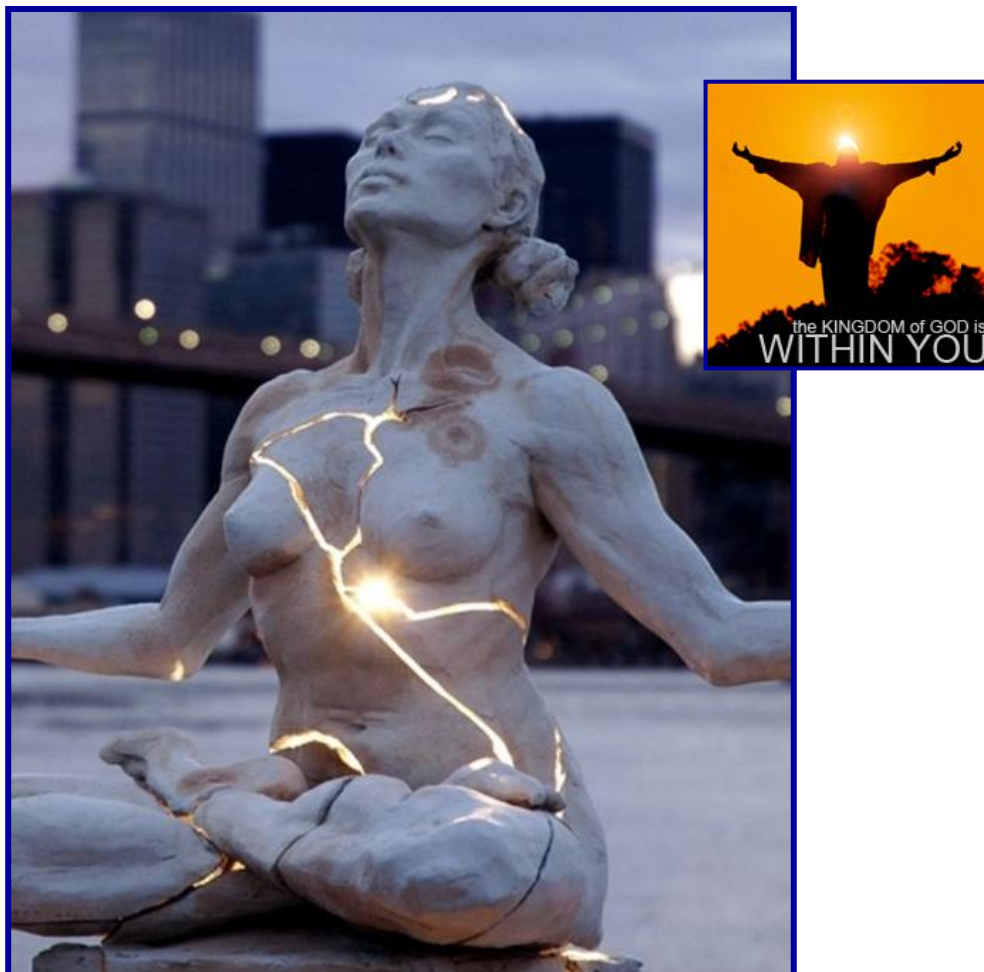
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The Kingdom of God ...

***“But seek first the kingdom of God and My righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.” ~ God***

Fair enough, though it is crucial to remember that **the Kingdom of God** mentioned in this verse ([Matthew 6:33](#)) is always right here & right now – in each & every one of our present moments (see [Luke 17:20-21](#)), and that our “**righteousness**” can only fully blossom while we are actively caring for either the downtrodden in our communities (see [Matthew 25:35-40](#)) &/or the enemies (those we least care &/or who least care for us) in our lives (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#)) ... In essence, once we seek **the Kingdom** humbly, we instantly realize that it is already here (see [Luke 17:20-21](#)), once we realize that the Kingdom is already here, we then can remember that this Kingdom is entered by extending perfect Love to others (see [Matthew 5:48](#) & [John 13:17](#)), and once we enter the Kingdom of Heaven and know its perfect Love, we fully comprehend that there is nothing more to be “added” or acquired thereafter.



on obtaining Guidance ...

***“Without counsel purposes are diluted and disappointed:
but in the multitude of counselors they are established.” ~ God***

While it is true that **counsel** from others might indeed crystallize our sense of Purpose, this verse (**Proverbs 15:22**) neglects to mention that our same Destiny remains clouded – and in effect non-existent -- until we leap boldly into it; until it is faith-fully actualized during bold deeds of gentlycourageous Kindness ... (see **John 13:15-17**)



to Love “the brothers” ...

***“You know that you have passed out of death into life,
because you love the brothers ... Whoever
does not love abides in death.” ~ God***

Yes, there is indeed great Truth herein (1 John 3:14) -- as long as we remember that our spiritual “brothers” are actually our everyday *enemies* ... (see Luke 6:27-36, Matthew 5:39-48, 1 John 4:6-18, Matthew 24:12-14 -- even 1 Corinthians 16:14 & Romans 12:14-21)



The Lord ever-watching ...

*“I am ever watching, and
I will carry out my plans.” ~ God*

To the degree that the Lord is good and kind and decent and just, He is **ever-watching** us indeed — *from within*. He is resting comfortably beside our own conscience, and He indeed patiently waits for us to carry out all His courageously kind plans. The only remaining question then is: How long are we going to make Him wait before we do so? ... (see [John 14:12-20](#))



on Doing all things ...

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.” ~ God

This verse ([Job 42:2](#)) is indeed true – we *do* have the innate Power to make amazing change in our relationships and to our surroundings (see [Matthew 17:20](#)). Of course, just because we *can* do all things, does not in any way mean that we can escape reaping the commensurate consequences of those choices (see [Galatians 6:7-9](#), [James 3:18](#), and [The Parable of the Sower](#)), with all our humbly selfless deeds reaping Peace, and all our arrogantly self-focused actions bringing suffering ... After all, what is the heavenly Father’s greatest desire for us? It is for us to live in [the Kingdom of Heaven](#) — that state of perfect Bliss that is known only to those who *actively* walk The Way of Jesus Christ by serving strangers and enemies alike with forgiveness, kindness & Love (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#), [John 13:15-17](#), [John 13:34-35](#) et al).



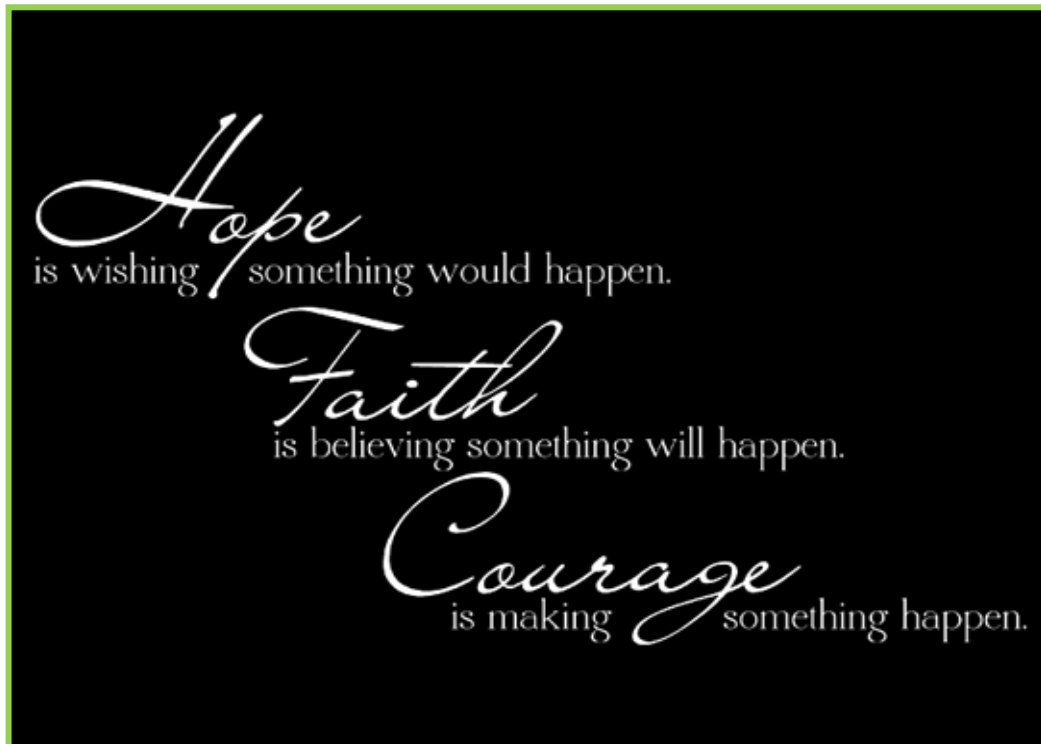
refusing to worry ...

“So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough troubles of its own.” ~ God

The **worry** mentioned here (Matthew 6:34) is indeed a negative, counterproductive energy – more often than not summoning the very thing worried about. And yet it is just as important to understand that tomorrow will only be able to “**care for itself**” once we choose to Care for others today ... (see Matthew 25:35-40 & John 13:15-17)



God's Will is for us to have faith and show courage ... What is not understood by many is the fact that the two are actually one -- that the latter comes from the former, and that the former is solely reborn in the latter.



fruitful & multiplied ...

“I will look on you with favor and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you.” ~ God

This verse ([Leviticus 26:9](#)) is [Good News](#) indeed (see [Matthew 10:7](#) & [Matthew 24:12-14](#)) -- at least as far as those who are walking The Way of Christ are concerned – primarily because our personal covenant with the Father is to work with Him to bring Peace to all; to increase the numbers of those who *serve* the downtrodden (regardless of species), who *forgive* their enemies (regardless of transgression), and who show *kindness* to strangers (as opposed to being merely “nice” or “tactful” or “polite” or “friendly”).



Unless you are going to bear the Fruits of the Spirit, do not be fruitful. And unless you are going to multiply in Peace , do not multiply.

on Resting when weary ...

***“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you comfort and rest.” ~ God***

What this verse ([Matthew 11:28](#)) fails to mention is that real **rest** for the true Children of God must be a reprieve from our selfish inclinations; a deep-seated comfort that can come to us only while we are Purpose-fully and selflessly choosing to **comfort** others ... (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#) & [1 John 3:10](#))

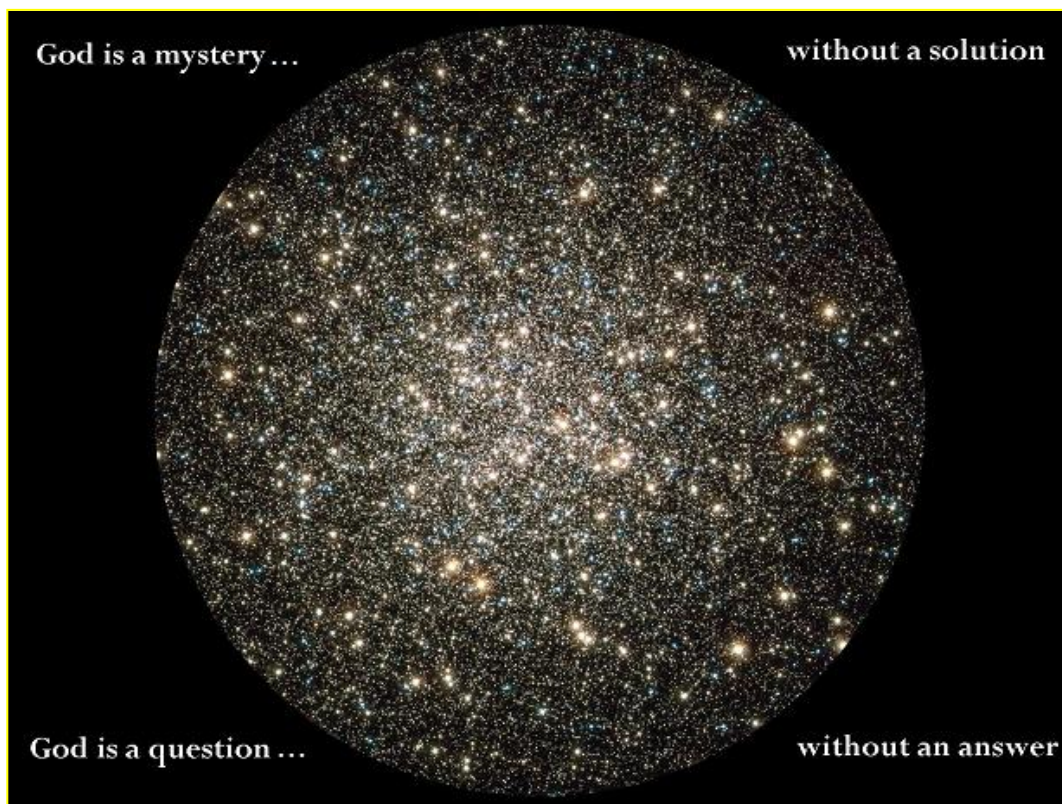


***"Travel light ... Live light ...
Spread the Light ... Be the Light." ~ Bhajan***

to Seek the Lord ...

***“Seek the Lord and his strength ...
Seek his face continually.” ~ God***

And to find [the Lord’s strength](#) mentioned here ([1 Chronicles 16:11](#)), we must look in our Hearts – especially when we are acting accordingly; especially when we are choosing to Care for those “least deserving,” especially in those times we feel least capable. Essentially, to find [the Lord’s face](#), we must gaze deeply upon our own -- in those moments when we are acting as agents of God (see [John 14:20](#)). For Peace only comes to those who actively make Peace with others ... (see [1 Corinthians 14:33](#) + [Matthew 5:39-48](#)) ...



on Strengthening the weak ...

***“Your words have upheld him who was falling ...
You have strengthened your feeble knees.” ~ God***

While this verse ([Job 4:4](#)) does seem quite positive on its face, in truth, mere words can never raise anyone up. Indeed, it is our far too frequent use of mere words that makes our knees most [feeble](#) ... In truth, for Love to be truly felt, the Lover must leap boldly towards the beloved ... (see [John 3:21](#), [John 5:29](#), [John 13:15](#), and [1 Corinthians 4:20](#))



to Number our days ...

***“So teach yourselves to number your days
that you may gain a Heart of Wisdom.” ~ God***

Interestingly enough, we will know that we have truly awoken when we remember what this verse ([Psalm 90:12](#)) fails to say: namely, that there is actually only one relevant day in our lives — **today**. Indeed, the present moment is the *only time* that God’s Love is alive, and the *only place* Jesus’ Kingdom of Heaven exists ([Luke 17:20-21](#)) ... Even more importantly, we will know when we have finally risen when we understand that living accordingly – living as though this one, current moment is all we have to live -- is the true Heart of all our Wisdom ... (see [Matthew 6:34](#))



"Each day's a gift and not a given right, so leave no stone unturned, leave your fears behind, and remember to take the path less traveled ... Against the grain should be a way of life. Every second counts, so live like you'll never live this one twice ... If today was your last day and tomorrow was too late, would you make your mark by mending a broken heart -- by reaching out to those in need -- by championing the rights of the hurt & harmed -- by forgiving those who deserve it least? It's never too late to shoot for the stars, no matter of who you are, so do whatever it takes today, because you can't rewind a single moment in this life." ~ via Chad Kroeger

on Going in Peace ...

“Go in peace; for the way in which you are going has My full approval.” ~ God

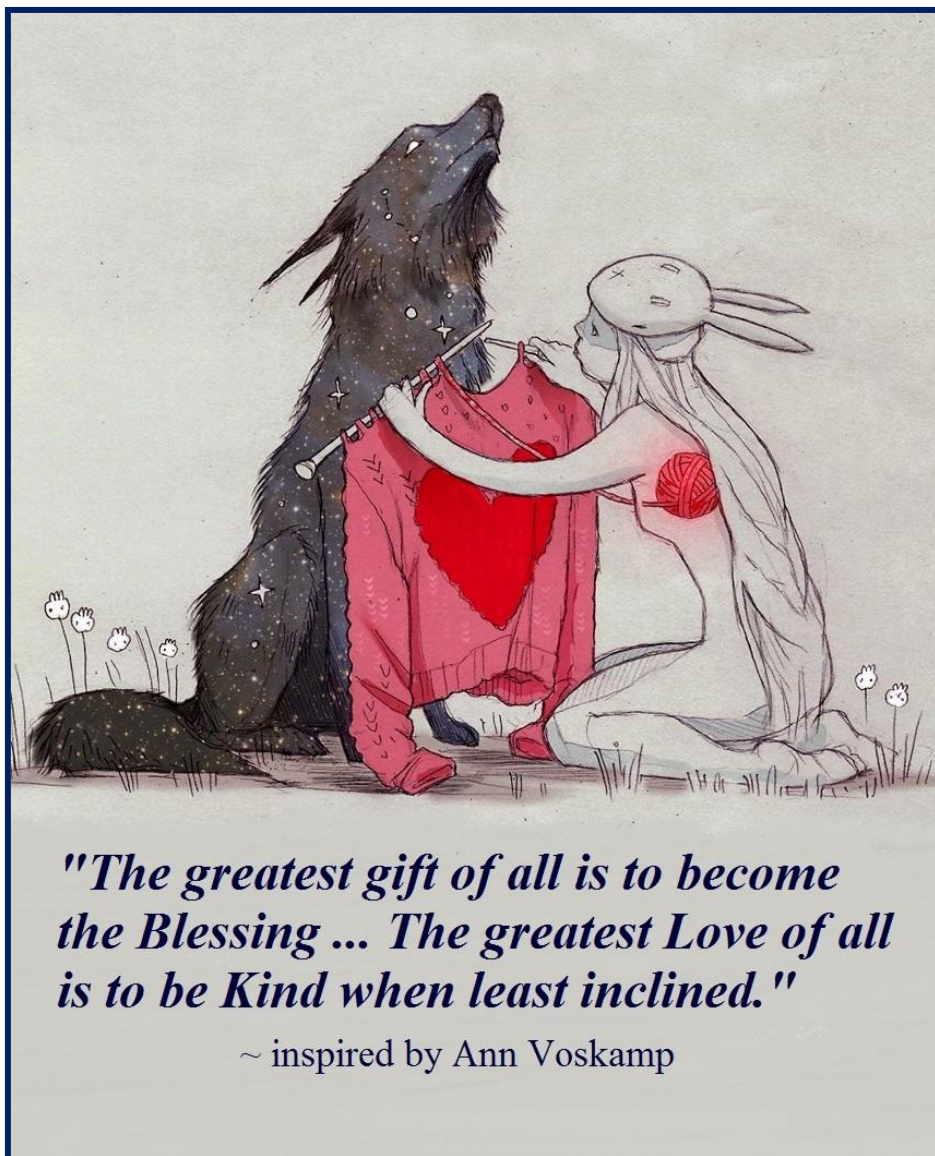
In our own time and tempo, we are all steadily returning to the humble oneness of compassionate Kindness -- and thus the Lord indeed approves of us, just as this verse ([Judges 18:6](#)) implies. For whether our journey to unconditional Love takes but one instant or an entire lifetime, God always approves of the selfless direction of travel ... (see [Hebrews 12:14](#))



on receiving God's blessings ...

"Whatever you ask for you receive from Me, because you keep My commandments and do what pleases Me." ~ God

As this verse (1 John 3:22) intimates, there is indeed a direct interplay between our chosen behaviors and the consequences that flow back to us therefrom. That having been noted, we can only receive real Goodness from **the Lord** when we act in harmony with His selfless and unconditionally Loving will -- a will that always wants us to care for the downtrodden (see Matthew 25:35-40) and be kind our enemies as though they were He Himself (see Matthew 5:39-48).



on Calling out to God ...

“Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will one day himself call out and not be answered.” ~ God

It is true enough what this verse ([Proverbs 21:13](#)) implies – namely, that those who choose callousness are themselves soon thereafter rejected, and that those who choose cruelty will indeed one day themselves be similarly strafed. That having been said, far more important than the obvious dysfunction of blaming this dynamic on God (as neither God nor the Universe has a vested interest in punishing any wrongdoing – see [1 John 4:18](#) + [Matthew 5:48](#)) is the mirror Truth herein – namely, that it is impossible for one to suffer while Caring selflessly for others. As such, whoever chooses to humbly opens his hand to the needs of the poor will never again feel a need to himself cry out in want. Indeed, it is in closing our ears to the cries of the downtrodden that makes *us* deaf to God, a loving Father who is *always* summoning us to service, regardless of whether we are being righteous or sinful ... Indeed, there is only way to pray “in Christ”, and that is to pray humbly for the opportunity to give our lives in service to others in need – the opportunity to give ourselves fully to [the poor](#).



along the Straight Path ...

***“If you acknowledge Me in all your ways and doings,
I will respond by making your paths straight.” ~ God***

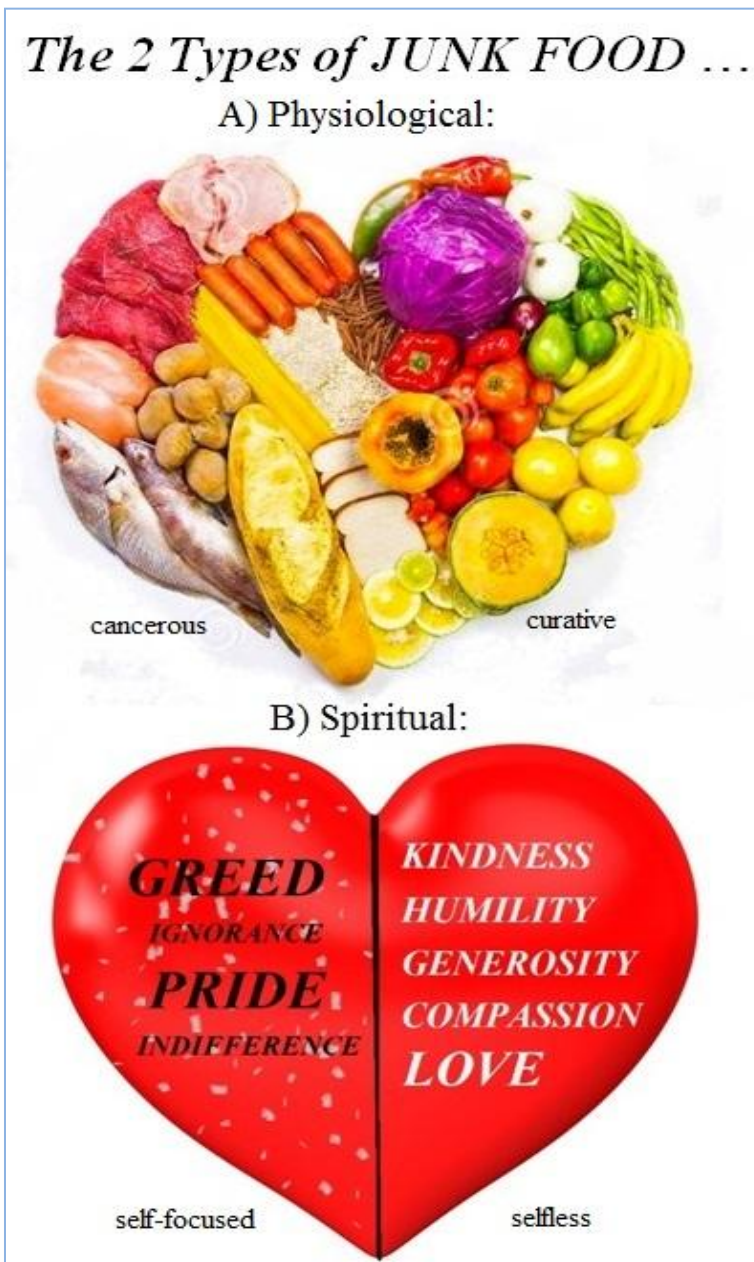
The only way to truly acknowledge an all-Loving & all-merciful God (see [Matthew 5:48](#) & [Luke 6:36](#)) is to embrace all the others you encounter with perfect Love and complete mercy. And once this is done, we will no longer need what this verse ([Proverbs 3:6](#)) implies – we will no longer need for God to [make our paths straight](#), for our own Love & our own Mercy *become* the straightest of Ways ... (see [Mark 1:3](#) & [Hebrews 12:13](#))



the Food that endures ...

“Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.” ~ God

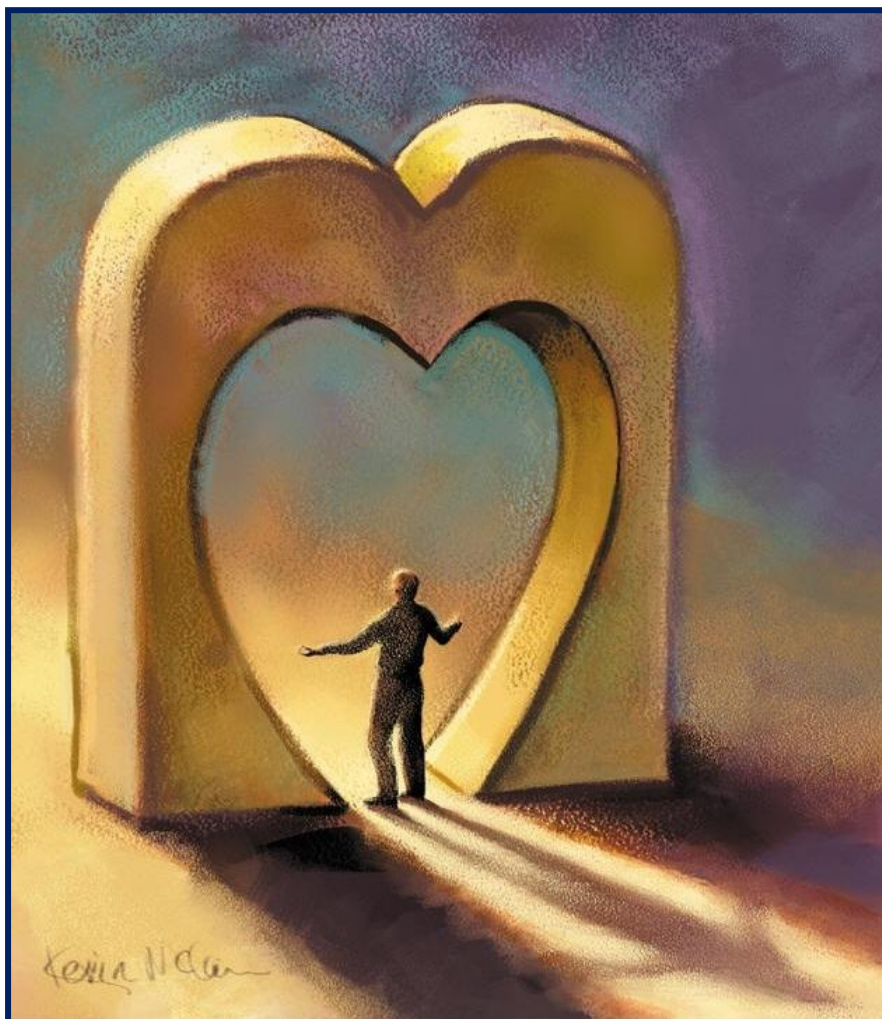
And what is this food (mentioned in [John 6:27](#)) that never rots? It is the opportunity to serve the one closest to you with courageous acts of Kindness (especially strangers, enemies, &/or the downtrodden) ... For *this* is the [banquet table](#) set by the Father in every moment; a table that is always full and to which all are always invited ... (see [Luke 14:15-24](#))



the Desires of your Heart ...

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and I will give you the desires of your Heart.” ~ God

And what are the true & fullest **desires of our Heart** (mentioned here in **Psalm 37:4**)? They are to **delight yourself in the Lord** -- by being Kind to **all** others nearby; by being openly loving to friends, by being openly gentle with strangers, by being generously caring towards the downtrodden, and by being courageously kind towards our enemies.

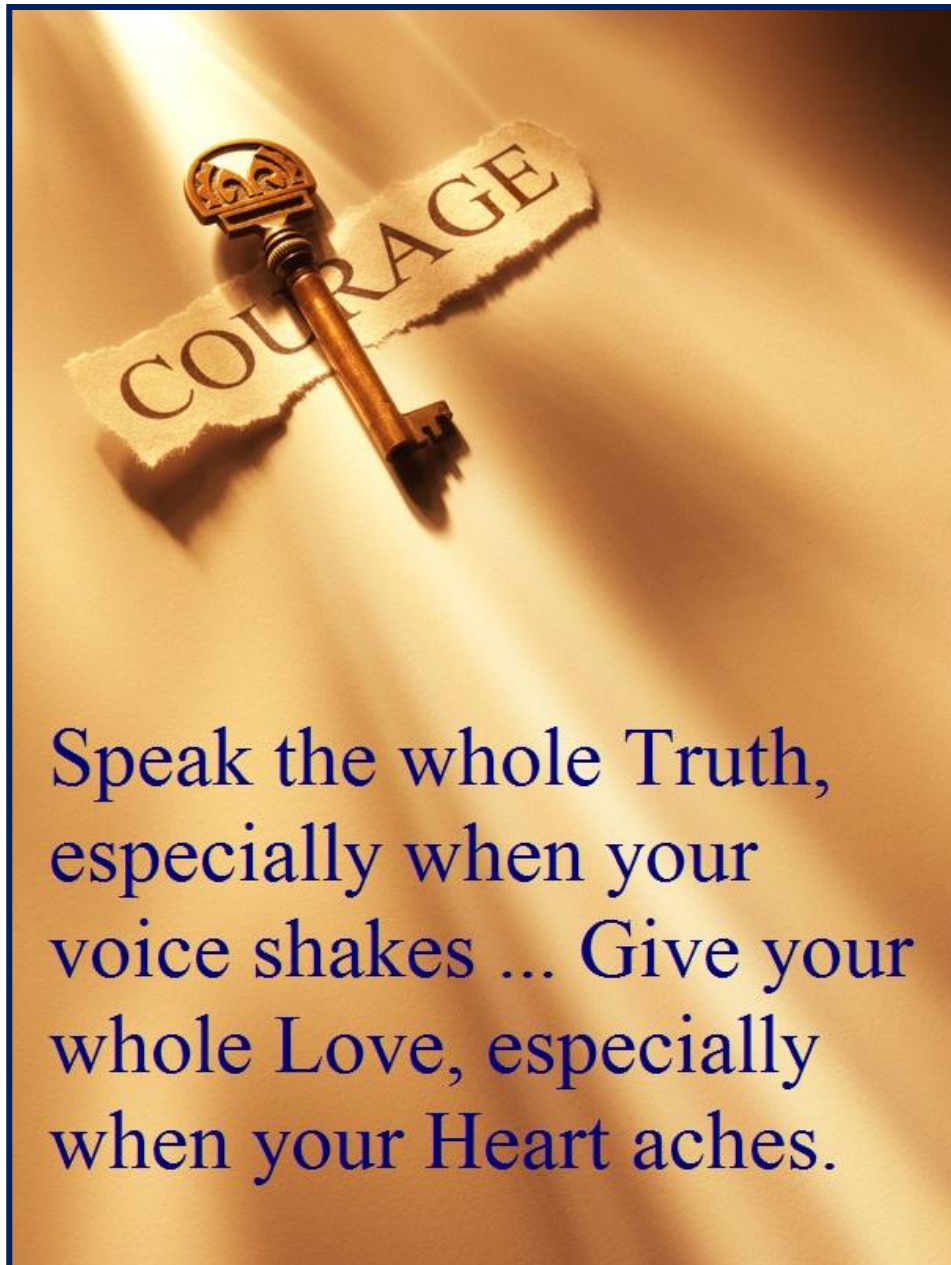


Uphold and enliven the righteous desires of Compassion, Kindness, Humility, & Generosity -- They are the energies that flow unceasingly & unwaveringly from the Heart.

on speaking Truth ...

“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with your neighbors, for we are all members one of another.” ~ God

There is great wisdom in this verse ([Ephesians 4:25](#)), and we would all be wise to remember, especially when it comes to sharing truth with others (be it via thought or word or by deed), that there is always a Kind way to do so.

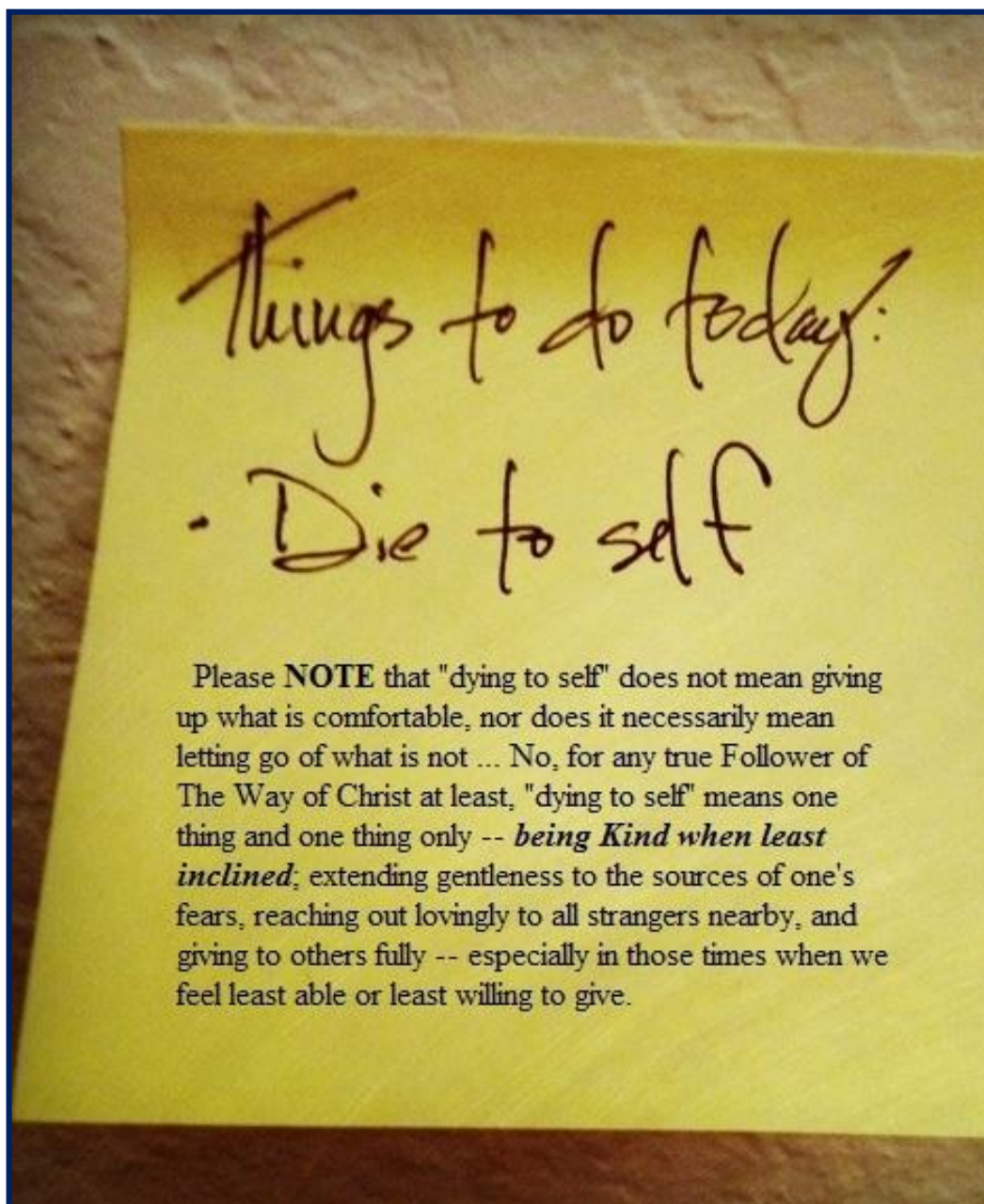


Speak the whole Truth,
especially when your
voice shakes ... Give your
whole Love, especially
when your Heart aches.

on finding Life ...

“For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” ~ God

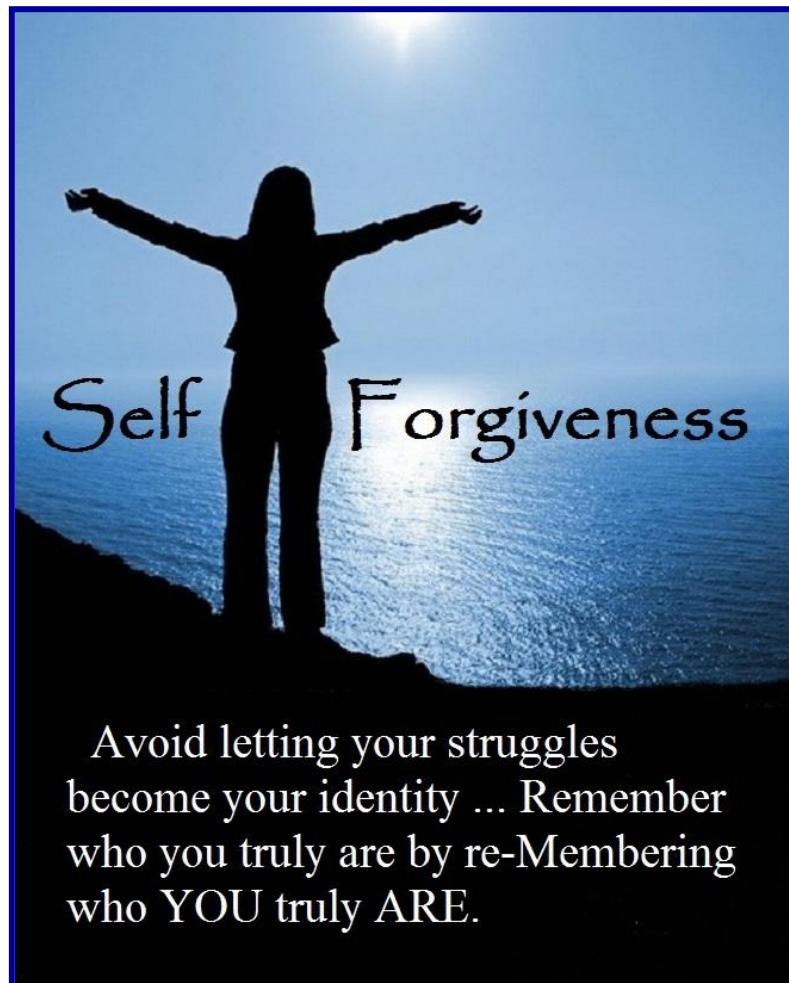
And how do we choose to “lose” (i.e. give freely, as mentioned here in [Mark 8:35](#), as well as elsewhere throughout Jesus’ teachings – see [Luke 9:23](#)) our life? By sharing our Kindness with others -- *especially in those moments we don’t wish to do so and especially for those to whom we least wish to do so.*



confessing confession ...

***“If you confess your sins, I am faithful and just to forgive you,
and cleanse you from all unrighteousness.” ~ God***

Actually, in marked contrast to the opinion expressed in this verse (1 John 1:9 -- an opinion unfortunately still shared by many in the Christian church), it is actually a grievous sin to confess our sins, if for no other reason than in all those moments we spend informing God & others about our negative behaviors (deeds they have already witnessed and already know more than enough about), we *could* have been extending positive Kindness to others ... As such, the real recipe for Salvation is a simple one: forgive yourself for your transgressions, let those failings go – emotionally & mentally, apologize to their victims and offer to make amends (without attaching to that offer being appreciated or accepted), and then get out there in your world and **actively Care** for somebody – especially somebody for whom you don't normally care ... (see John 13:34-35)



knowing Eternal Life ...

“Have hope for eternal life, which I your Father -- who never lie – have promised you before the ages began.” ~ God

Despite this verse’s bold proclamation ([Titus 1:2](#)), it was not God who *promised* us eternal life. Rather, it was God who *gave* us an eternal life a life that was and still is and ever can be infinite — in every single moment we choose to ***Love others anyway*** (see [Luke 17:20-21](#) + [John 13:17](#)).



"By promising man an eternal life of happiness, Christianity deprived him of a temporal life of Joy. By teaching man to trust in God’s help, Christianity undermined man's faith in his own strength. By giving him hope for a better life in heaven hereafter, Christianity destroyed man's faith in making a better life on Earth ... Christianity gave man what his imagination desired, and yet for that very reason utterly failed to give him what he really and truly needs." ~ via Ludwig Feuerbach

the Hand of God ...

***“Have pity upon yourselves, my beloveds;
for the Hand of God has touched you.” ~ God***

While this verse ([Job 19:21](#)) seems to imply that being **touched by God** is sometimes a painful or discomfoting occurrence, this cannot actually ever be the case. For if God is truly worthy of our honor & admiration (i.e. if God is truly GOD), then He must be the embodiment of perfect Love (see [Matthew 5:48](#) & [1 John 4](#) et al) and His touch must be ever gentle and ever soothing. As such, it is a sin to pity anyone who has been touched by **the Hand** of the same ... Indeed, when such amazing grace happens, are to fully rejoice instead!



“If I speak in the tongues of angels, but do not have Love, then I am naught but a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all the mysteries of the Cosmos, but do not have Love, then I am lost. And if I have the strongest faith -- so pure as to move mountains, but do not have Love, then I am nothing.” ~ via Paul in 1 Corinthians 13

making requests to God ...

***“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything,
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to Me.” ~ God***

An important thing to remember about this verse ([Philippians 4:6-7](#)) is that it is impossible for us to pray for God’s help without having at least a base-level of anxiety. And yet, when we pray “[in Christ’s name](#)”, we do so only for the opportunity to courageously relieve the suffering of a brother or a sister in need. And *this* is the “[supplication and thanksgiving](#)” that the Father desires ... Note as well that it is impossible for us to be anxious about anything while we are Caring for another. Finally, and by far most importantly, asking to be of such service is in fact the only prayer request that God always hears & honors.



"The good you do today might be forgotten tomorrow.

... Do good anyway.

Honesty and openness make you vulnerable to the mean-spirited.

... Be honest and open anyway.

People like the underdogs and yet worship the top dogs.

... Fight for the underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building up might be destroyed overnight.

... Build up anyway.

People who need your help might attack you if you help them.

... Help people anyway

The Kindness you show might be overlooked or ostracized.

... Be Kind anyway.

The LOVE you give might be rejected or ridiculed.

... Give your LOVE anyway." ~ via Kent M. Keith

the Noble Things ...

***“But he who is noble plans noble things,
and on noble things he stands.” ~ God***

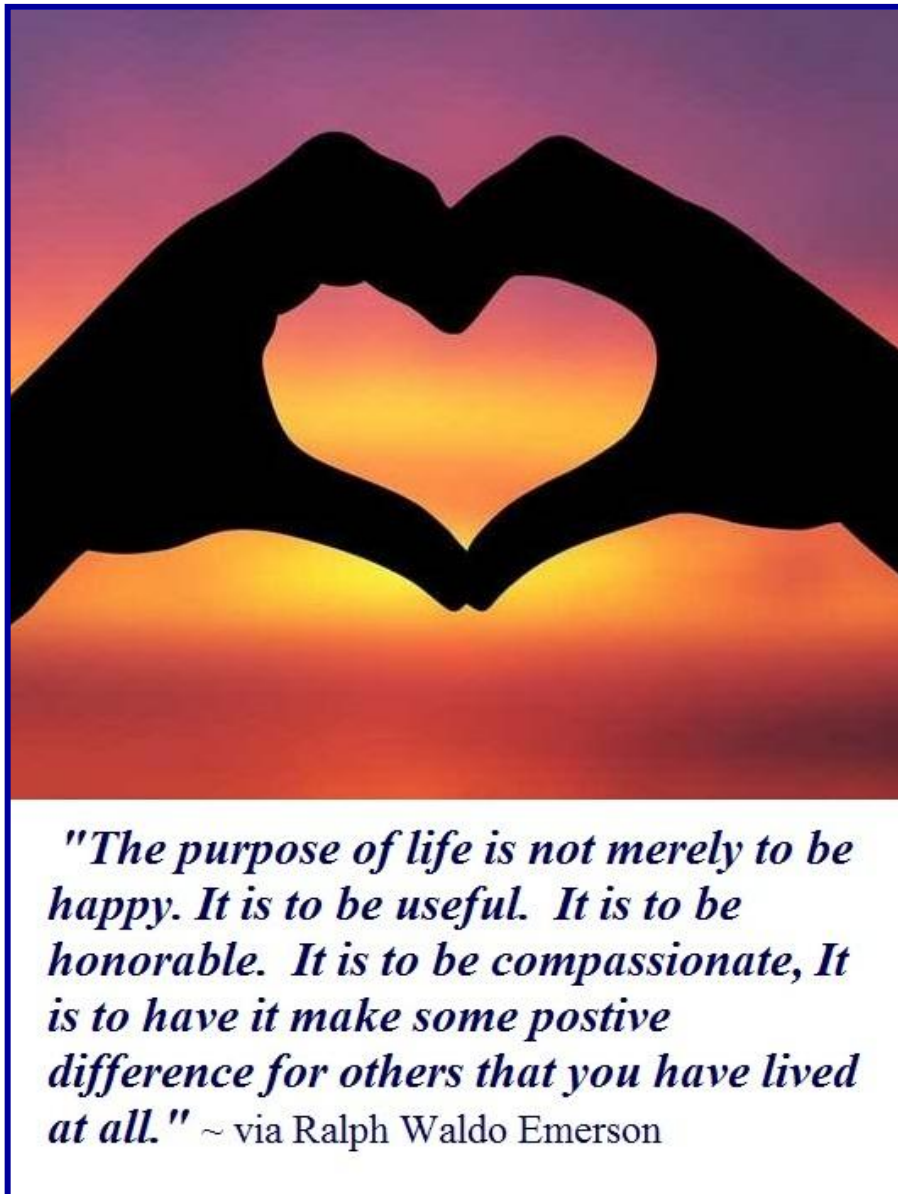
Actually, despite what this verse ([Isaiah 32:8](#)) alludes to the contrary, she who is truly Noble is the one who **does** noble things, and those same selfless deeds end up standing *for her*.



on Wisdom & Hope ...

***“Know that wisdom is thus for your Soul.
And if you find it, there will be your future,
and your hope will not be cut off.” ~ God***

Firstly, it is impossible to find the **Wisdom** mentioned in this verse (Proverbs 24:14) without first *living* true Wisdom ... Secondly, it is impossible to fully live true Wisdom without first releasing and letting go all self-focused hopes & dreams ... Finally, it is impossible to release personal hopes & dreams without **actively serving** the hopes & dreams of others.



"The purpose of life is not merely to be happy. It is to be useful. It is to be honorable. It is to be compassionate, It is to have it make some positive difference for others that you have lived at all." ~ via Ralph Waldo Emerson

on the Interests of others ...

***“Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others.” ~ God***

The true magnitude of this verse ([Philippians 2:4](#)) is that to enter the [Kingdom of Heaven](#), we must actively (see [John 13:15-17](#)) look not merely to the interests of others, but rather must *deny* our own [interests](#) (see [Luke 9:23](#)) in order to fully serve the needs of the downtrodden in our communities (see [Matthew 25:35-40](#)) and the enemies in our midst (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#)).



on reaping what is Sown ...

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” ~ God

This verse (2 Corinthians 9:6) is well worth remembering, and its deeper Truth is well worth remembering as well: namely, that in those moments we choose to sow unconditional Love, our sowing literally and fully *becomes* our reaping.

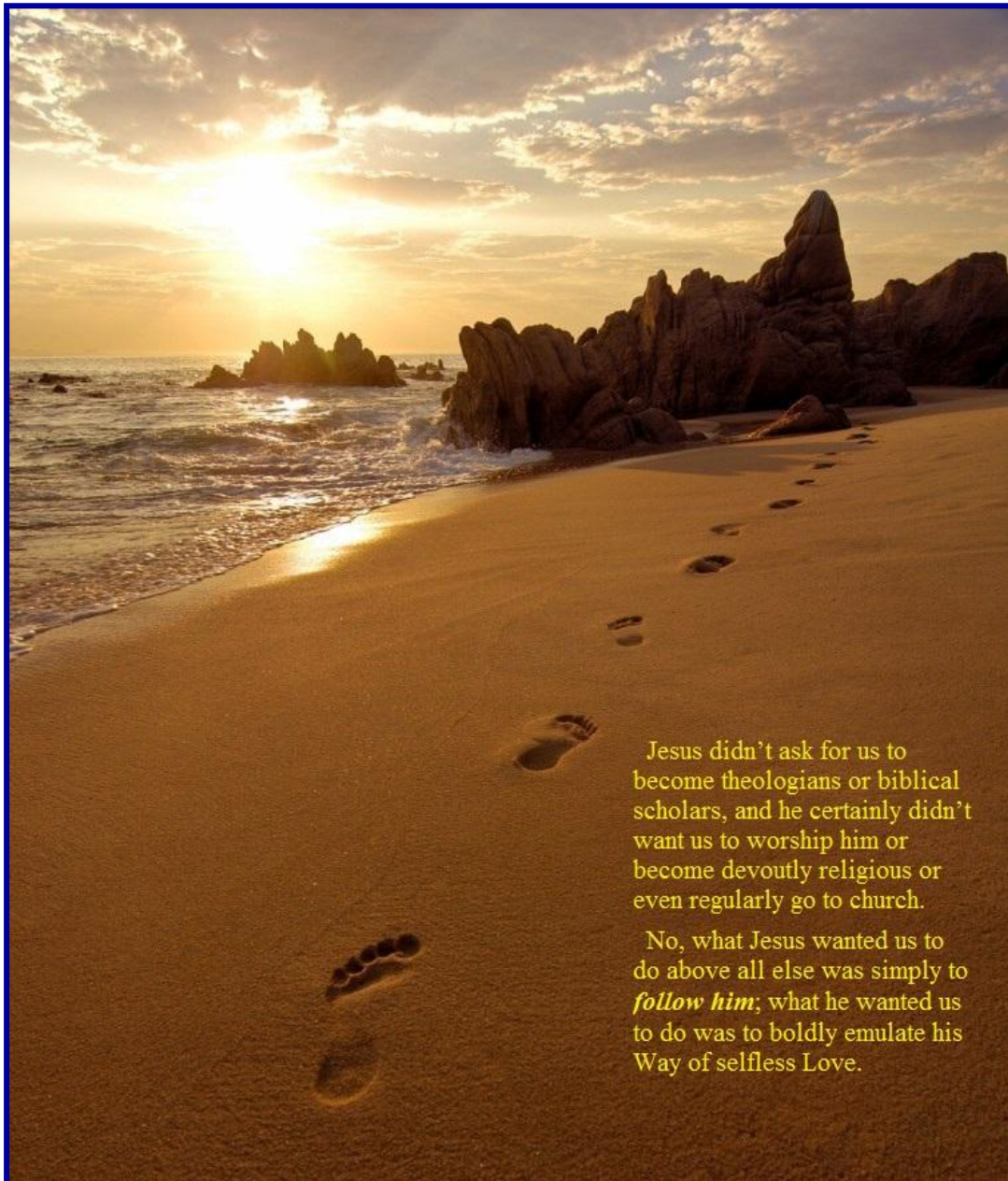


"Count your blessings to find that which you seek, and then throw your loving Soul boldly through every portal thereafter. Turn your sorrows into another's treasured gold, and even when you are alone in the wilderness, remember to Love loudly. For no matter where your path might lead, what is sown is always begotten." ~ anonymous

on Paul & Jesus ...

*“Remember that it was Paul who said,
‘Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.’” ~ God*

This verse (1 [Corinthians 11:1](#)) illuminates a critical yet little-known biblical Truth related to attaining Salvation -- namely, that we are only to follow the teachings of Paul when they happen to fully harmonize with the admonitions of Jesus Christ ... (Note: There aren't very many of them)



Jesus didn't ask for us to become theologians or biblical scholars, and he certainly didn't want us to worship him or become devoutly religious or even regularly go to church.

No, what Jesus wanted us to do above all else was simply to *follow him*; what he wanted us to do was to boldly emulate his Way of selfless Love.

on God's plans ...

*“For I know the plans that I have for you;
plans for your welfare and not your calamity –
plans to give you a hopeful future.” ~ God*

This verse ([Jeremiah 29:11](#)) is emotionally soothing, to be sure, though it would be far more helpful for it to remind us that God's plans for our **welfare** are only truly fulfilled in every moment we ourselves “plan for” (i.e. actively enhance) the welfare of others. Indeed, our truest **welfare** comes to us in those moments when we completely cease hoping for our own “**better future**”, and commence working on making others' lives more joyous instead. Indeed – and in-Deed, this is GOD's only plan for us.



on sowing your seeds ...

***“How blessed you will be, sowing your seeds by every stream,
and letting your cattle and donkeys range free thereby.” ~ God***

This verse ([Isaiah 32:20](#)) proves true enough – as long as the [seeds](#) we sow are acts of Kindness, and as long as the [streams](#) we sow them by are opportunities to Care for the downtrodden (including all our animal cousins who are suffering from oppression and abuse). For indeed, this is what casts off all our worldly burdens & worries – and this is what allows all our “[cattle & donkeys](#)” to roam truly [free](#).



on Believing in God ...

*“But without faith it is impossible to please Me.
For whoever would draw near to Me must believe that I exist,
that I might reward those who seek Me.” ~ God*

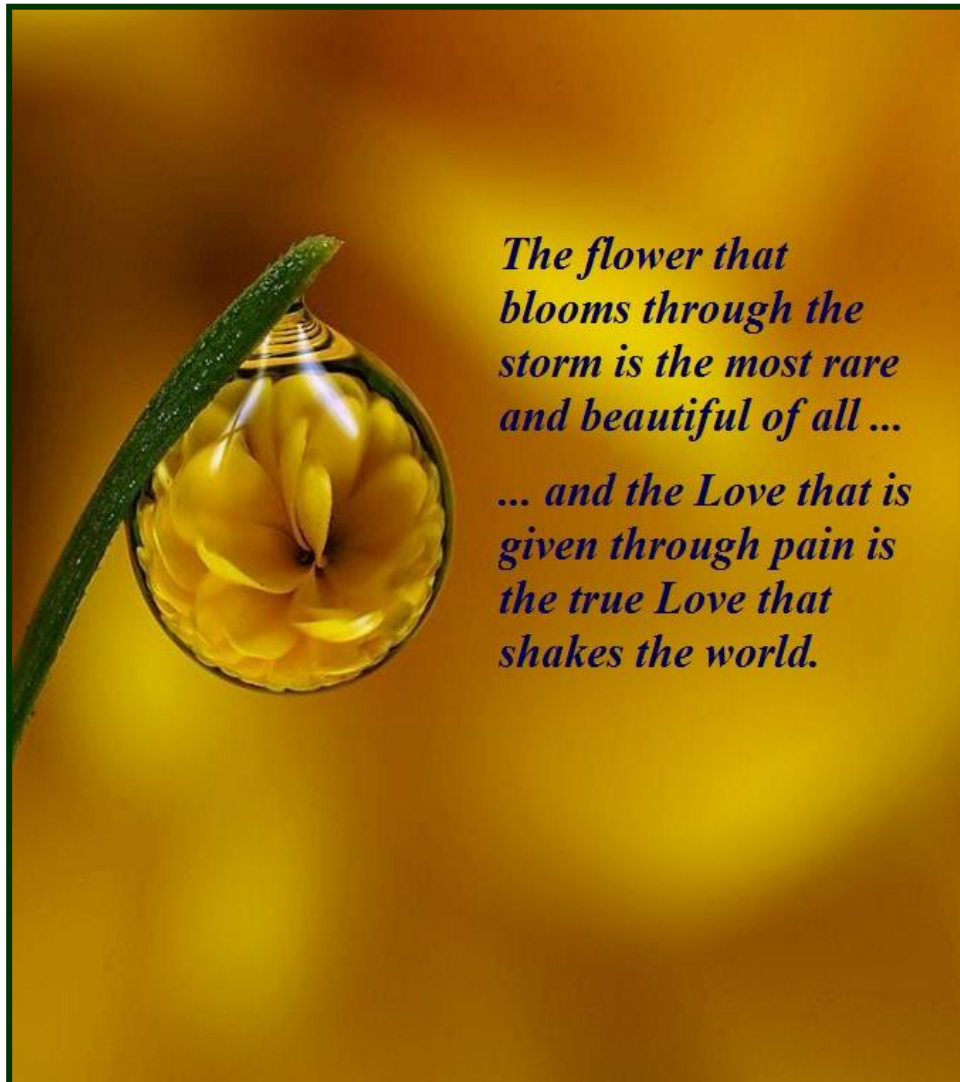
This verse ([Hebrews 11:6](#)) might well be accurate – though it is far more important to realize that whomever would deeply realize that God is indeed always nearby must first deeply believe that He exists, and that whomever would deeply **Believe** that God exists can only do so **by acting accordingly** – by acting as an all-Loving agent of that all-Loving God ... The only faith that pleases GOD is the faith that is completely uncertain of its own salvation, and yet attends to the suffering of others anyway. After all, lessening the suffering of others is always our greatest Blessing, and the opportunity to lessen the suffering of others is the only heavenly reward worth seeking.



on remaining Steadfast ...

***“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast in times of trial,
for after he has stood the test of difficulty,
he will receive the Crown of Life.” ~ God***

This verse ([James 1:12](#)) is all well & good, and yet we should also note that the “[trial](#)” in which we all find ourselves is the constant temptation to fulfill our own desires while simultaneously being given the constant opportunity to set those desires aside and Care for others. And note as well that the only way to be “[steadfast](#)” therein is to release the former and humbly engage the latter ... This may not be what some would call “[The Crown of Life](#)”, and yet it without a doubt is what GOD would call “the Crown of Living.”



***The flower that
blooms through the
storm is the most rare
and beautiful of all ...
... and the Love that is
given through pain is
the true Love that
shakes the world.***

on suffering & prayer ...

***“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.
Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.” ~ God***

Is anyone among you suffering? Then focus solely on Caring for another and your suffering will cease ... Is anyone among you cheerful? Then go forth in Gratitude and bring that cheer to someone who has it not. For these and these alone is the only **prayers** GOD hears clearly ... (here via [James 5:13](#))



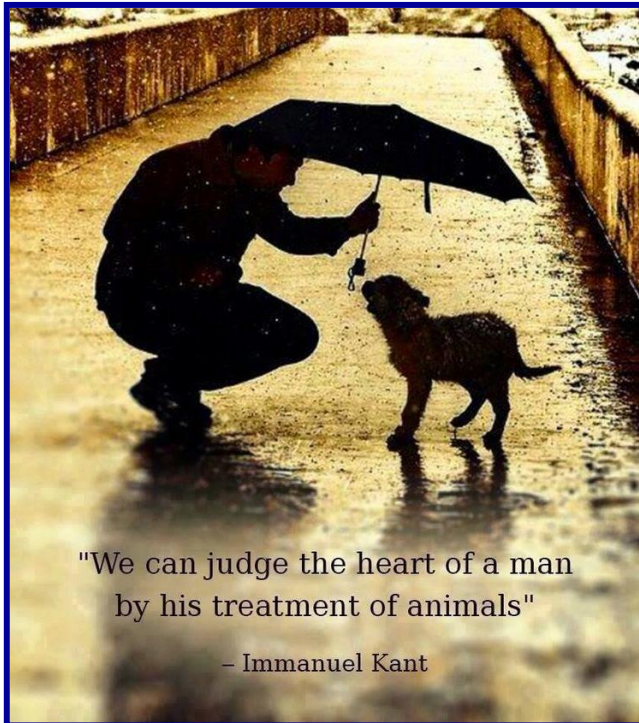
***When saddened,
serve others ...***

***When joyous,
share with them.***

on being Kind to the poor ...

“He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and I will reward him for what he has done.” ~ God

Fair enough – there is great Truth in this verse (Proverbs 19:17) as well, though for the true Child of God, being **kind to the poor** is the most profound heavenly **reward** possible ... (see Matthew 25:35-40 et al).



on disciplining children ...

“Discipline your children well, and they will give you peace of mind and make your heart glad.” ~ God

Actually, even though it is tempting to accept this verse ([Proverbs 29:17](#)) as pure truth, the only “discipline” that is in harmony with The Way of Christ is unconditional forgiveness. Indeed, it is our sinful egos that yearn to be punished, just as much as they fear being truly loved. As such, the only “discipline” that can hope to effectively bring positive change to anyone or any relationship is courageously radical acts of unconditional Kindness.

P.S. God Himself would never hit a child (indeed, Jesus openly *adored* & *revered* them – see [Matthew 19:14](#)) — and thus neither should we.



on minding your own affairs ...

***“Aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs.
Work with your hands, just as I have instructed you.” ~ God***

Even though the advice in this verse (1 Thessalonians 4:11) is indeed sound, it bears noting that -- because we are all innately Children of God (see Romans 8:16 & Luke 6:35) -- using our hands to care for others is the only way to truly “mind our own affairs”.



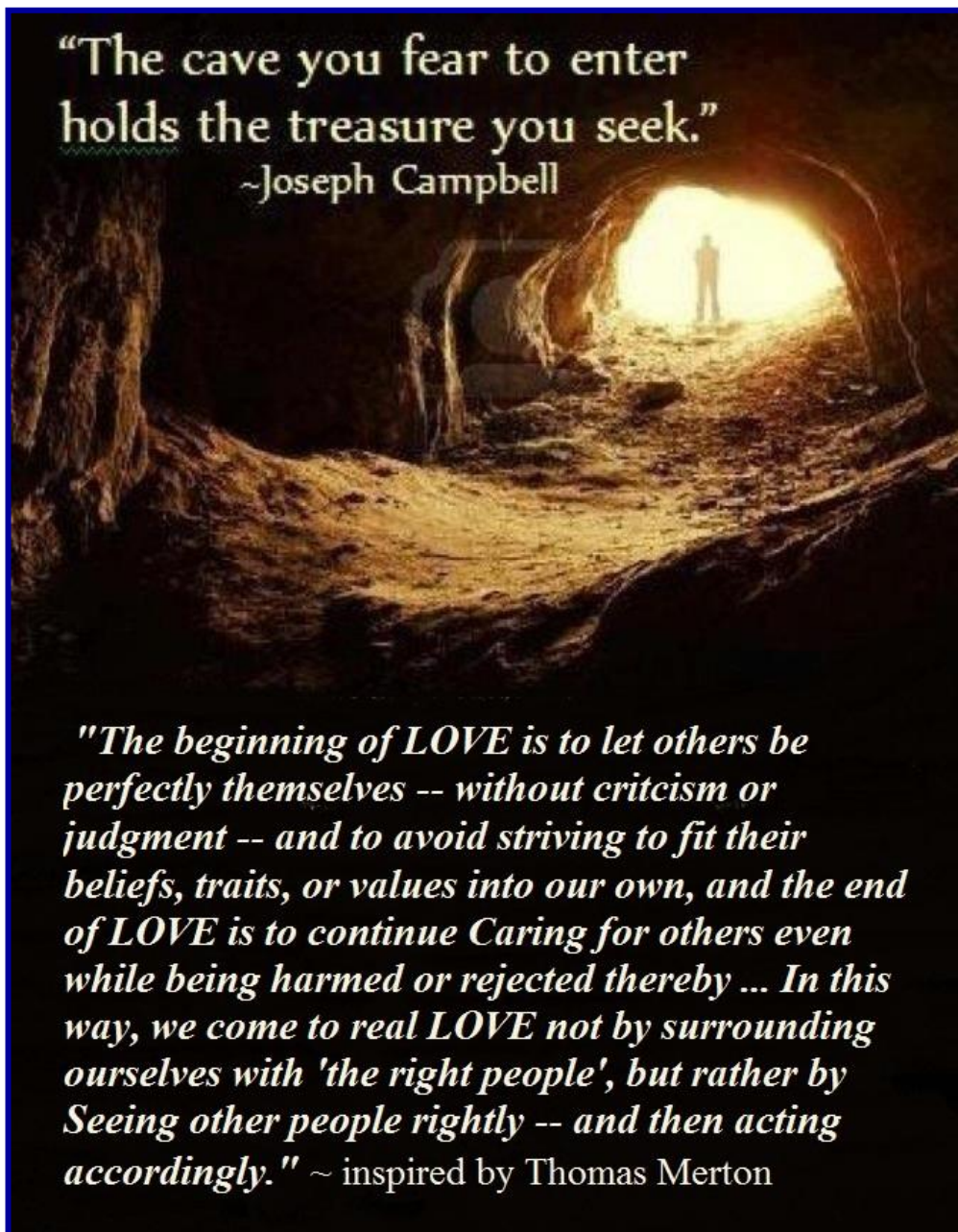
*“No one is useless in this world
who lightens the
burdens of another.”
- Charles Dickens*

***“What we do for ourselves
dies with us. What we do for
others and the world remains
and is immortal.” ~ Albert Pine***

on being Perfect ...

“Be perfect -- of good comfort, of one mind, in peace; and I, the God of Love and Peace, shall be with you.” ~ God

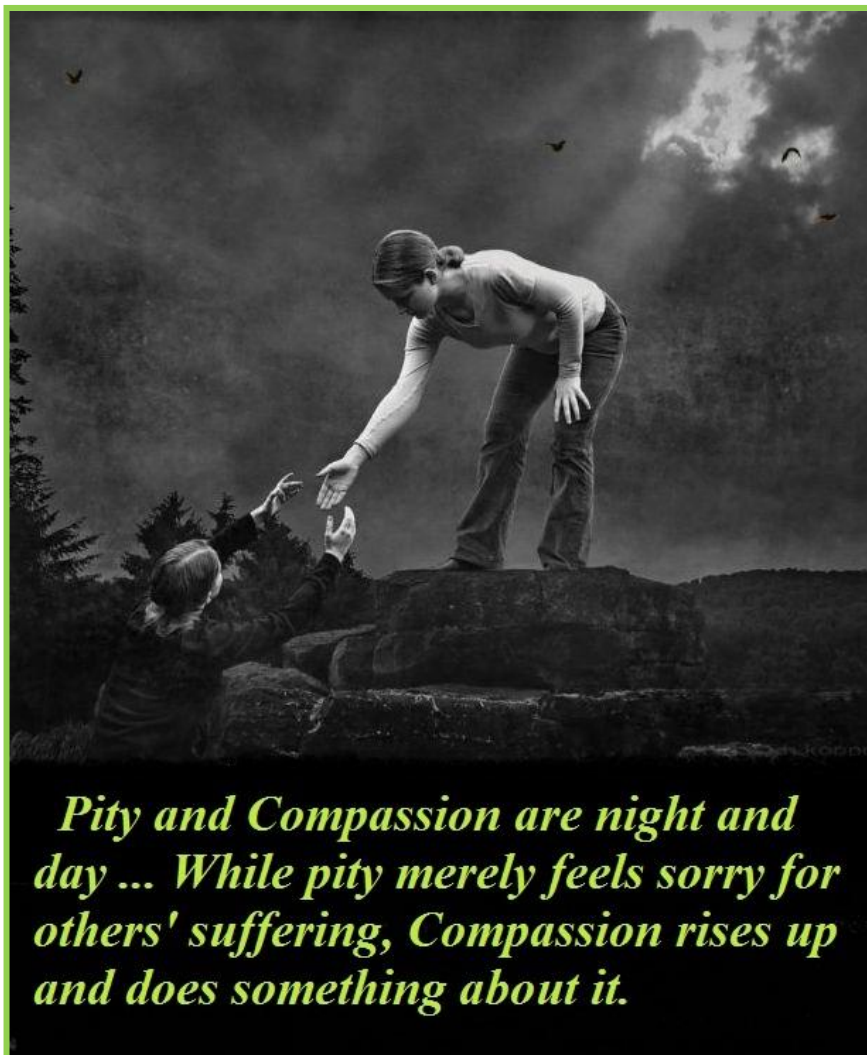
While this verse (2 Corinthians 13:11) is vaguely true enough, it is important to realize that living **in peace** requires first & foremost loving our enemies, which is the very same perfection that Jesus himself exhibited and in-Couraged throughout his ministry ... (see Matthew 5:40-48, John 14:12, et al)



on having pity ...

“If anyone has material wealth and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?” ~ God

Actually, the true **Love of GOD** mentioned in this verse (1 John 3:17) knows no pity whatsoever – compassion, yes, and yet pity, never. Though no one (not even a masochist) chooses the full panel of pain that enters his or her life, we all choose how much or how little we suffer from our trials. As such, any gift that comes from a place of sympathy comes from a place of judgment, and any gift that comes from a place of pity comes from a place of criticism. Real Love engages neither of these paths, and as such chooses to honor the choices of others instead — lending them Compassion for their difficulties, while simultaneously in-Couraging their innate ability to transcend the same.



rejoicing & mourning ...

*“Rejoice with those who rejoice,
and weep with those who weep.” ~ God*

Indeed, this verse ([Romans 12:15](#)) holds much Truth. *And yet* it is far more important to remember that the true Child of God “rejoices” with those who are happy by in-Couraging them to Care for those who are saddened, just as the true Child of God “mourns” with those who are sad by gently reminding them that their lives are not their own; that their sadness actually empowers all current & subsequent acts of loving Kindness.



Empathy is more than merely seeing with the eyes of another or listening with their ears. Empathy means having the humility to FEEL the pain & the terror of the downtrodden and the oppressed, and then having the Courage to soak into that injustice with them; to DO what it takes to ease their suffering.

the Fruit of the Spirit ...

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.” ~ God

Paul (quoted here via [Galatians 5:22-23](#)) would do better to keep things simpler. For **the Fruit of the Spirit** is actually nothing more than perfect Love itself; the perfect Love which *is* active Kindness, and which becomes true Joy — the true Joy which is born in active Kindness, and which becomes profound Peace — the profound Peace that glows in active Kindness, and which becomes deep-seated Goodness — the deep-seated Goodness that is embodied by active Kindness, and which becomes staunch faithfulness (to The Way of Jesus Christ) — and the staunch faithfulness that engenders inner Peace, and even more active Kindness thereafter ... (see [Matthew 7:21](#) + [John 13:17](#) et al)

The Fruit of the Spirit =



on Saving others ...

“I have become all things to all men, so that by any means I might save some of them.” ~ God

Actually, contrary to what this verse (1 Corinthians 9:22) implies, it is impossible to “save” another by convincing them or cajoling them or converting them to do or believe anything. For the only way to truly “save” another is to re-mind him of his own Holy Spirit within, and the only way to effectively remind another of her Holy Spirit is to keep our mouths shut and show her the same perfect, purely unconditional Love for strangers and the down trodden that resides within her still.



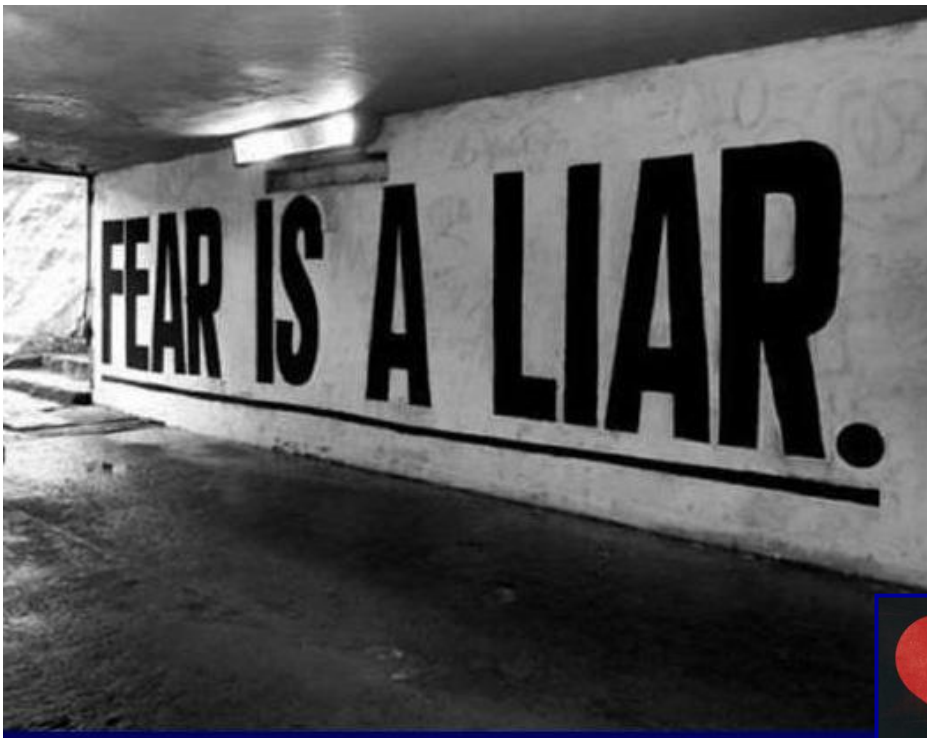
"Not anyone who merely cries 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom of God, but only those who *do* the all-Loving will of my Father in Heaven."

~ Jesus Christ (Matthew 7:21, also Matt 5:40-48, Matt 18:3-4, & Matt 25:35-40)

on fearing the Lord ...

“Just as a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Me.” ~ God

Disturbingly, this verse ([Psalm 103:13](#)) fails to mention possibly the most important Divine Tenet in the entire Bible: namely, the Truth that God’s Love is perfect (see [Matthew 5:48](#)), coupled with the Truth that perfect Love has absolutely nothing to do with either fear or punishment (see [1 John 4:18](#)) ... God knows that all those who fear Him are wasting their time, and it is for *this* reason alone that He has compassion for them ...



“There is no fear in Love, and perfect Love casts out all fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and thus whoever fears has not reached perfection in Love ... Be perfect in your Love, therefore, just as the Love of your heavenly Father is perfect.” ~ via 1 John 4:18 + Matthew 5:48

the new Creation ...

***“If anyone is in Christ, then he is a new creation.
For him the old has passed away,
and behold, the new has arrived.” ~ God***

Fair enough, and yet it is therefore even more important for us to remember that being “**in Christ**” (referenced here via [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)) happens anew in each moment we choose to actively Care for those we least care about (see [Matthew 5:39-48](#) & [Matthew 7:21](#) & [Matthew 24:12-14](#) & [John 13:15-17](#))... Of course, we fall deeply “**in Adam**” every time we do not make this choice, and yet that choice is ever ours to make – over & over & over again; in every moment of every day of our lives.



"When real Love awakens in your life in the darkest night of your Heart, it is like the clearest dawn breaking within you. Where before there was anonymity, now there is intimacy; where before there was fear, now there is courage; where before there was awkwardness, now there is a rhythm of grace; where before you used to be jagged, now you are elegant and in harmony with your Soul. When real Love awakens in your life, it is like a rebirth, a new beginning" ~ via John O'Donohue

our eternal Glory ...

*“Therefore endure everything for the sake of the elect,
that they too might, with gentle grace and eternal glory,
obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.” ~ God*

What this verse (2 Timothy 2:10) neglects to mention is the fact that “[the salvation that is in Christ Jesus](#)” comes only to those of us who willingly and actively emulate his unconditionally Kind lifestyle (and this, regardless of their particular religious beliefs) -- for it is *these* who are “[the elect](#),” and this Truth comes via Jesus Christ himself ... (see [John 13:17](#), [Matthew 7:21](#), [Luke 6:47-48](#))



be relentless **&**
do good anyway

on eternal Salvation ...

“And having been made perfect, He became -- to all those who obey Him -- the source of eternal salvation.” ~ God

Actually, not exactly ... This verse ([Hebrews 5:9](#)) seems to forget the fact that blind obedience always comes at least partially from fear, a fear that has nothing to do with the perfect Love of the Father (see [Matthew 5:48](#) & [1 John 4:18](#)). Jesus’ **Kingdom of Heaven** is only accessible right here & right now (see [Luke 17:21](#)) — the eternal moment fully known to all who have the humility & the courage to Care for their enemies (see [Matthew 5:39-48](#)) — and this, regardless of what might happen to them in return; and this, regardless of whether or not they attain “**eternal salvation**” as a result. For this is *Jesus*’ definition of salvation, and as such *this* is what it means to be “**made perfect.**”



***When you truly Love
something, you must use it to
bring others Peace &/or Joy ...
When you truly Love someone,
you must fully, repeatedly, and
wholeheartedly set them free.***

on finding Enjoyment ...

***“There is nothing better for a person
than that he should eat and drink
and find enjoyment in his toil.” ~ God***

Aside from the fact that the phrase “**nothing better**” in this verse (Ecclesiastes 2:24) is a bit of a stretch (I mean, extending Kindness to strangers is clearly better, as is openly forgiving an enemy), the only way to find true in-**Joy**-ment in our toil is to toil for the Joy of others.



to honor mother & father ...

***“Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long in the land that I,
the Lord your God, have given you.” ~ God***

Honoring others, as this verse ([Exodus 20:12](#)) encourages, is indeed always a good idea. Of course, the only way to truly “[honor](#)” anyone (mother &/or father included) is to honor the others in their lives – especially those considered by them to be lowest or least worthy ... For it is in Caring for our enemies that our days become truly full & “[long](#)”, and it is in reminding others of this fact that we truly “[honor](#)” them.



returning to the Shepherd ...

“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd -- the Overseer of your Souls.” ~ God

What this verse ([1 Peter 2:25](#)) fails to mention is that “[the Shepherd of your Souls](#)” is our own conscience — the Spirit of Christ already within us all (see [John 14:20-26](#)). Indeed, God – “[the Overseer of your Soul](#)” – is indeed overjoyed when any of us “return to the flock;” that moment of redemptive grace that occurs every single time we ourselves feel lost or desirous or exhausted or terrified and yet pause just long enough to reach out and ***Care for others anyway*** ... (see [John 3:3-8](#) & [Matthew 24:12-14](#))



our one true Glory ...

“The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the Glory that is to be revealed to you.” ~ God

Actually the **Glory** mentioned in this verse (**Romans 8:18**) can only be fully realized while manifesting &/or reveling in the **Glory** of God’s perfect Love – something that is revealed only to those choosing to express that same perfect Love to others (see **John 13:15-17** et al) ... Indeed, this divine Grace is not some occasionally-given future gift, but rather is a constant reality. As such, the only reason we would ever wait for the “**glory that will be [someday] revealed**” is if we are selfishly focusing on our own “present sufferings” – a focus that denies & actually precludes God’s true Glory from ever coming into our lives at all.



declaring God's glory ...

*“The heavens declare the glory of the Lord,
and the sky above proclaims My handiwork.” ~ God*

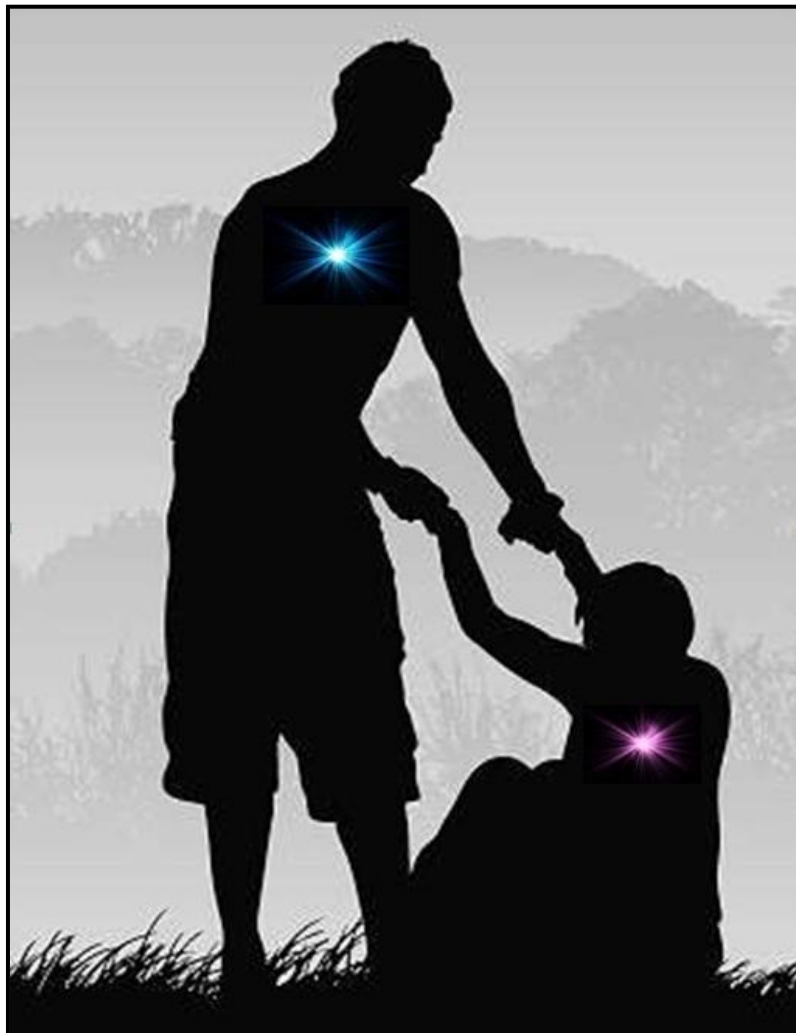
This verse ([Psalm 19:1](#)) is raw Truth, no doubt, *and* we should all remember as well that the true [Glory of the Lord](#) is nothing short of the enlivenment of His perfect Love – a Love that ever resides within our own Hearts ... (see [Matthew 5:48](#) + [John 14:20](#) et al)



setting the Example ...

***“Let no one despise you for your youth,
but set the believers an example in speech,
in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.” ~ God***

This is a fine sentiment indeed (i.e. that we can all – regardless of your respective ages – celebrate the glorious gift of conscientiousness we have all been given), and yet what this verse ([1 Timothy 4:12](#)) fails to mention is that the true Child of God sets all others “[an example](#)” of The Way of Christ by keeping his or her mouth shut while holding both the arms & the Heart wide open – by repeatedly engaging all others (especially all strangers and “enemies”) with courageous acts of Kindness ... For this is what it means to be truly “[pure](#)” – this is what it is to purely (i.e. non-judgmentally & actively) keep Jesus’ Word – and thus this what it means to have real “[faith](#)” ... (see [James 2:26](#))



by His wounds ...

***“He himself bore your sins in his body on the tree,
that you might die to sin and live to righteousness.***

By his wounds you have been healed.” ~ God

There is a critical fact to remember about this verse (1 Peter 2:24) and all like it: Jesus “**bore our sins**” *not* to save us directly via some rapturous “divine intervention”, but rather to set us *an example*; that we would thereby emulate his lifestyle; that we would thereafter mimic his way of caring for the downtrodden; that we would also choose to actively “**take up our cross**” of self-sacrifice for others (see [Matthew 21:43](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#), [John 13:15-17](#) et al) ... Merely mentally believing in Jesus as the one & only Son of God in order to “get to Heaven” is *not* the answer, my Friends (certainly not as far as Jesus himself was concerned). No, Jesus made it more than clear enough that we are to “**deny ourselves**” instead, by serving self-sacrificially &/or actively Loving our enemies (see [Matthew 5:39-48](#), [Mark 8:34](#) & [Luke 9:23](#), just for starters) ... In essence then, we are only healed from the **wounds of Christ** in those moments we receive similar wounds; in those moments we take up our own cross of self-sacrifice to soothe the wounds of others.



our ancient Landmarks ...

***“Do not move the ancient landmarks
that your fathers have set.” ~ God***

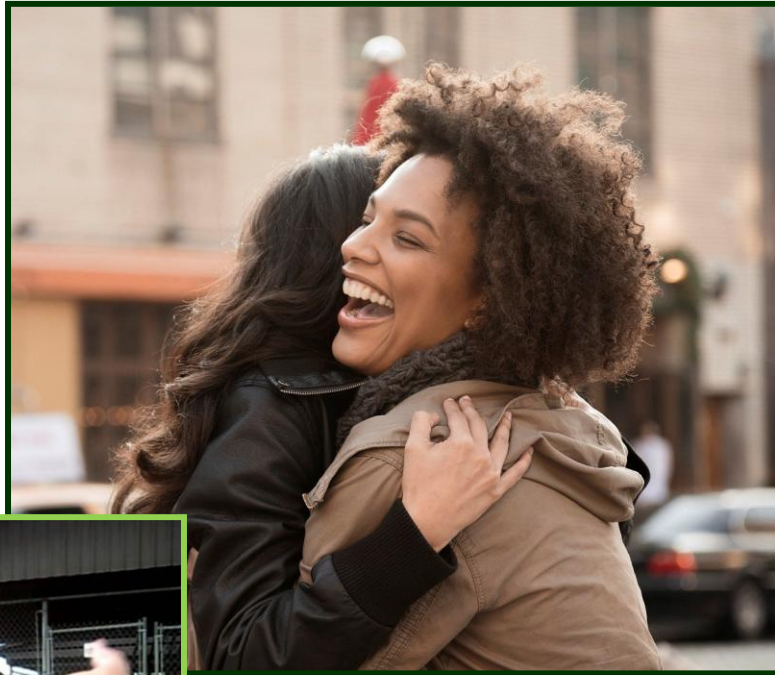
This verse ([Proverbs 22:28](#)) actually has to do with altering established property lines – interestingly enough the very thing Jesus came to quite aggressively and quite Purpose-fully do; at least as far as the “[landmarks](#)” of the conventional Old Testament laws were concerned. And in Truth, if we ourselves do not have the courage to re-move the “[landmarks](#)” of duty & conventionality our forefathers have set, then we ourselves cannot re-discover The Way of Love that God has pre-paved for us.



to call upon the Lord ...

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ~ God

This verse ([Romans 10:13](#)) is actually missing a few extremely important tidbits, like *how* we are to call upon the **name of the Lord** (answer: with our **deeds**, not our mere thoughts or words or beliefs) as well as what that name *is* that needs calling (answer: perfect, courageous, unconditional **LOVE**).



the Righteous Man ...

“Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is the righteous man who gives way to the wicked.” ~ God

And how can we best fulfill the admonition of this verse ([Proverbs 25:26](#))? How do we “[give way to the wicked](#)”? By judging them as unworthy -- by criticizing their beliefs -- by attempting to convert them to our “better ways” ... And how do we *not* “[give way before the wicked](#)”? By humbly and fully and actively forgiving them their wickedness, of course! ... We are not called to “save” anyone else, my Friends. Indeed, to even attempt to do so is to exhibit an arrogance that precludes our own entry into Jesus’ [Kingdom of Heaven](#) (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#) + [Philippians 4:5](#) + [Hebrews 12:14](#) + [Luke 10:29-37](#) et al) ... No, we are to **Care** for the wicked instead; we are to **show** them The Way with our actions bold & loving, not tell them about it with words hollow & hypocritical ... (see [Matthew 7:21-23](#) + [Galatians 6:2](#) et al)



forgiving as God forgives ...

*“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
just as I in Christ have forgiven you.” ~ God*

When pondering [the Forgiveness of Christ](#) referenced in this beautiful verse ([Ephesians 4:32](#)), it is crucial to remember first & foremost that Jesus’ forgiveness was given via his *deeds* – was transferred via acts of unconditional Love. It is also important to remember that his heavenly Father has not only forgiven us in the past — but that He is forgiving us in our every Here & Now – that He is the actualization of Forgiveness itself. And it is these important Truths that we can readily re-member -- every time we choose to courageously forgive another ourselves ... (see [Matthew 6:14-15](#) + [Matthew 18:21-22](#) + [Mark 11:25](#) et al)



becoming Children of God ...

***“I sent the Spirit of My Son into your hearts;
the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ~ God***

This is all well and good, and yet this verse ([Galatians 4:6](#)) neglects to tell us how God sends that summons (with constant opportunities to care for our enemies & the downtrodden), much less how we are to honor the same (with courageous *acts* of selfless Love).



on Divine Forgiveness ...

***“Make allowance for each other’s faults,
and forgive anyone who offends you.
Remember, I the Lord forgave you,
and so you must forgive others.” ~ God***

Though this verse ([Colossians 3:13](#)) sounds fine at first listen, it is important to remember that we are actually called to forgive others *period* – **not** merely because the Lord forgave us beforehand. And this Truth assumes that we are not to do so out of any sense of fear or obligation or obedience; all of which make our forgiveness brittle & hollow. No, my Friends, the true Child of God [forgives](#) the other solely because it is an honor to deeply Care for her or him in this perfect & humble way.



on deliverance from death ...

“Riches profit not in the day of wrath, and yet righteousness delivers one from death.” ~ God

A key clarification that this verse ([Proverbs 11:4](#)) fails to mention is that the **day of wrath** comes in every moment we hoard riches (those material as well as those emotional) for ourselves, and that our **deliverance** comes in every moment we use our riches to bring peace to another. For the true Child of God, “**righteousness**” is always in some way loving.



on cleansing ourSelves ...

***“Cleanse yourselves from every defilement of body & Soul;
bringing holiness to completion in the fear of Me.” ~ God***

Here we have yet another verse (2 Corinthians 7:1) mentioning “the fear of God” – yet another verse that seems to say that we should shudder and quake in the presence of GOD, and yet a verse that actually reminds us that it is our humble **reverence** (the far more accurate translation of this Greek term) for the Mystery of the Divine that inspires us to act accordingly in our dealings with others ... As a secondary note, cleansing our bodies is easy enough, and yet we might wonder how it is that can we **cleanse the Soul**? The answer: it is only through acts of joyful self-sacrifice that we are psychologically purified and spiritually reborn.



"Our most pressing concern is not our future but our present, not the Universe above us but our Soul within. We must be just, we must be compassionate, we must be kind. We must deeply engage ourselves with the business of the world, because through that and that alone our Soul is purified ... It is crucial that our noble thought and our brave deeds become conjoined. Such a holy attempt must be made, and its ultimate outcome is irrelevant ... True, such selfless action is a pale material reflection of the Divine, and yet a reflection thereof it remains, nonetheless. Define your good goal and exert courage to fulfill it via virtuous action. Your success or failure is ever secondary." ~ via Iaian Pears

the Fruit of the Righteous ...

***“The fruit of the righteous is a Tree of Life,
and he who is wise wins Souls.” ~ God***

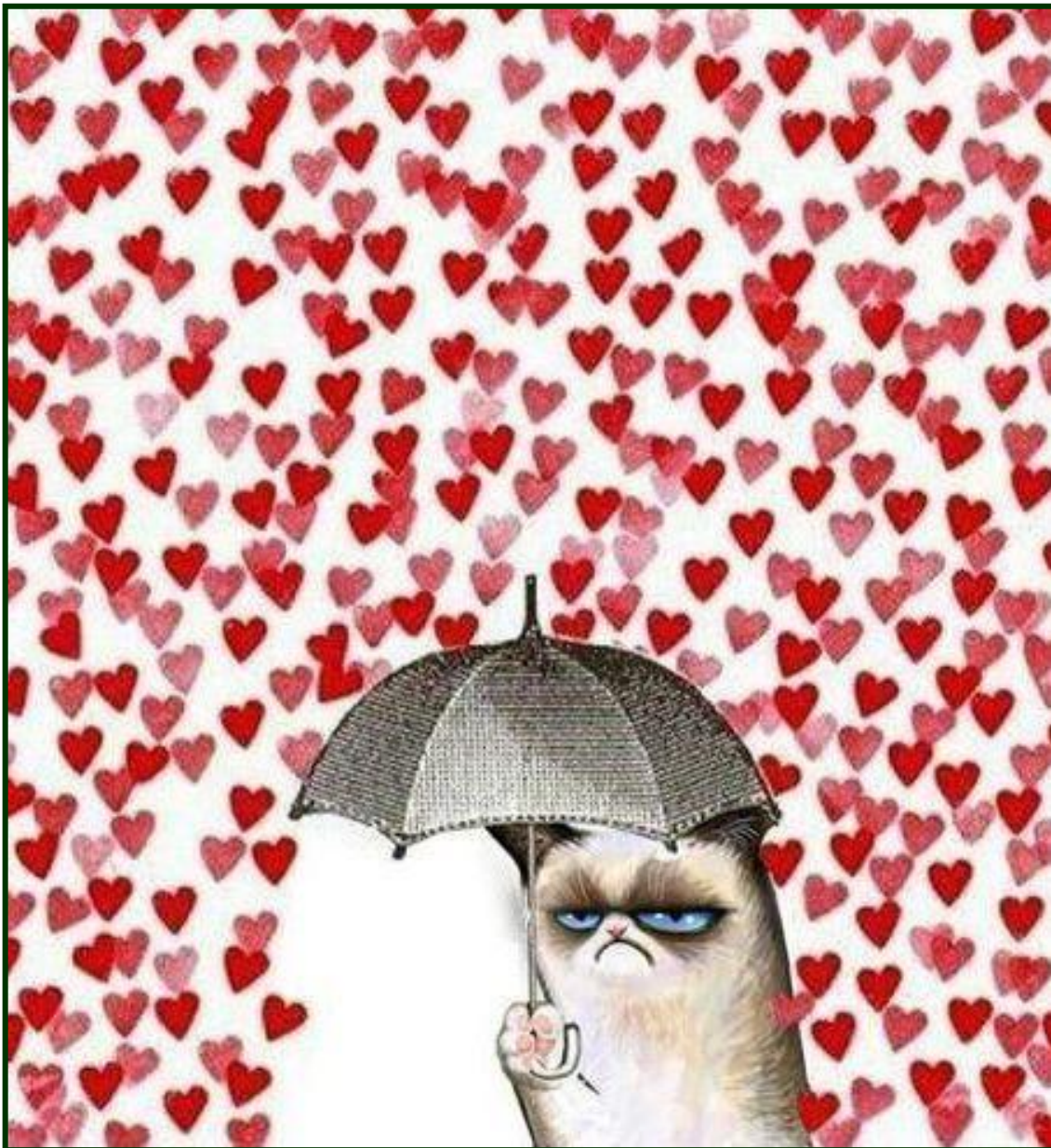
This is a most intriguing verse ([Proverbs 11:30](#)), and not only because biblical scholars are still unsure as to its proper translation to this very day (in marked contrast to the NIV translation offered above, the NRSV translation reads “[The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, but violence takes lives away.](#)” The former wording seems to encourage us to pressure others into adopting our own personal religious beliefs — something that is not ever effective and that never produces “[the fruit of the righteous.](#)” The latter NRSV interpretation, on the other hand, encourages us to avoid all forms of conflict, an admonition that perfectly aligns with the teachings of Jesus Christ ... Of course, if you define one who “[wins Souls](#)” the way Jesus did, then that person ultimately is a [Peacemaker](#) – a la [Matthew 5:9](#), in which case these two translations actually become ONE) ... As such, let us remember that we are ***not*** to “[win Souls](#)” by convincing others to believe as we do (see [Romans 2:1](#), [Romans 11:18-20](#), [2 Corinthians 3:18](#), [Matthew 7:1-2](#), [Luke 11:10](#) et al). Instead, we are to ***Love others*** with our actions; not condemn them with our thoughts or cajole them our words. We are to *show* others The Way of a Love that knows no exceptions, not merely preach to them about the same.



on God as Strength ...

*“Your flesh and your Heart may fail, and yet I am
the strength of your Heart and your portion forever.” ~ God*

Fair enough – *and* this verse ([Psalm 73:26](#)) reminds us that we are to remember that God is *within* us just as much as He is all around us (see [1 John 4:12-16](#), [John 14:16-26](#) -- specifically [John 14:20](#) et al); that we have been called to be His emissaries of Love by acting towards others with the same gentle Grace as He.



standing firm in Belief ...

*“Stand up to them. Stand firm
in what you believe.” ~ God*

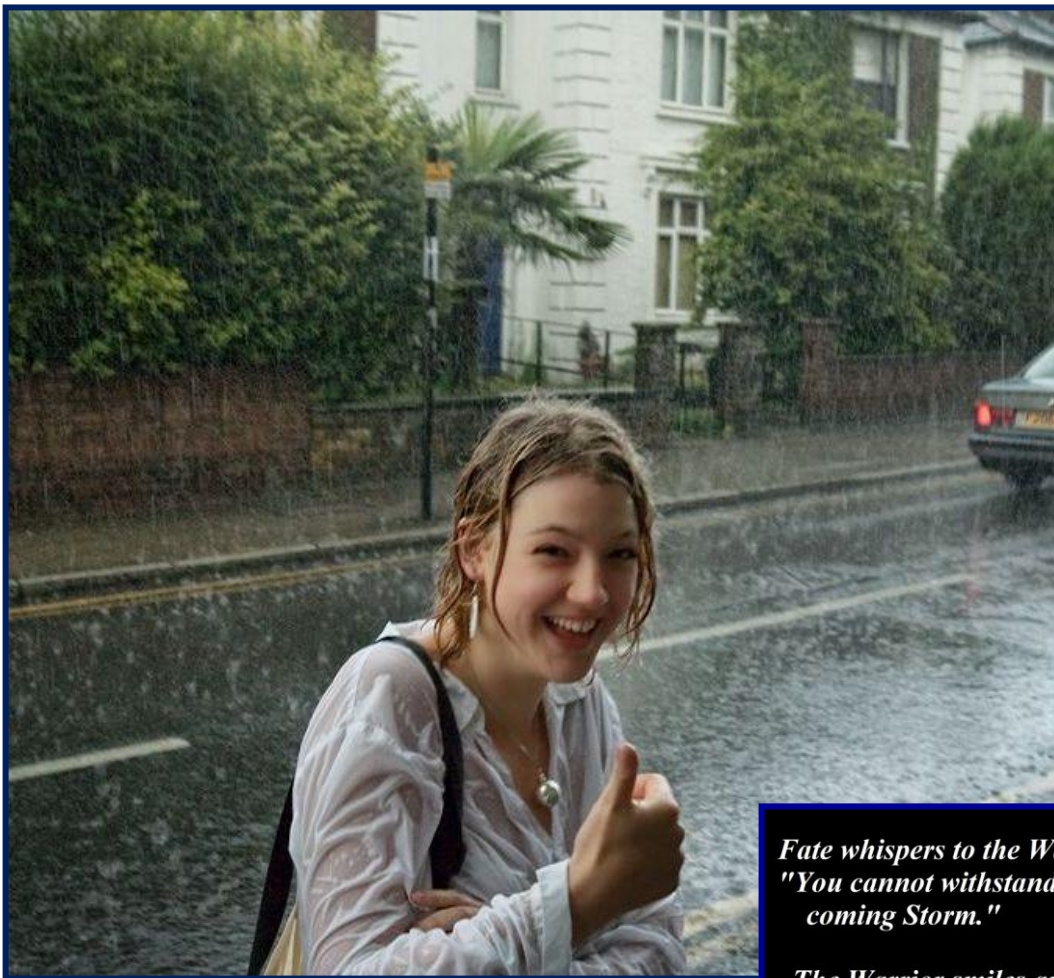
More important than what this verse (which alludes to [1 Corinthians 15:58](#)) demands – more important than standing up for what you believe in – is having the courage to *enliven* what you actually believe. Know what you currently believe by watching what you actually *do* ... Choose to believe in Love.



the fullness of God ...

***“For in you all the fullness of Me
is pleased to dwell.” ~ God***

Fair enough, though this verse ([Colossians 1:19](#)) does not clarify what “[the fullness of God](#)” truly is – namely, perfectly unconditional Love (see [Matthew 5:48](#)), nor does it explain what that perfect Love is either – namely, actively caring for those for whom we care the least (i.e. strangers &/or our enemies – see [Matthew 5:39-47](#)).



***Fate whispers to the Warrior,
"You cannot withstand the
coming Storm."***

***The Warrior smiles and
whispers back, "You do not
understand one simple fact ...
I AM that Storm."***

the first Word ...

***“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with Me,
and the Word was Me.” ~ God***

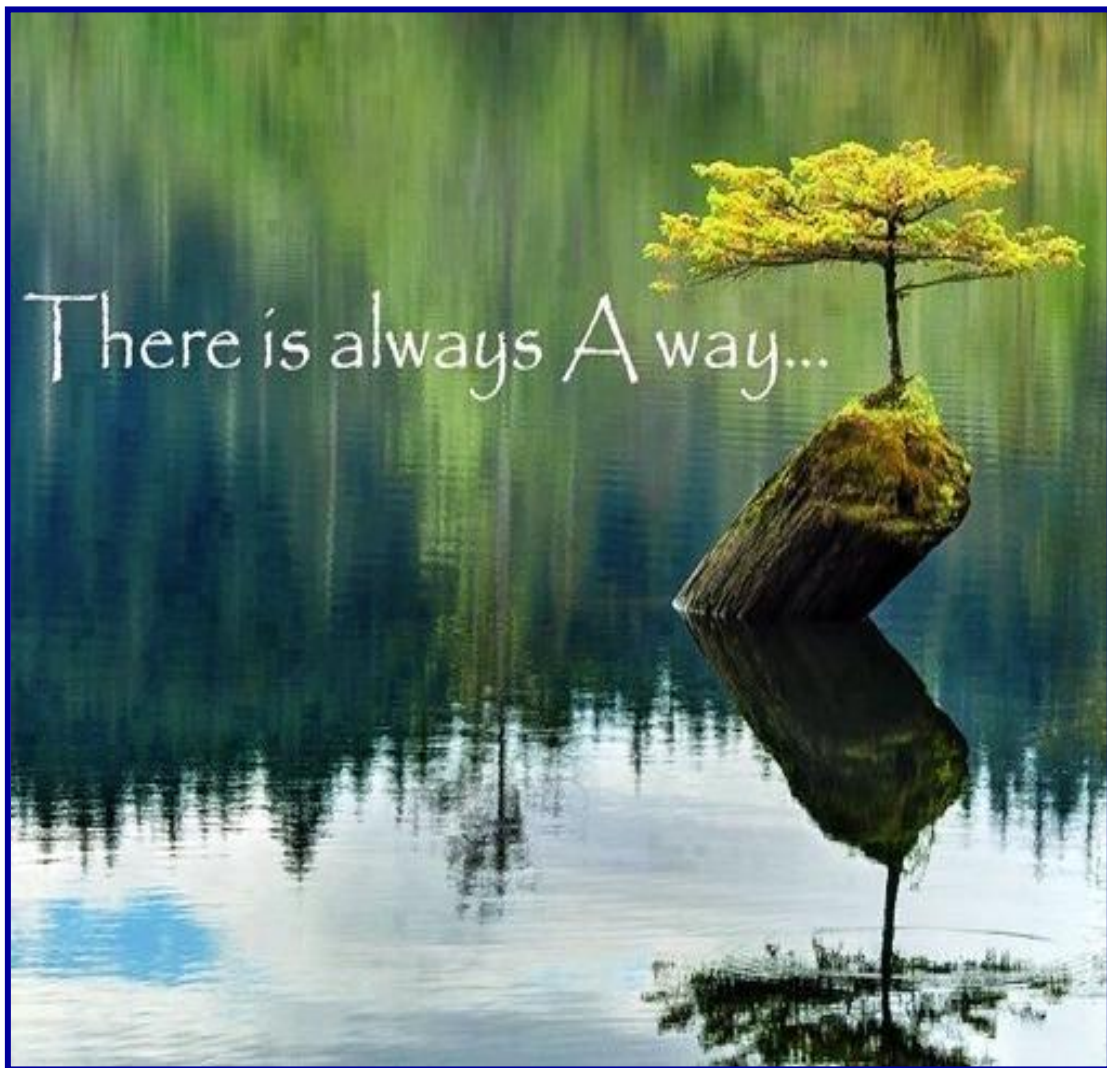
It is very important (for Christians and non-Christians alike) to note that the Greek term for “**the Word**” in these verses (see [John 1:1-10](#)) is *logos*, and at the time that the Gospel of John was written, *logos* was understood to refer to the Holy Spirit – to the Life Essence that resided ***within every single sentient being***.



the prize of God ...

***“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,
press on toward the prize for which I have called you.” ~ God***

The “prize” in this verse (Philippians 3:13) – the “prize” for which God has called ***all humans*** is the attainment of true & deep-seated Peace via purposefully Loving our enemies — something we can only do Here&Now; never in the future, and something we can *always* do in *every* Here&Now – no matter when, no matter where, no matter what..



the Word of Christ ...

***“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom;
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to Me.” ~ God***

Actually, this verse ([Colossians 3:16](#)) contrasts dramatically with the words of Jesus Christ himself – specifically: “**This is my Commandment: that you Love one another in the same manner that I Loved you.**” (see [John 15:12](#)) ... And after hearing this quote, we must be left to wonder. how was it that Jesus Loved others? He Loved by actively caring for *everyone* — for lepers & the healthy, for prostitutes and the righteous, for friends & enemies, for those who believed in his teachings and those who did not (see [John 12:47](#)) ... Indeed, we cannot let the message of Christ (which is a Love as active as it is unconditional -- see [John 13:17](#)) dwell among us at all if we are teaching others by admonishing them. We are to be humble as children instead; caring for others with gentle deeds instead of critical words, and purposefully **not** calling ourselves “Teacher” ... (see [Matthew 23:8](#))



new heavens; new Earth ...

***“But according to his promise we are waiting
for new heavens and a new Earth;
one in which righteousness dwells.” ~ God***

No one is certain who authored this verse (2 Peter 3:13) and thereby made this **promise**, but it certainly wasn't Jesus Christ, who made it very clear during his ministry that **the Kingdom of Heaven** is not a future time & place, but rather is always & already **“within and all around you”** (a deeper translation of the Greek word *entos* -- commonly mistranslated as “among you” in Luke 17:20-21).



the Word made flesh ...

***“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,
and you beheld his glory, the glory as of the only
begotten of Me, a Son full of grace and truth.” ~ God***

This verse ([John 1:14](#)) – indeed, this entire biblical passage – only reaches its true depths of meaning when we realize that “**the Word**” therein is actually perfect Love, or -- as the author of the Gospel of [John](#) put it – the *logos*; the Divine Essence that gives life & conscious awareness to all sentient beings. As such, in this sense “**the Word is made flesh**” every time a newborn comes into the world, and every time any conscious being chooses to face fear, set aside self-interest, and self-sacrifice for the benefit of another **P.S.** There is indeed only one “**Son of God**” — namely, the Spirit that dwells *within every sentient being* in the Universe!



giving the only Son...

***“For I so loved the world, that I gave My only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish,
but rather shall have eternal life” ~ God***

This verse ([John 3:16](#)) is correct in one important regard – it does require an immense Love to willingly sacrifice for others that which is most precious to us. That having all been said, what this verse does *not* explain is the biblical truth that we have *all* been made Children of God by the Father within us (see [John 14:20](#), [1 John 3:1](#) et al), and that it is now time for us all to go forth and act accordingly (by acting lovingly – see [Matthew 24:12-14](#) & [John 13:15-17](#) et al) ... What is also not so readily understood herein is that it is only possible to “[believe in Christ](#)” while **acting accordingly** (by actively caring for your enemies &/or caring for the downtrodden – see [Matthew 25:35-40](#) & [Matthew 5:39-48](#); that mere words & thoughts are not enough) ... Indeed every human being (regardless of his or her particular religious views) has the Spirit of Christ within them, and it is an honor and a privilege to be able to let that Spirit shine forth in deeds of loving Kindness.



in the House of the Lord ...

*“I was glad when they said unto Me,
‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’” ~ God*

What this verse ([Psalm 122:1](#)) fails to mention is that every time we show kindness to an enemy, our bodies literally *become* the House of the Lord.



through the Church ...

*“Through the church, My manifold wisdom
should be made known to all rulers and
authorities in the heavenly realms.” ~ God*

And where are the “[heavenly realms](#)” mentioned in this verse (Ephesians 3:10)? They are first & foremost *within us* (see [Luke 17:20-21](#) & [John 14:20-26](#) et al) ... And who are the “[rulers and authorities](#)” of this internal kingdom? First & foremost abject humility & unconditional Love (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#) & [Matthew 5:48](#) et al) ... And how do we make the “[manifold wisdom of God](#)” known to those therein? First & foremost (actually, first & solely) with *deeds* of Loving Kindness ... (see [John 13:15-17](#) & [Matthew 24:12-14](#) et al)



You have overcome ...

***“I have said these things to you,
that in Me you may have peace. In the world
you will have tribulation. But take heart;
for I have overcome the world.” ~ God***

What is missing in this verse ([John 16:33](#)) is the knowledge that Jesus “[overcame the world](#)” not by dismissing it and not by dominating it, but rather by showing that we can all deeply revel even in our “hard times” via seeking to relieve the suffering of others ... (see [Matthew 25:40](#))



on returning to Dust ...

***“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,
until you return to the ground, for out of it
you were taken; for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.” ~ God***

It is important to realize that the [Kingdom of Heaven](#) alluded to in this verse ([Genesis 3:19](#)) is only open to those who choose to set aside their selfish striving for “[normal bread](#)” in order to eat of the Divine Bread of the Father — Divine Bread which is nothing less than *acts* of selfless kindness (see [John 6:35](#) + [John 14:12](#)). And if we eat of *this* salvational leaven, it is impossible to stray from the life essence that originally brought us up from the mud — it is impossible in such moments to “[return to dust](#).”



on Divine Discipline ...

“He who ignores discipline despises himself, and yet he who heeds correction gains understanding.” ~ God

The deeper breadth of this relatively cryptic verse ([Proverbs 15:32](#)) can be understood when realizing that true **discipline** is the willing and joyful following of the Will of the Father — which is to actively Love others.

Hint: it is impossible to do so while **despising** one’s self in any way shape or form, as impossible as it is to in any way despise one’s self while actively Caring for another ... (see [John 13:34-35](#))



***GRACE isn't a prayer
of thankfulness said
before eating a meal ...***

***GRACE is a way of
living -- where every
moment is soaked in
gratitude, gentleness,
and generosity.***

Here, I Am ...

*“I spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, ‘Jacob, Jacob.’
And he answered Me and said, ‘Here I am.’” ~ God*

To comprehend the deeper implications of this verse ([Genesis 46:2](#)), we must remember that we are all only truly *Here* in those moments we are actively embracing the present moment. And how do we give this precious instant its due? How do we even dare to approach the majesty with which each instant of our lives is imbued – with which we have been so beautifully blessed? With acts of selfless *Love*, of course – with acts of selfless *Love* ... (see [1 Corinthians 10:31](#) & [John 17:21-23](#) & [Luke 9:62](#) et al)



on receiving His Word ...

“So those who received My word were baptized, and were added that day three thousand Souls.” ~ God

Fair enough – and this verse ([Acts 2:41](#)) fails to note the spiritual facts A) that in order to truly **receive** Jesus’ Word, we must choose to devoutly **emulate** his life (see [Matthew 7:21](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#), [John 13:15-17](#), [1 John 2:6](#), [3 John 1:11](#) et al) and B) that this same selfless, active, unconditional Love for others **is** the very **baptism** so often mentioned (see [Luke 3:16](#), [1 Corinthians 12:13](#), [1 Peter 3:21](#) et al).



correcting with Gentleness ...

***“With gentleness correct those who are in opposition,
and perhaps I will grant them repentance, and
lead them to a knowledge of Truth.” ~ God***

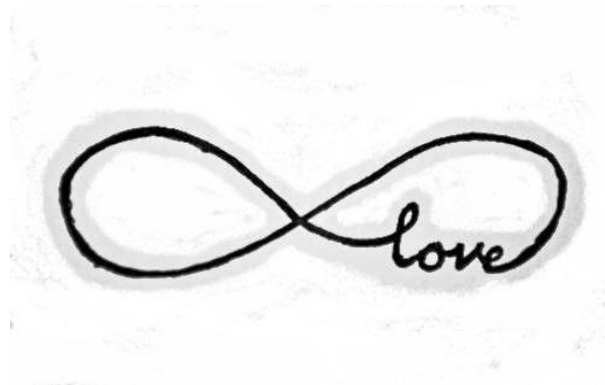
Inadvertently regarding this verse ([2 Timothy 2:25](#)), Saint Francis made a good point when he said “Preach the Word of God every day, using words only when necessary.” Of course, what he forgot to mention is that, when preaching The Word of GOD, ***it is never necessary to use words!*** Even the Old Testament makes this clear (see [Jeremiah 31:33-34](#)) – even those ancient scriptures note that we are to Love one another with gentle *actions*, something that is fully impossible while verbally condemning someone or attempting to convert them.



nothing impossible with God ...

“For nothing is impossible with Me.” ~ God

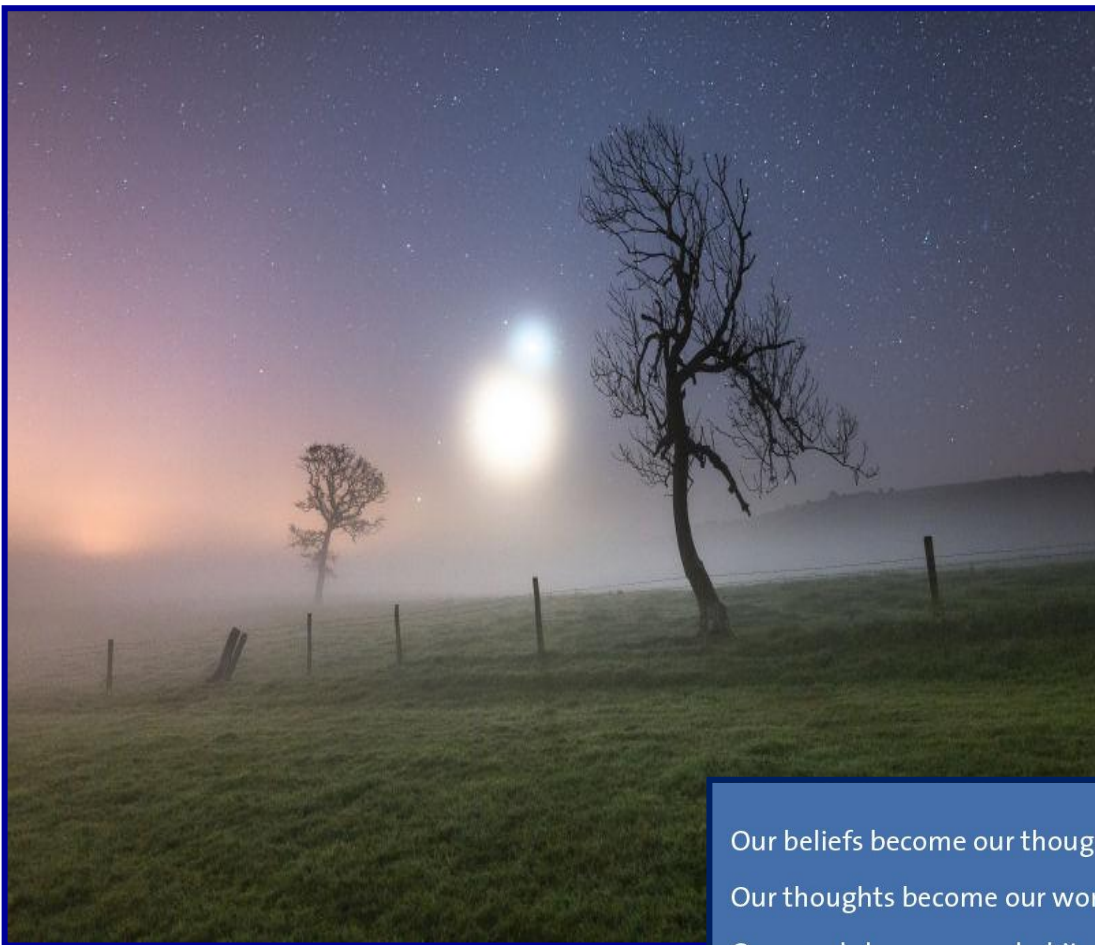
This verse ([Luke 1:37](#)) rings true enough -- nothing is indeed impossible with GOD, as long as our intentions harmonize with GOD's, as long as we are actualizing those intentions, and as long as we are actually boldly *doing* something for others in the process.



on Belief and eternal life ...

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.” ~ God

This verse ([John 6:47](#)) holds great Truth indeed, and yet only when it holds its Truth in-*deed*! For what is it to truly Believe? It is to actively “follow” Jesus’ selfless Way – it is to *become* one with that perfect Way by actively Caring for those who care the least for us &/or actively caring for others in those very times when we feel least capable of doing so ... (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#), [John 13:17](#), [Matthew 7:21-23](#), [Matthew 16:24](#), [John 3:21](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#), [John 13:15](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#), [1 John 2:6](#) — & on & on & on)



Our beliefs become our thoughts.
Our thoughts become our words.
Our words become our habits.
Our habits become our values.
Our values become our destiny.

--Gandhi

God vs. death ...

“I that am your God am the God of salvation; and solely to Myself the Lord belong the issues from death.” ~ God

What this verse ([Psalm 68:20](#)) neglects to mention is that we truly *live* in every moment we choose to **Love**; and that we truly die in every moment we choose to cower from Loving or be indifferent to others' pain.



"Nor happiness, nor fame, nor pleasure, nor might, nor skill in verse or arms or arts, can shepherd those herds whom tyranny makes timid ... History is but the shadow of their shame. For what worth are great numbers knit by mere force or custom? ... If man a man would be, he must first master the empire of himself, and in it must reign supreme; establishing his throne on vanquished temptations, quelling the selfish anarchies of his own hopes and fears." ~ inspired by Percy Bysshe Shelley

on the glory of men ...

***“The glory of young men is in their strength;
the beauty of old men is in their grey head.” ~ God***

This verse ([Proverbs 20:29](#)) reflects commonly held beliefs about youth & older age, and yet it forgets to remind us that true Strength has nothing at all to do with youth & power, and everything to do with humility and Kindness; that real Beauty has nothing at all to do with the body, and everything to do with the Heart.



***"Laugh, I tell you, and you will
turn back the hands of time ...
Smile, I tell you, and you will
reflect the face of the Divine."***

~ Suzy Kassem

to run with true Endurance ...

Since you are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and sin which clings to you so closely, and instead run with endurance the race that I have set before you.” ~ God

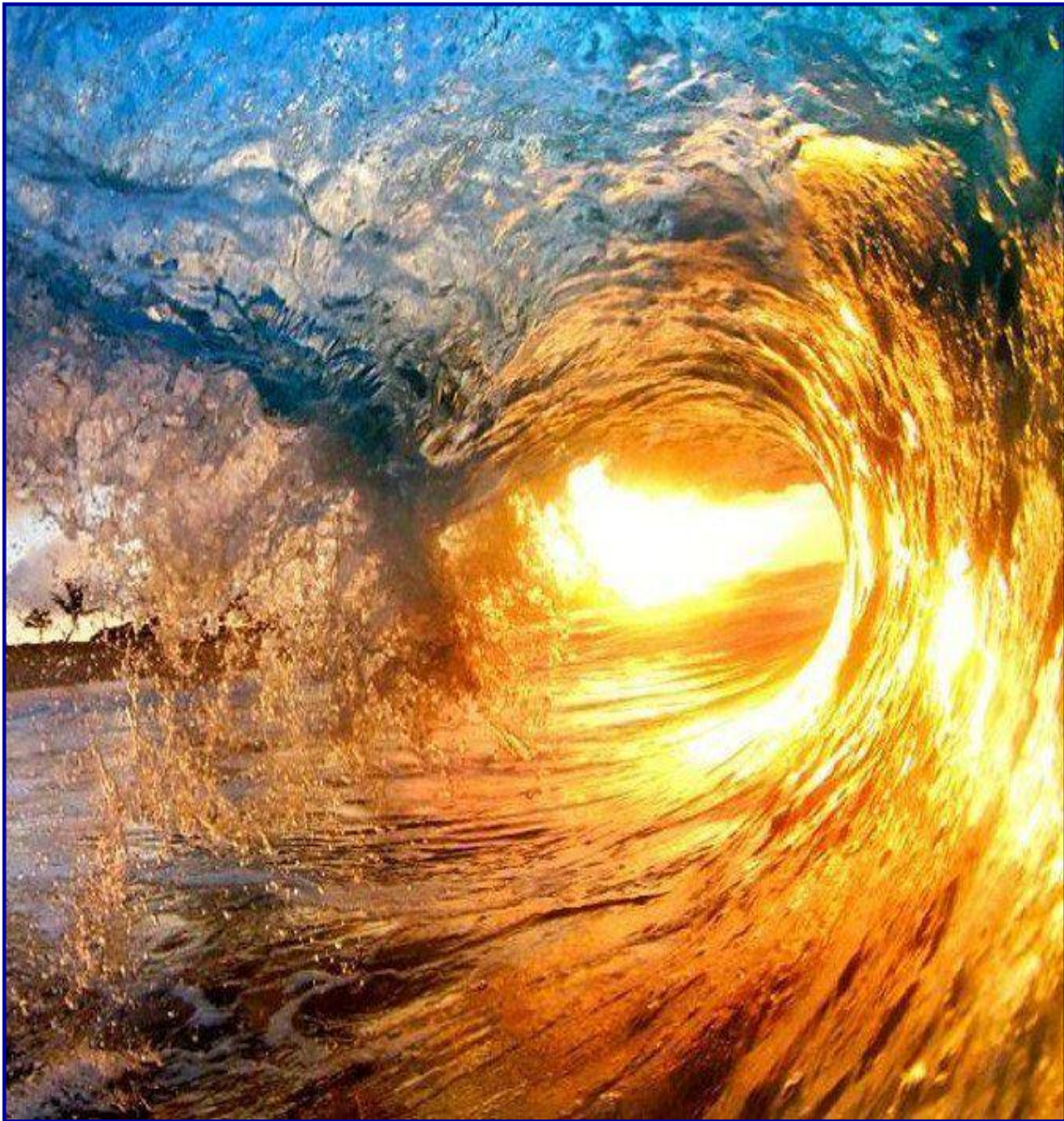
Yes, let us do just that – and let us do so boldly and with perseverance. That having been said, let us also remember what this verse ([Hebrews 12:1](#)) fails to mention: namely, that the only “[race](#)” we have to “[run](#)” is the moment-to-moment choice we have to either fear for ourselves or Love others. Indeed, there is nowhere else to “get to” – and there is no other finish line we ever need cross ... The Way of Christ is not a competition, it is a privilege; it is not an oppositional obligation, it is an honor. Indeed, if we are seeking any reward at all for our “good deeds”, then we can be sure that we are most certainly *not* walking Jesus’ Way of selfless Love in those moments. We follow Jesus’ Commandments not to gain “salvation” for ourselves, but rather to honor the Father. We do so to bring others Peace when there are a “[cloud of witnesses](#)” watching us, & we do so to bring others Joy when we are alone with God.



keeping thy Heart ...

***“Keep thy heart with all diligence;
for out of it flow the issues of life.” ~ God***

True enough, and yet this verse ([Proverbs 4:23](#)) neglects to state that there is only one “[issue of life](#)” that is relevant to any Christian (or any other human being, for that matter): namely, are you going to retreat from intimacy in fear like Paul or are you going to let your Compassion flow boldly like Jesus?



showing Mercy to the weak ...

*“And you must show Mercy to
those whose faith is wavering.” ~ God*

Fair enough, and yet this verse ([Jude 1:22](#)) doesn't tell us two very important things required to adhere to its command: **first**, what evidences a **faith that wavers** (answer: a lack of gentle, silent Love for others – especially strangers, enemies &/or unbelievers) and **second**, what is the **mercy that must be shown** them (response: a gentle, silent Love).



hearing the Word of GOD ...

*“So faith comes from real hearing;
hearing with the Word of Christ.” ~ God*

In addition to this verse's (Romans 10:17) superficial sharings about mental faith, we should all remember two of its far deeper implications: namely, **01**) that any **real hearing** comes solely from actively following Jesus' only Commandment (“A new commandment I give to you: Love one another. Indeed, exactly as I have Loved you, so too are you to Love one another.” ~ John 13:34), and **02**) that the **Love** that full-fills that same Commandment must be a verb (see 1 John 2:6, John 13:15-17, Matthew 7:21 et al) – as the Love of Christ is either boldly set in motion for others or dies where it quietly rests.



"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart."

– Helen Keller

the lone Commandment ...

***“A new commandment I give to you:
Love one another. Exactly as I have Loved you,
so too are you to Love one another.” ~ God***

This admonition (found in [John 13:34-35](#)) is spot on. Of course, in order to actualize it fully, we must ask ourselves -- How are we to Love one another? The Answer: just as Jesus did ... And how did Jesus Love? The answer: as perfectly and as purely as his heavenly Father (see [Matthew 5:48](#)) — without judgment (see [John 5:22](#)), without condemnation (see [John 12:47](#)) and without condemnation or punishment of any kind or form (see [1 John 4:18](#)) ... For Jesus, real Love had nothing to do with mental worship or emotional feelings, and everything to do with courageous acts of raw Kindness ... (see [John 13:17](#) et al)



for the love of money ...

***“Keep your life free from the love of money,
and be content with what you have” ~ God***

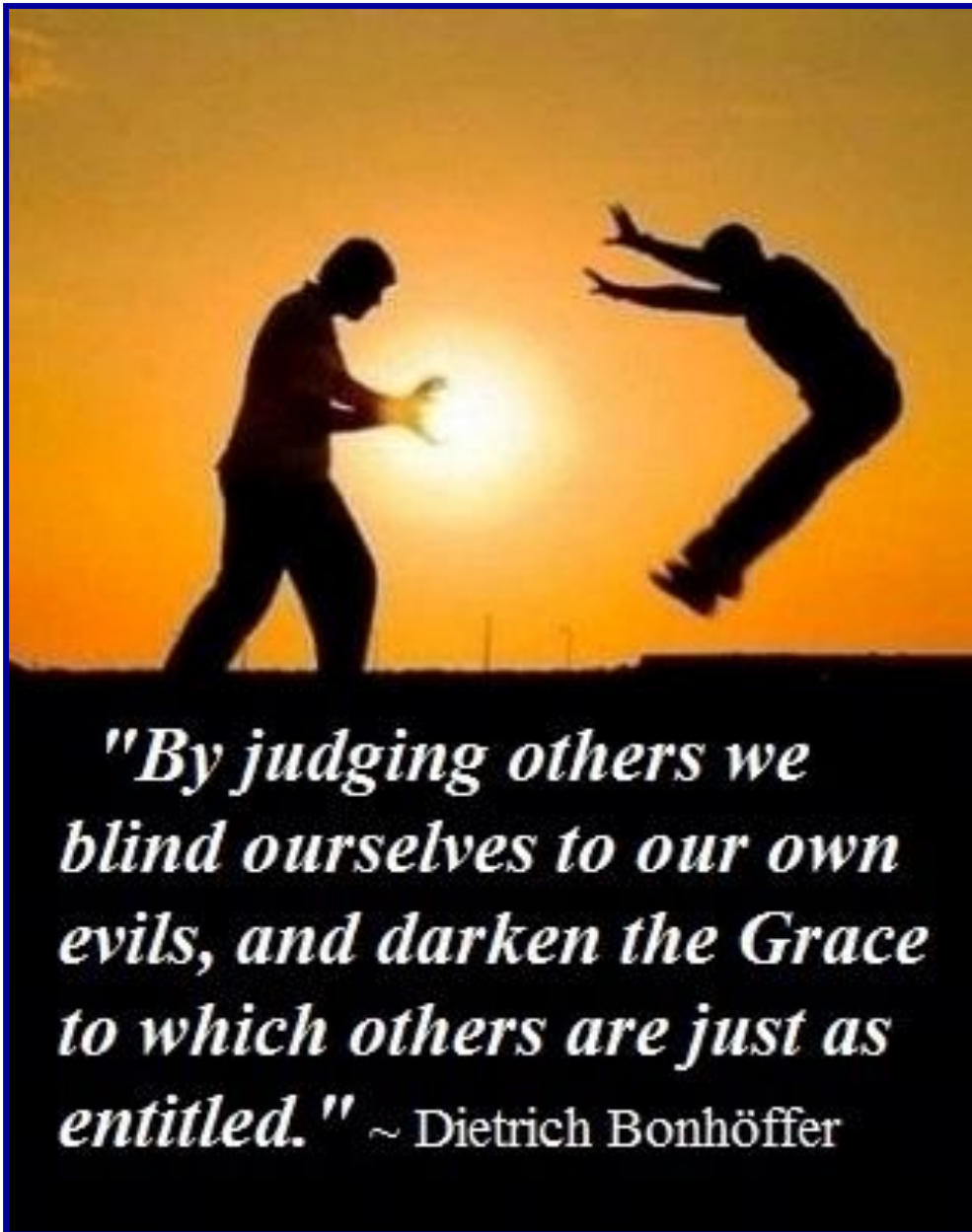
This verse ([Hebrews 13:5](#)) is indeed good advice, and yet it is even more wise to remember that we can only be truly content with what we already possess while we are using those things to bring Joy to another — most powerfully by giving them completely away.



on judging judgment ...

“Judge not, that you be not judged.” ~ God

This verse ([Matthew 7:1](#)) provides sound guidance for us all, and yet we would all be better off in realizing that it is not enough to **judge not** in order to avoid judgment – such is the selfish “broad path” of destruction. No, we are to **judge not**, solely because when we are judging others, we cannot also be Loving them.



on Loving one another ...

*“Beloved, let us Love one another,
for Love is from Me, and whoever Loves
has been born of Me and knows Me.” ~ God*

There is not much more to be added to the sheer brilliance of this verse (1 John 4:7) ... For whoever truly & deeply Loves another has indeed allowed the Holy Spirit within them to shine forth — she or he has in that moment literally *become* an agent of the Great Divine.



to those who Believe ...

***“But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin,
so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ
might be given to those who Believe.” ~ God***

This verse ([Galatians 3:22](#)) is an intriguing one, if for no other reason than it fails to mention the fact that Jesus’ [promise](#) is given to *every* sentient being with a functioning neocortex — a promise which is nothing short of the ability to set selfish instincts aside and choose Love instead ... We each have the power to read *any* sacred text and test its Fruit for ourselves (see [Matthew 7:15-20](#)). As such, it is impossible for the Scriptures’ Truths to ever be truly [imprisoned](#) from us. The Perfect Love that they imbue comes from our own Hearts, and alive within our own Hearts will that perfect Love ever remain.



heeding discipline ...

“He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, and yet whoever ignores correction leads others astray.” ~ God

As this verse ([Proverbs 10:17](#)) rightly surmises, **discipline** is indeed an important precursor to leading a noble life. That having been said, it is just as true that we can be sure that we have fully ignored GOD’s **correction** if we find ourselves trying to lead others anywhere. For we have been Called to **Love** others, not to “save” or “teach” or “lead” them.



the Spirit of Power ...

***“For I gave you a spirit not of fear but of power,
and of Love, and of self-control.” ~ God***

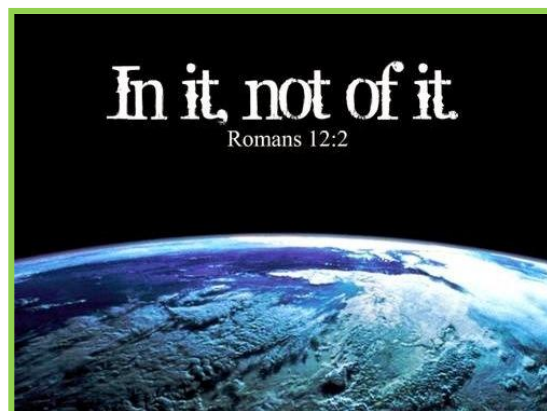
As this verse (2 Timothy 1:7) intimates, GOD – the Life Essence that infuses the Universe with vibrancy and all sentient life with consciousness – does indeed lend us great power. That having been said, please remember that the more we strive to control our tendencies to *sin* (Greek for “to miss the mark” in the ancient manuscripts), the stronger the urge to sin becomes. It is indeed ultimately futile to fight our most deep-seated genetic programmings, and yet we can choose to *harness* the same. Whenever we feel tempted to do anything selfish, we can consciously choose an alternatively Caring behavior instead. And we don’t do so to “quash sin” or to “become a better Christian”—we simply do so to honor the Love within ourselves, and to do so for *just that moment* only and that moment alone ... If we approach our lives one moment at a time in this manner, our egos will eventually cease rebelling against us, and our journeys back to living as Children of God will become smooth ones in-deed.



the Pillars of the Earth ...

***“For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s,
and on them He has set the world.” ~ God***

What this poetic verse (1 Samuel 2:8) fails to mention is that the Earth itself *is* the ultimate **Pillar of the Lord** – at least as far as we each are concerned ... (see Romans 1:20 “Ever since the creation of the world His eternal power and Divine Nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things He has made.”)



confessing our sins ...

*“Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and
pray for one another, that you all might be healed.
The fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” ~ God*

The primary theme of this verse ([James 5:16](#)) is one that is actually rarely realized – namely, the Truth that it is actually a sin to confess a sin! After all, we are all *already* perfect within, just as perfect as the Father (see [John 14:20-26](#)). This means that all that remains is for us to set aside all our self-criticism and diminished sense of self-esteem and go forth to act in accordance with our innate greatness (see [John 13:15-17](#), [Matthew 5:40-48](#), [John 5:29](#), [John 10:34-35](#) et al) ... Just as importantly, it is well worth frequently remembering that the only way to truly help another cleanse their sins is to openly focus on cleansing our own.



the Work of the Lord ...

***“I want to complete the work
the Lord Jesus has given me.” ~ God***

And what is the Work mentioned in this verse ([Acts 20:24](#)) – more specifically, what is the Work that **Jesus**’ in-Couraged us all to undertake? Well, as Jesus himself stated over & over again in the Gospels, that greatest Work is nothing less than the actualization of perfect, selfless Love (see [John 13:34-35](#)) ... And how do we most fully manifest the same? By actively (& *silently*) caring for those who care least for us (see [Matthew 5:39-48](#)) &/or the downtrodden in our midst (see [Matthew 25:35-40](#)), especially in those moments when we feel least able to do so ... (see [Matthew 16:24](#))



on revering Christ ...

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” ~ God

This verse (1 Peter 3:15) is another example of supposed followers of Jesus creating their own dogma. It is a verse that veers widely away from the teachings of Christ (indeed Jesus repeatedly encourages us *not* to revere him separately as either Lord or Savior – see Mark 10:18, John 6:15, John 5:41, John 7:16, John 8:50, John 12:40-44 et al), and it is a verse that calls forth a few important, often-unanswered questions. Firstly, how do we “revere Christ as Lord” (Answer: by *Caring for others* in the same manner he Cared for them -- see John 13:34-35, John 14:12-26, John 15:8 et al) -- and secondly, how did Jesus do so? (Answer: not by trying to baptize others or persuade them or convert them, but rather by simply actively and non-judgmentally tending their wounds &/or easing their burdens -- see Matthew 10:42, Matthew 25:35-40, Luke 14:13-14, John 12:47 & John 13:15-17 et al) ... Indeed, we would all be wise to remember that we are only to verbally share our Truths with others gently & humbly – We are only to do so after having already reached out to give them tender care, and we are only to do so after having been asked by them thereafter to speak up & share.



on the prophecies of man ...

*“No prophecy was ever produced by the will of man,
but rather by those who spoke from My will
while carried along by the Holy Spirit.” ~ God*

Contrary to the belief put forth by this verse (2 Peter 1:21), it is far more Truth-full to say that every prophecy was at least in part “put forth by the will of man” – if for no other reason than prophecies have (by their very nature) been put forth by men into words, and for no other reason than the fact that no man (or woman) can *ever* directly know or speak or write the perfect Will of God. Every word ever uttered or written by any human being has been at least partially tainted by the “animal” within their authors. The words always flow through a fleshly vessel, and the words are always at least partially stained by that vessel’s biases and ignorances and desires and fears ... Indeed, this is why the message of Christ is so important; this is why it is so important to enliven that message by *living* his Way of Love. Actions done solely for another cannot be readily spoiled. As such, it is our loving *deeds* and our loving deeds alone that clearly “speak” the Will of the Father.



on good behavior ...

***“Who among you is wise and understanding?
Let him show this is so by his good behavior, and
deeds done in the gentleness of his wisdom.” ~ God***

There is not much to add to this verse ([James 3:13](#)) ... Indeed, its message absolutely nails the Way of Christ ... (pun respectfully intended – see [Matthew 16:24](#), [Matthew 7:21](#), [John 13:15-17](#) et al)



the Grace of Power ...

***“I give power to the faint; and to them
who have no might I increase it.” ~ God***

This verse ([Isaiah 40:29](#)) somehow implies that the gifts of GOD are somehow conditionally given and irregularly arrive. And yet the Truth of the matter remains quite different – namely, that Grace is not a gift, but *a given* ... Of course, even though blessings are being continually showered upon all sentient beings for the duration of our lives, we will never *experience* receiving that infinite Grace of God’s Love until we choose to shower *others* with similarly perfect acts of gentle Kindness.



a most acceptable Sustenance ...

***“Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed
that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree
with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.” ~ God***

To fully comprehend this verse ([Genesis 1:29](#)) – and the rest of the Old Testament as well, for that matter – it is necessary to realize that the ancient manuscripts have not one but **two** celestial forces at work in their texts – the *Elohim* (“**gods**” in the Hebrew of Genesis; “**God**” in most English translations) and *YHWH* (or sometimes *Adonai* in the early Hebrew; “**LORD**” in most English translations), with the former more often than not rendering misleading spiritual advice &/or engaging in immoral actions, and the latter representing the enlightened selfless Love of a truly Divine Creator ... As far as this particular verse is concerned, even though it was offered by the *Elohim* (who later went back on their compassionate word and encouraged humankind to murder animals and eat their corpses for food), it is important to note that this is one of the few Commandments ever given by those fallen angels that happens to harmonize with the perfect Love of Jesus’ heavenly Father – a GOD who wanted us all to become gentle stewards of the Earth, not violent conquerors of the same.



on showing gentleness ...

*“Let your gentleness be evident to all
... for the Lord is near.” ~ God*

This verse ([Philippians 4:5](#)) lends strong Wisdom, for sure, and yet it is far more important for the potential Child of GOD to let his or her **Kindness** be evident to all – and this, whether the Lord seems near or not!



No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
- Aesop

our bodies, a living sacrifice ...

“I appeal to you, by the mercies of Myself, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to Me -- which is to be your spiritual worship.” ~ God

This verse ([Romans 12:1](#)) seems to be quite correct in asking us to sacrifice our bodies for others in order to worship GOD powerfully, for indeed it is every act of selfless Love that is the greatest Joy to the heavenly Father that resides within us all (see [John 14:20-26](#)) ... In truth, the more we fear a caring deed, the more powerful its Love becomes when it is given *anyway*, and the more Joy that the GOD within us feels while doing so ... (see [John 14:20](#), [John 15:11](#), [Matthew 7:21](#), [Galatians 6:8](#), [1 Corinthians 3:16](#), [Acts 17:28](#), [Hebrews 13:16](#) & one & on)



trusting in God ...

“They cried to Me and were saved; in Me they trusted, and were not disappointed.” ~ God

What this verse ([Psalm 22:5](#)) seems to completely miss is that it is not possible to be truly saved by looking up & crying to God for our own benefit; only when we look *around* us to reach out to bring peace to another ... Trusting in God to do anything for ourselves actually neuters our Faith in God – the Faith required to reawaken to the far greater Way of selfless Love.



sanctified in Truth ...

***“Sanctify them in the Truth;
My Word is Truth.” ~ God***

Our words only reflect the Truth of this verse ([John 17:17](#)) when they are honest *and* when they are gentle *and* when they are kind. In essence, this verse speaks the full Truth about **the Word of GOD** – as long as that Word is (wait for it)

LOVE!*

*(Remember that the **Love** of the heavenly Father is always expressed without limit or condition, and that it is always expressed as a courageous **verb** – see [Matthew 5:48](#) & [1 John 4:18](#) & [John 13:15-17](#) & [Matthew 7:21](#) et al)



quick to hear; slow to anger ...

***“Know this, my beloved children:
let every one of you be quick to hear,
slow to speak, and slower to anger.” ~ God***

This is yet another verse ([James 1:19](#)) lending sound advice, and yet know this as well, my beloved brothers & sisters: Let everyone listen sincerely when you hear, and utter gently when you speak -- for whenever these two deeply combine, your anger will need not be slower, for your anger will melt into Peace.



the most savory dish ...

*“Bring game and prepare a savory dish,
that you might eat, and be blessed in the presence
of the Lord -- before your death.” ~ God*

Actually, there is little doubt that this verse ([Genesis 27:7](#)) cannot come from [the Mouth of GOD](#) at all, for the simple reason that the only dish that is [savory](#) to the heavenly Father is the dish that cherishes the lives of *all* its ingredients – never the one that harms or oppresses or murders the same ... In addition, it is helpful to remember that the only “[food](#)” that truly satisfies is the sustenance that comes while giving our last piece of bread to another.



naked in His sight ...

*“And no creature is hidden from My sight,
but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Me,
to whom all must ultimately give account.” ~ God*

This verse ([Hebrews 4:13](#)) – the latter portion of which at least – is actually patently inaccurate. For the only account we must give is to our *own* Holy Spirit within (see [Matthew 12:31](#) & [Luke 12:10](#)) ... Besides, the heavenly Father is one with us all, and therefore cannot by His very nature condemn or punish (see [Acts 10:34-35](#) + [Matthew 5:40-48](#) + [1 John 4:18](#)).



waiting for our Lord ...

***“Waiting for your blessed hope,
the appearance of My great Glory, My son
and your savior, Jesus Christ.” ~ God***

This verse ([Titus 2:13](#)) fails to mention at least one crucial fact – namely, that those who wait for the Father & the Son to someday & somehow “reappear” in the future have fully forgotten that the Father is already within them (see [1 John 4:12](#)) and that the Son’s Kingdom is *already* come. Indeed (*in-deed*), it is right here & right now – fully viable in this & every moment, visible to all who choose to be dramatically Kind to strangers &/or openly caring towards their enemies ... (see [Matthew 10:7](#) + [Luke 17:20-21](#) + [Matthew 25:35-40](#) + [Matthew 5:39-48](#) + [Matthew 18:3-4](#) + [John 13:15-17](#) + [Matthew 24:12-14](#))



what Jesus said ...

***“Jesus looked at them, and reminded them
that all things are possible” ~ God***

Yes, one of his primary goals was to remind others that all was possible for the Father within them (see [Matthew 19:26](#)) ... Of course, he also “looks” at humanity today and begs us to quit worshiping him and start **following** his Way (juxtapose with [Matthew 19:26](#) –looking as well to [John 5:16](#), [Mark 10:18](#), [John 5:41](#), [John 12:44](#), [John 13:34-35](#), and even [Romans 1:25](#)) ... In essence, we are **not** to manifest things for ourselves or our own vision of what is “best” for others. Rather, we are to humbly give thanks to the Lord and offer our lives for **His** Will — that **HIS** Highest Good (unconditional Love) be done, regardless of what that might mean for our own petty dreams to the contrary.



on pursuing Righteousness ...

***“But flee from these things, you Child of God,
and pursue righteousness instead: godliness,
faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.” ~ God***

This verse ([1 Timothy 6:11](#)) is right to in-Courage our pursuit of gentleness, and yet it fails to note an equally potent Truth – the Truth that we cannot pursue anything of Worth while fleeing from anything in fear. Love & fear are the spiritual equivalent of oil & water — we must always choose one or the other (see [1 John 4:18](#)). In fighting the ego, its self-centered inclinations are only made stronger. The true Child of God recognizes these same selfish desires and self-centered fears, pauses for just one instant, and then chooses to go forth and actively Care for others anyway. In this way, our temptations serve to empower our Love – and thereby enliven our latent Righteousness, as opposed to leading us away from the same. And this somehow makes sense, seeing as how the ego is our primary “enemy”, and Jesus spoke without condition when he told us that we are to Love the same.



to cleanse The Way ...

*“How shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed and keeping watch on himself,
and this according to My Word.” ~ God*

And what is the **cleansing** mentioned in this verse (Psalm 119:9)? What is the only **Word of the Father**? It is Love – a Love that is humble & active for others; a Love known by same as courageous Kindness (see 1 John 4:16) ... As such, the only way to truly “**keep watch on yourself**” is to **stop** focusing on one’s self, and **start** caring for someone else.



inheriting Honor ...

***“The wise will inherit honor, while
fools will receive disgrace.” ~ God***

It is critical to realize that the **wise** mentioned in this verse ([Proverbs 3:35](#)) are those who know that feeling ashamed or embarrassed at all is the only real **disgrace**. For we are all Children of God, *except* in those moments when we believe otherwise and act accordingly – by failing to act at all. In this sense the only **Honor** we can truly **inherit** is the lack of all desire for honor. For those who truly Love as Christ Loves, yearn for no reward.



at home with the Lord ...

*“Be confident, I say, and prefer to be away
from the body and at home with Me.” ~ God*

This is quite the intriguing verse (2 Corinthians 5:8) – made even more so with the realization that being *away from the body* *is* being *at Home with the Lord*. Of course, *the Lord* resides *in* the body (see Luke 17:20-21 & John 14:20 et al), so being *away from the body* depends completely upon what one chooses to *do* with the same.



the Gate of Heaven ...

*He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place!
This is nothing other than the House of God; this is
nothing short of the Gate of Heaven.” ~ God*

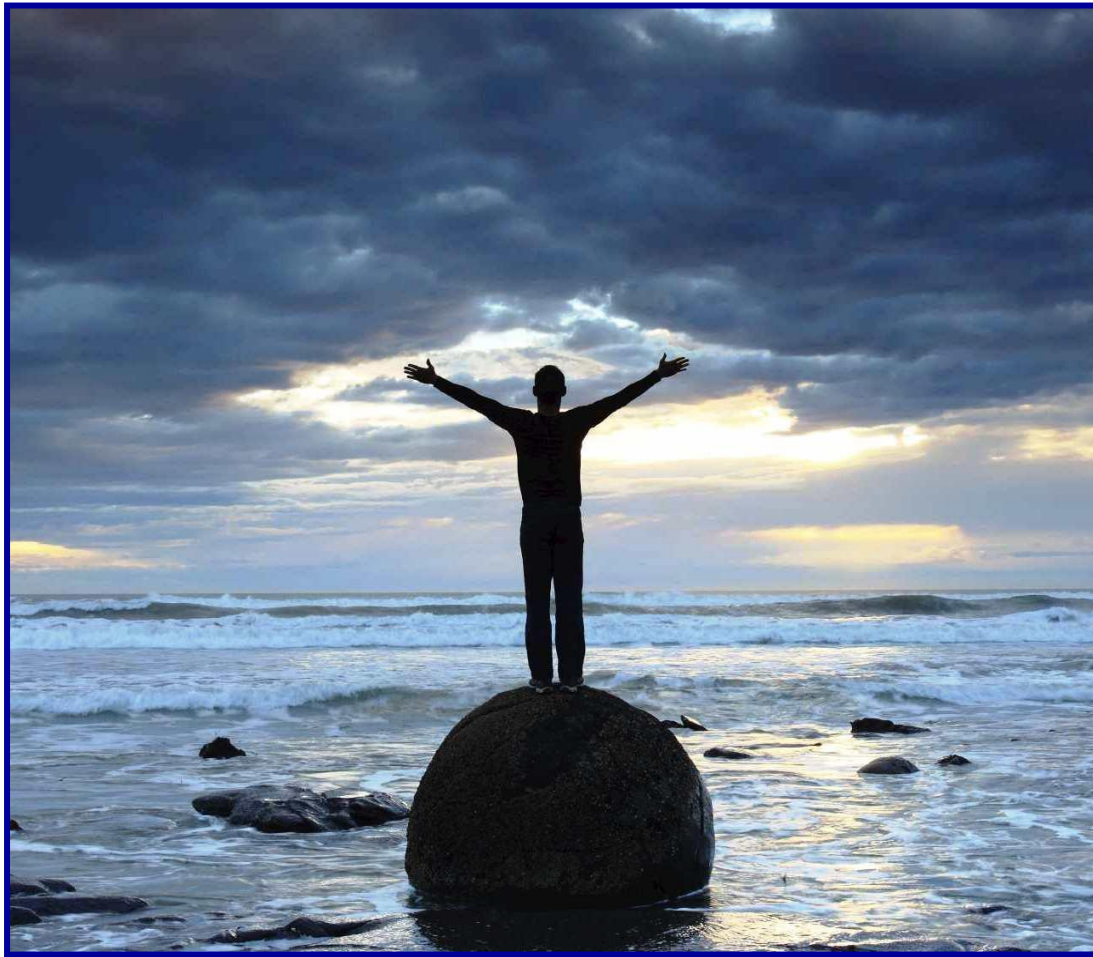
What this verse ([Genesis 28:17](#)) neglects to mention is that its initial utterer said these words while looking in the mirror – and that if he was an agent of the Divine when he said them, he was anything but afraid.



a most merciful Kindness ...

“My merciful kindness is for your comfort, according to My Word unto you, My servants.” ~ God

This verse ([Psalm 199:76](#)) also maintains a common Christian theme – namely, that those who serve “God” receive commensurate rewards (both on Earth as well as “in heaven”) for doing so. Of course, we would all do well to remember otherwise: namely, that it is impossible to pray for our own comfort and simultaneously do the actual Will of God; that it is impossible to yearn to “get into heaven” and extend actual Kindness to anyone on Earth ... It’s relatively simple math (or chemistry, actually): praying for our own benefit is per se selfish, while the Way of Jesus Christ is absolutely selfless. Not only have the two never mixed, they cannot by their natures ever hope to do so.



and Jesus said ...

“Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross, and follow me.’” ~ God

Sadly, this verse ([Matthew 16:24](#)) is rarely heard in Christian churches, and when it is uttered, it is often shared out of context. For in light of Jesus’ entire ministry, it quite clearly means that we are to fulfill his selfless Way not by worshiping him at all (see [Mark 10:18](#) + [John 5:41](#) + [John 12:40-44](#) et al) but rather by refusing to seek Salvation for self in order to fully focus on bringing Peace &/or Joy to others (see [Matthew 24:12-14](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#); [John 13:15-17](#) et al). For *this* is what it means to “take up the cross”, and *this* is what it means to “follow Christ.”



on faith & works ...

***“As the body without the spirit is dead,
so too faith without deeds is dead.” ~ God***

Even though James (the author of this verse – see [James 2:26](#)) and the “apostle” Paul would both argue otherwise, the debate on faith vs. works is fundamentally futile; a patent waste of the few precious moments we have all been given to go forth and evidence our perfect Love --- ironically, via works that are simultaneously Faith-full ... (see [John 10:37-38](#))



on taking Heart ...

*“Be of good courage, and I shall strengthen your Heart,
all you who sincerely hope in the Lord.” ~ God*

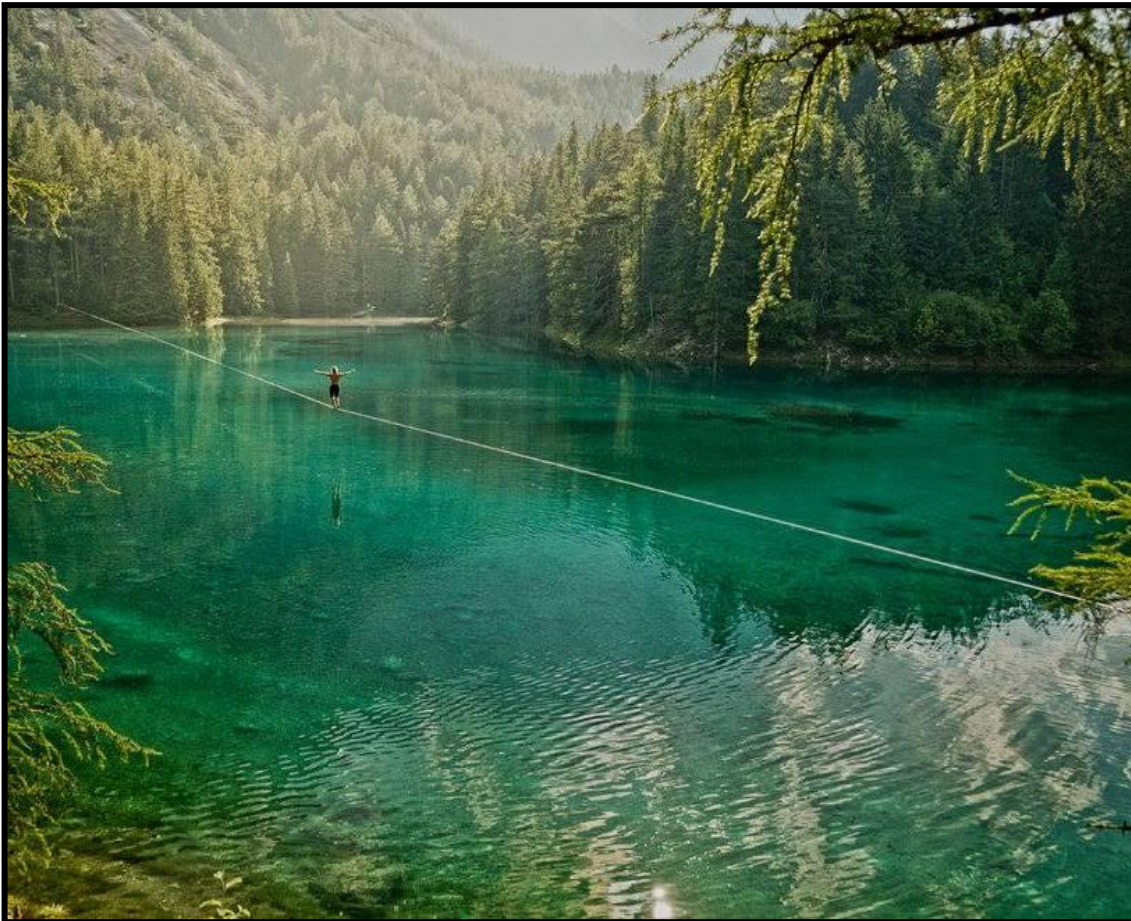
This verse ([Psalm 31:24](#)) only provides sound guidance when we first understand that it is impossible to be “[strong and take heart](#)” while hoping to attain any measure of personal benefit (be it from the Lord or anyone else). And yet we are always “[strong in Heart](#)” when we choose to do the Lord’s Work (with our actions much more than our words, of course) – which is always reflected in deeds of compassionate Kindness. And indeed, if we are immersed in Caring for others – if we in this manner living of “[good courage](#)”, then there is no need to have our heart strengthened. For good Courage is active gentleness extended to any enemy or stranger, and as such truly Good Courage *is* the strongest [Heart](#)!



saved through Faith ...

“By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not of your own doing; for it is My gift.” ~ God

Actually, quite contrary to the way this verse ([Ephesians 2:8](#)) is normally understood, we are all [saved through our Faith](#) in the Father’s perfect Love only when we act accordingly — only when we dismiss all concerns for self in order to help ease the sufferings of others (see [John 13:17](#), [Galatians 6:2](#), the [Parable of the Sower](#), etc etc etc). For ***this*** is the gift of Grace that we have all been given: namely, the ability to choose to become acting disciples of Jesus’ Way -- by actively Loving others; especially those “least deserving” of the same, especially in those times when we feel least able to do so ... (see [Matthew 16:24](#), [Matthew 5:40-48](#), [John 5:29](#), [John 13:15](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#), [Acts 10:34-35](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#) etc etc etc)



precious in His sight ...

***“Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his Saints.” ~ God***

To full-fill this verse ([Psalm 116:15](#)) we must embody its full meaning. To embody its full meaning – to literally become one of the Lord’s **Saints**, we must die repeatedly the “**death**” of our own ego ... We must choose to face our fears and care for their sources; we must choose to face our desires and purposefully replace them acts of Kindness. And in every moment we do so we **die into Sainthood**; just as in every moment we don’t, we don’t.



The Great Commission ...

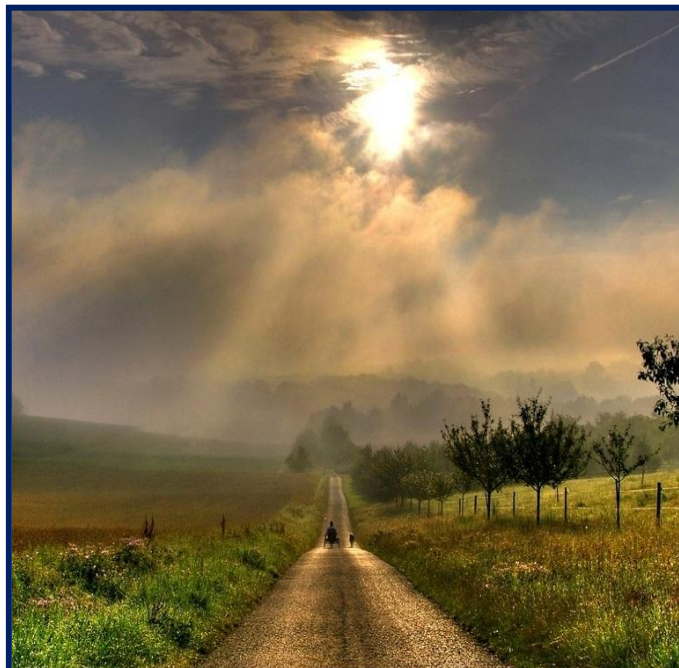
***“Go out among the lost and spread the Truth.
This is your Great Commission.” ~ God***

Folks often mention the “**Great Commission**” of Mark ([Mark 16:15-16](#)) as the reason behind their attempted verbal conversions of “non-believers,” and yet most of these “witnesses” are not aware of a few very important facts in this regard – Consider:

Fact 01) This portion of Mark’s Gospel is *not* the actual **Word of God**, but rather was added by man over a hundred years after the original Gospel was written ...

Fact 02) Even if this passage were the **Word of God**, Jesus clearly wished for us to use our *deeds* instead of our words when relaying his Way of unconditional Love (I-deed, almost all of his words and the vast majority of his biblically recorded life bears witness to this very important Truth; the Truth that it is impossible to be “**humble as a child**” while telling someone their beliefs are wrong – that we can only be truly **humble** when caring for others with acts of gentleness, never while berating them with words of criticism or condemnation ...

Fact 03) Assuming that the **Great Commission** is the **Word of God**, then we should pay close attention to how Jesus himself defines the same — namely first, that his **Good News** is that Heaven is close “**at hand**” (i.e. right here & right now – in every single present moment, see [Matthew 10:7](#) & [Luke 17:20-21](#)), and second, that this glorious Kingdom is accessed by **actively** Caring for others (see [Matthew 24:12-14](#) & [John 13:17](#)) – for this alone is the greatest of all Commissions.



The best way to find your Soul is to lose yourself in service to others ... The best way to find your Way is to set forth solely to Love all nearby -- to have no set itinerary & no planned destination; to shun all established waymarkers, and immerse fully in whomever crosses your path.

dishonest scales ...

***“Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord,
but a just weight is My delight.” ~ God***

And what are the “**dishonest scales**” mentioned in this verse ([Proverbs 11:1](#))? They are those actions that deny the full expression of our Holy Spirit within – cowardice, covetousness, callousness, and cruelty ... And in contrast, what is the **just weight** of the Father’s perfect Love -- what is His “divine justice”? It is the ever generous Grace of gentle forgiveness, Forgiveness, FORGIVENESS! ... (see [Matthew 5:48](#) + [Luke 6:36](#) + [Matthew 18:21-22](#))



***Before death takes
away what has been
given, give away what
is still yours to give.***

according to His mercy ...

“I saved you, not because of works done by you in righteousness, but according to My own mercy -- by the washing of regeneration and the renewal of your Holy Spirit within.” ~ God

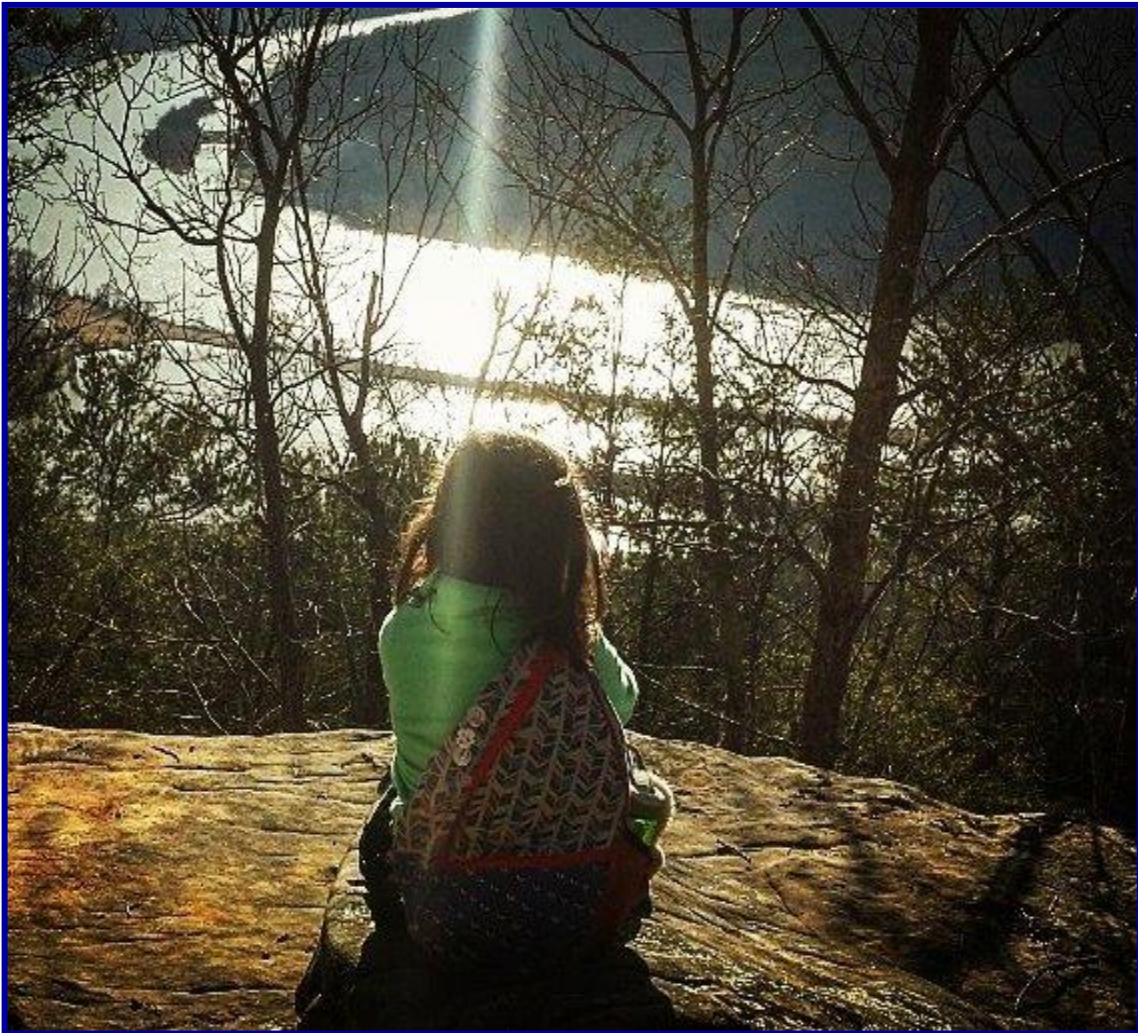
What this verse ([Titus 3:5](#)) fails to clearly explain is that the ability we have to engage acts of selfless kindness (a.k.a. “[righteous works](#)”) *is* God’s ultimate mercy; that Caring for those who least care for us *is* the Way to renewing our Spirit ... (see [Matthew 7:21-23](#) + [Galatians 6:2](#) + [John 13:15](#) et al)



waiting for the Lord ...

***“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart
... and wait for the Lord.” ~ God***

Aside from the fact that the Divine is ever seeking harmony and ever in motion – and as such that we cannot truly “[wait for the Lord](#)” unless you are actively extending Kindness to another, if we do what this verse ([Psalm 27:14](#)) demands in its traditional sense – meaning, if we sit passively and literally [wait for the Lord](#) to act on our behalf, we will never be able to realize that far greater Truth – the Truth that the Lord is always within us – always very nearby.



the Lord's name ...

***“The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe therein.” ~ God***

Yes, this is true enough, especially seeing as how **the name of the Lord** mentioned in this verse (**Proverbs 18:10**) is actually ***Love unconditional***; a tower that has no locks on its ever-open door & a very short staircase to its glorious pinnacle ... Of course, what this verse neglects to mention is the equally potent Truth that it is impossible to be truly **righteous** and **run** into any **tower** — unless we are doing so to help soothe another in distress therein.



taking heed ...

***“Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness.
For the full worth of a man’s life consists not in
the abundance of the things which he possesses.” ~ God***

Yes — once again brilliant advice given via this verse ([Luke 12:15](#)); advice that becomes far more useful when realizing that its admonition includes avoiding all coveting our own potential Salvation as well.



Strong in the Lord ...

***“Finally, be strong in the Lord
and in his mighty power.” ~ God***

The **mighty power** mentioned here in this verse ([Ephesians 6:10](#)) is only truly potent when reflecting the Lord’s courageously selfless Love (see [Matthew 5:48](#), [1 John 4:12-16](#), [1 Corinthians 14:33](#), [James 1:17](#) et al). As such, we can only be truly “**strong in the Lord**” when we act with similarly courageous Kindness towards others ... **P.S.** By the way, because the Lord is Love perfected, any time we see “**God**” (&/or an “**angel of the LORD**”) doing less than loving things in the Bible, remember that this is *not* Jesus’ heavenly Father doing the acting, but rather imperfect – and thus at least slightly immoral – fallen angels (the *Elohim* – or “gods” in the ancient Hebrew manuscripts) who are merely *posing* as the Lord.



on loyalty ...

***“Loyalty makes one attractive.
It is better to be poor than fickle.” ~ God***

This verse ([Proverbs 19:22](#)) is another of the many examples we have of the outdated edicts of the Old Testament completely missing the glories of The Way of Christ. For loyalty to the few – by its very nature -- mandates disloyalty to the many. Loyalty by its very nature precludes us from loving our enemies; the one thing Jesus asked of us that we might be able to attain *his* salvation (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#), [Matthew 5:39-48](#) et al) ... In relation to God’s perfect Love – a Love that cares indiscriminately for all others without exception, loyalty is dishonest; a dishonesty that *is* the ultimate poverty.



a great & awesome God ...

“Do not be terrified by them, for I, the Lord your God who is ever among you, am a great and awesome God.” ~ God

Finally, here is a verse from the Bible (in this case [Deuteronomy 7:1](#)) that uses the word fear in its proper context – namely, as an emotional expression that is incomplete & flawed; something wholly “of man” -- known only by man in his times of selfishness or woman in her times of want ... (*Note* the profound implications of combining the [perfect Love](#) of the Father mentioned in [Matthew 5:48](#) with the wisdom of [1 John 4:18](#) -- “[There is no fear in Love, but perfect Love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in Love.](#)”)



to abide in Him ...

“Whoever says, I abide in Him ...” ~ God

This verse (1 John 2:6) in its complete form reads: “**Whomever** says ‘**I abide in him**’, **must live as he lived.**” ... Of course, more important than giving up all personal possessions and wandering the Earth looking for opportunities to Care for others (which *is* quite the rewarding undertaking) is living ***in your own lives*** just as he lived in his — exuding forgiveness when attacked, sending Love to the source of all fear, being courageously Kind to every stranger, feeling pure Compassion for every enemy, & a Gratitude heartfelt & unconditional for all of Life.



Who, like God ...

*“Who among the gods is like Me?
... Who is like Me?” ~ God*

This verse ([Exodus 15:11](#)) brings the teachings of Jesus Christ immediately to mind – for Jesus, unlike most other primary figures in the biblical texts, was a clear and firm believer that all sentient beings contained the same Holy Spirit within them and that all sentient beings could choose to become enlivened manifestations of the Divine (a la “Is it not written in the law ‘I said you are gods’?” [quoting [Psalm 82:6](#)] ... Very truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also *do* the works I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these ... On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, & ***I IN YOU***” via [John 10:34](#) + [John 14:12](#) + [John 14:20](#)) ... As such, the answer to the question “Who among the gods is like you, O Lord?” is — ***We are*** (or at the very least, we can Be -- whenever we act accordingly ... see [John 13:15-17](#), [John 10:38](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#) et al)



perfect Joy in you ...

*“These things I have spoken to you,
so that my perfect Joy might be in you;
that your own Joy might be full.” ~ God*

This verse ([John 15:11](#)) actually lays the groundwork for Jesus’ entire ministry. Of course, it is a tad cryptic, and manifesting the [perfect Joy](#) of which is here spoken can be a bit puzzling. To the end of clarifying this all-important verse, feel free to consider the following: **A)** It is actively enlivening The Way of Christ that brings “[complete Joy](#)” into our lives ... **B)** It is actively abiding in Jesus’ lone Commandment that is the enlivenment of that Way ... **C)** It is actively Loving our neighbor as ourselves that is this abiding ... and **D)** It is realizing that our *enemies* are the very “[neighbor](#)” of which Jesus speaks (see [Luke 10:29-37](#)) that allows his lone Commandment to come alive.



the Light of the world ...

“You are the light of the world.” ~ God

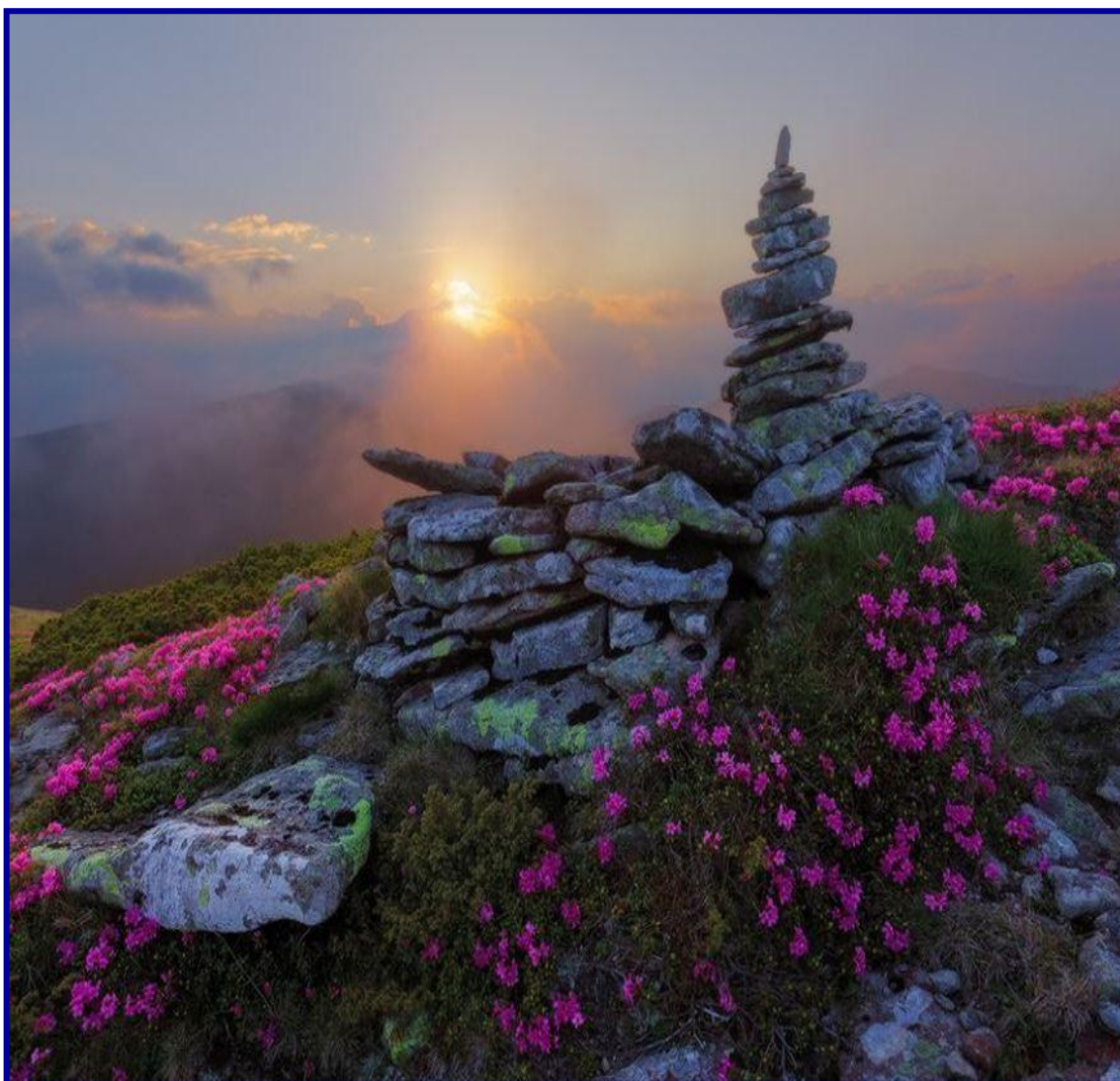
In this verse ([Matthew 5:14](#)) we hear Christ reminding us that we can do so much more than merely see the Light -- or seek the Light -- or worship the Light -- or even come to know the Light. Indeed, the Spirit herein reminds us all that we can actually ***become the Light*** of the world. Of course, what It fails to mention thereby is that we can only do so when we choose to shine that radiance upon others with deeds of selfless Kindness.



until the day of Christ ...

“Being confident of this, that he who began a Good Work in you will carry it on to completion, until the day of Christ Jesus.” ~ God

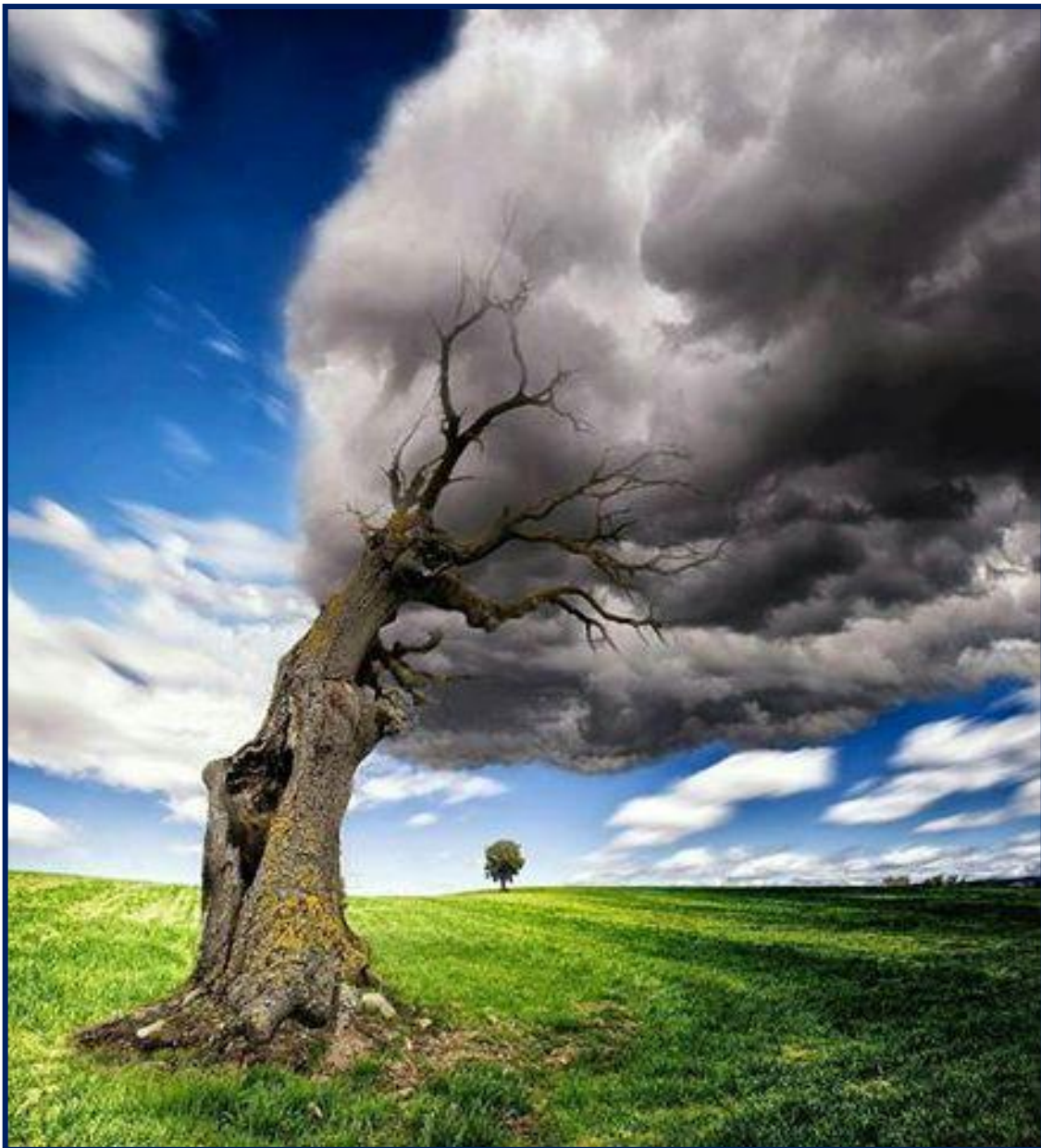
Fair enough – though of course, [the day of Christ Jesus](#) mentioned here ([Philippians 1:6](#)) is always *today* (see [Luke 17:20-21](#) + [John 14:20](#)), and every one of those [Good Works](#) of perfect Love are always fully complete in the moments they are selflessly given.



the Faithful repaid ...

***“The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways,
and the Good Man fully rewarded for his.” ~ God***

This verse ([Proverbs 14:14](#)) neglects to mention the fact that every Good Man’s act of selfless Love *is* his ultimate reward, and that every faithless man’s deeds of selfishness become his own punishment.



the Peace I leave ...

***“Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
So do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not be afraid.” ~ God***

We humans tend to “give” when we are given to – or when we wish to receive something in return – or when we are trying to solidify our relationships – or when we are trying to maintain a measure of hope or expectation ... GOD, on the other Heart, gives perfectly – purely and intensely and without condition. He gives simply to give — to sinners as well as Saints, to “heathens” as well as the holy, to strangers as well as friends, to enemies as well as Loved Ones ... As such, to full-fill the **Peace** mentioned in this verse ([John 14:27](#)), we must each choose to act accordingly; we must choose to Give to others as freely and as radically and as unconditionally as GOD gives – to us as well as others.



renewing your mind ...

“Do not be conformed to this world, but rather be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you might discern what is the Will of God -- what is good and what is acceptable and what is perfect.” ~ God

The only way to **renew our mind** as this verse ([Romans 12:2](#)) suggests is to completely and courageously renew our actions. For the perfect Love of Jesus (see [Matthew 5:39-48](#)) cannot be merely learned or known or “understood” — It can only be enlivened and *experienced*. Indeed, God purposefully alters nothing within us. Only **we** can change the way we think and the ways we choose to act. God is pure Love (see [1 John 4:7-12](#)), and pure Love would never rob any being of the transcendent miracle that comes from the *self*-rediscovery of the selfless Way.



the protection of Angels ...

*“For he will command his angels concerning you
... to guard you in all your ways.” ~ God*

The news in this verse ([Psalm 91:11](#)) is nice to hear, of course, and yet ultimately unnecessary to believe ... First of all, caring for material beings is what angels (to the degree that they exist at all) innately *do* – it’s their reason for being, requiring no external command. Secondly, and much more importantly, when we choose to live the perfect Love of Christ, we need no such protection – as *Love* becomes our ultimate safeguard.



again, on Faith ...

***“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for;
the evidence of things not seen.” ~ God***

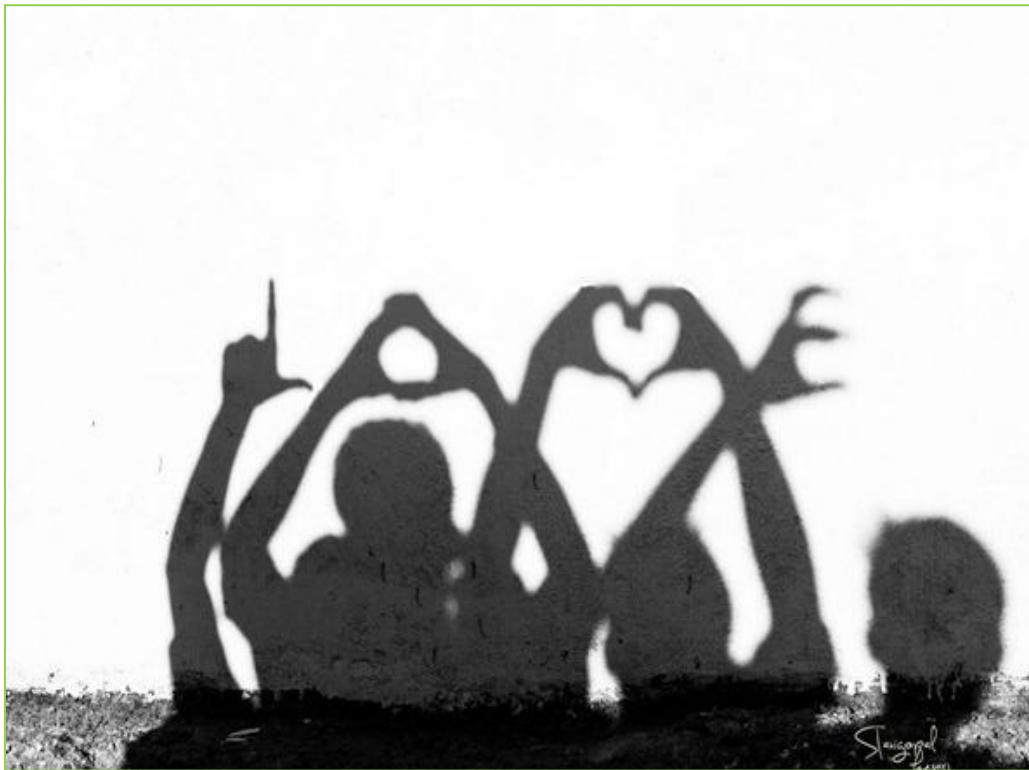
Actually, the faith mentioned in this verse ([Hebrews 11:1](#)) is but a faint shadow of the full grandeur that is a full and vibrant Faith – for real Faith is not only expressed in deeds of selfless Caring, it *is* those very deeds ... (see [Galatians 5:6](#) “The only thing that counts is faith *expressed in acts of Love.*”)



the Power of God ...

***“I am both sun & shield, and
I will give both grace & glory.
No good thing will I withhold from
them who walk uprightly.” ~ God***

The most important phrase in this verse (Psalm 84:11) is its final one – “to walk uprightly.” For to walk upright is to enliven our highest calling; to walk upright is to manifest the deepest inclinations of our True Self; to walk upright is to manifest the radiance of the innately selfless Soul. For without such Love we are nothing more than rabid animals – lumbering naked in the wilderness; seeking nothing more meaningful than the mere survival of ourselves in our next meal; nothing more substantive than the mere survival of our genes in our next sex ... Walking and talking do not make us “saved” or “sophisticated.” It is only our ability to choose to Care for strangers, liberate the downtrodden, &/or be Kind towards our enemies that bring the Grace & Glory of God – only these that separate us from all things savage & primitive – only these that allow us to truly walk uprightly.



obeying the Lord ...

***“If you obey and serve Me, you will
Spend the rest of your days in prosperity
and your years in contentment.” ~ God***

This verse ([Job 36:11](#)) makes bold claims, and yet neglects to expound upon a few key questions -- namely **A**) if we are to **obey Him**, what is the Commandment that proscribes the same, and **B**) if we are to **serve Him**, how are we best to do so? Those questions might be twofold, and yet their answer is only One: acts of Love, *acts of Love*, **acts of Love** ... Only this can solve this riddle (see [Matthew 7:21](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#), [1 John 2:29](#), [John 13:15-17](#), [Romans 2:13](#), [James 1:17](#) & on & on & on), for this Love and this Love alone is the only “**prosperity**” that brings real wealth, and the only “**contentment**” that brings true Peace.



to know God's Love ...

“By this you know Love: that he laid down his life for you, and that as such you should also lay down your lives for your brothers.” ~ God

This verse (1 John 3:16) indeed clearly identifies a key component of what it means to be a Paulinist (what many today call a “conservative Christian”, an “evangelical Christian”, &/or a “fundamentalist Christian”). That having been said, it says relatively little about what it means to be a devout Follower of The Way of Christ. For by this we know that we are followers of God's perfect Way: not by professing Jesus' glory (see [John 5:41](#)), but rather by living as he lived (see [1 John 2:6](#)) — caring for the downtrodden (see [Luke 14:13-14](#)), sacrificing willingly for those in need (see [John 15:13](#)), forgiving those who trespass against us (see [Matthew 6:14](#)), and being actively kind to all enemies (see [Matthew 22:36-40](#) + [Luke 10:29-37](#) & [Luke 6:27-29](#)).



becoming Children of God...

“But as many as received Me, to them I give the right to become Children of God, even to those who believe in My name.” ~ God

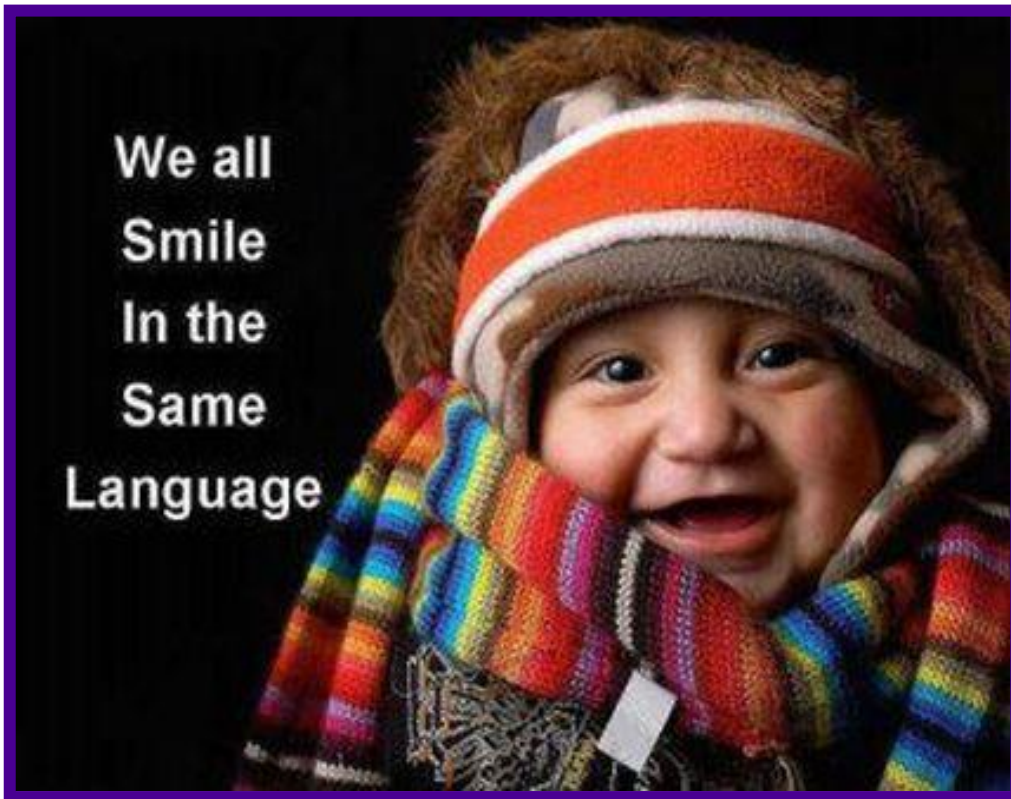
There are many facets of God’s all-loving Grace alive in this verse ([John 1:12](#)): free will, moral guidance, and even life itself. Another is the right to become **Children of God**, which *we always are*, whether we choose to mentally “believe” in Jesus or not (see [Mark 10:18](#)), whether we choose to “receive” his Father or not (see [John 5:22](#)), or whether we worship Jesus as the only Son of God or not (see [John 12:47](#)) ... No, to fulfill the deepest implications of this verse, we must **receive** God – we must dedicate our lives to becoming emissaries of his all-Loving will – we must choose to enliven The Way of Christ in our dealings with others. Yes, it is possible to mildly *feel* saved when we mentally “believe in His name”, and yet Jesus’ name literally means “God is within us” (see [Matthew 1:23](#)), and we can only truly **believe** that name when we are acting accordingly — when we are Loving others boldly and actively and selflessly (see [Acts 10:34-35](#)).



on laughter & Joy ...

***“I will once again fill your mouth with laughter,
and your lips with shouts of Joy.” ~ God***

Amen to that! Indeed, this verse ([Job 8:21](#)) is divinely reflective of much of what Jesus himself came to teach and share ... For Jesus indeed came solely to bring us a Way to perfect Joy (see [John 15:11](#)), and he even showed us how to attain this same state of Bliss — by ***actively Caring*** for those most in need (see [Matthew 25:35-40](#)) &/or ***actively Caring*** those for whom we least care or who least care for us (see [Matthew 5:39-48](#)). And *this* perfect Love is the only way to know the true Joy that Jesus came to share.



Kindness is contagious.
It brings joy to
those that give it,
receive it,
and witness it.
Spread some today.

on Trust-worthiness ...

***“Anyone who can be trusted in little matters
can also be trusted in important matters.” ~ God***

Actually, the only truly “**important matter**” mentioned in this verse (Luke 16:10) is deciding whether or not to walk the Way of Christ. And once one decides to do so, **trust** is no longer needed or even desired. For trust is tied to hope, which is loosely tied to the false “faith” of many religions — all three of which ultimately focusing upon one’s self and one’s own fears &/or desires, and thus far away from Jesus’ Way (i.e. which requires us to focus solely on Caring for others).



no fear in Love ...

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear.” ~ God

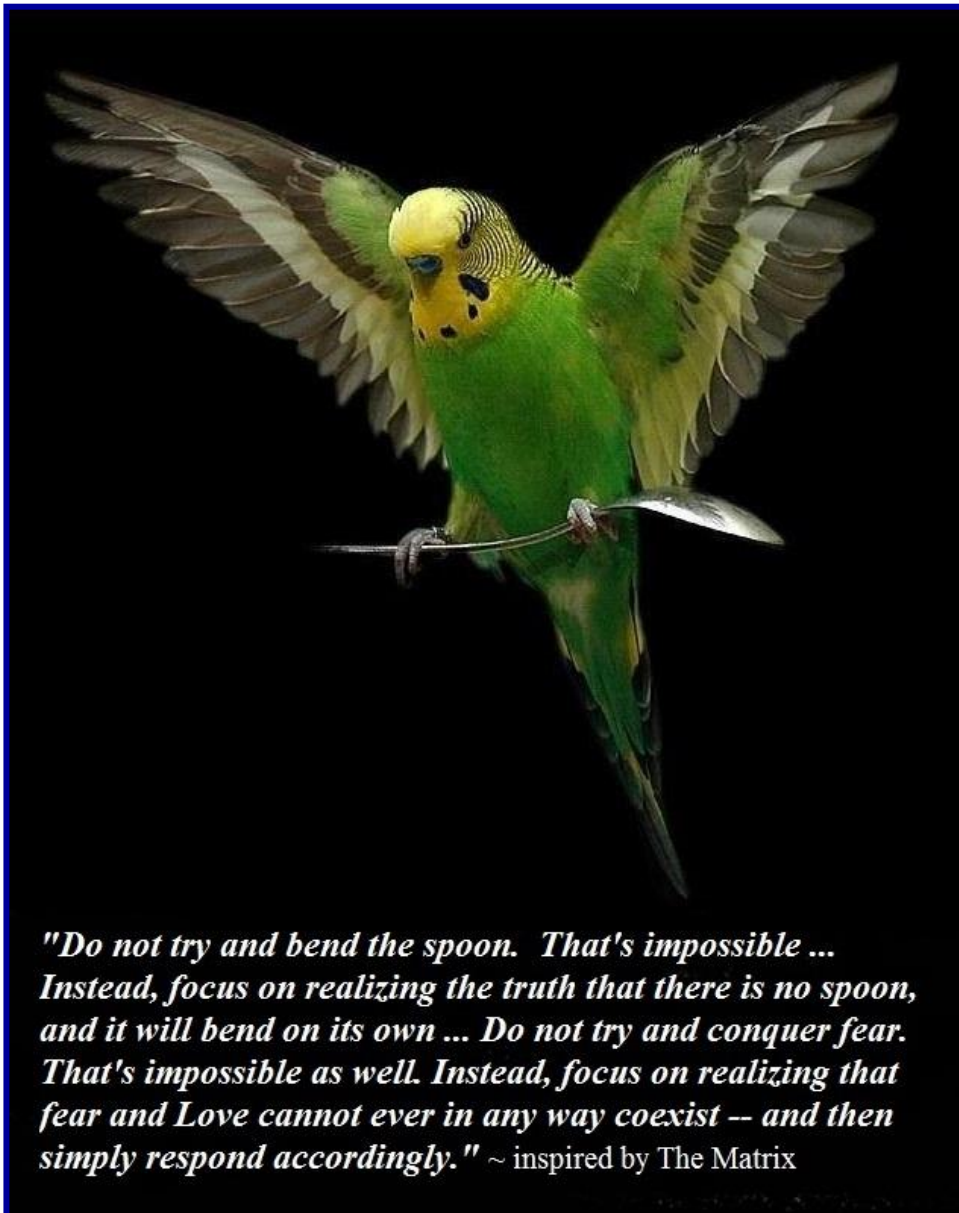
This verse (1 John 4:18) is one of my favorites, and one of the more important verses in the entire Bible. Just as importantly, this is only the first half of that saying, with the rest of it stating: “... for fear has to do with *punishment*, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in Love.” And this latter portion is incredibly significant, for if God’s Love is perfect (as Jesus notes it to be in Matthew 5:48) -- and if perfect Love has no fear (see above) -- and if fear has to do with punishment (as stated previously) -- and if Hell is (quite obviously) a punishment, then the heavenly Father of Jesus Christ cannot allow anyone to reside in Hell, much less send them there Himself (see John 5:22 et al). Indeed such a GOD could never have created Hell in the first place!



standing firm in Faith ...

***“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith.
Be men of courage; be strong.” ~ God***

And how are we to fulfill the commands of this verse (1 Corinthians 16:13) – how are we to be “on guard” and “stand firm”? By being ready not to condemn a non-believer, but rather to extend him gentle Kindness; by being ever ready not to attack an enemy, but rather to lend her a Forgiveness without term or condition ... This is how we **stand firm** in *Jesus*’ faith. This is how *Jesus* would have us be truly **strong** and show our true **courage**.



the Lord has spoken ...

***“Will your courage endure and your hands be strong
in the day I deal with you? I the Lord have spoken,
and I will do as I say.” ~ God***

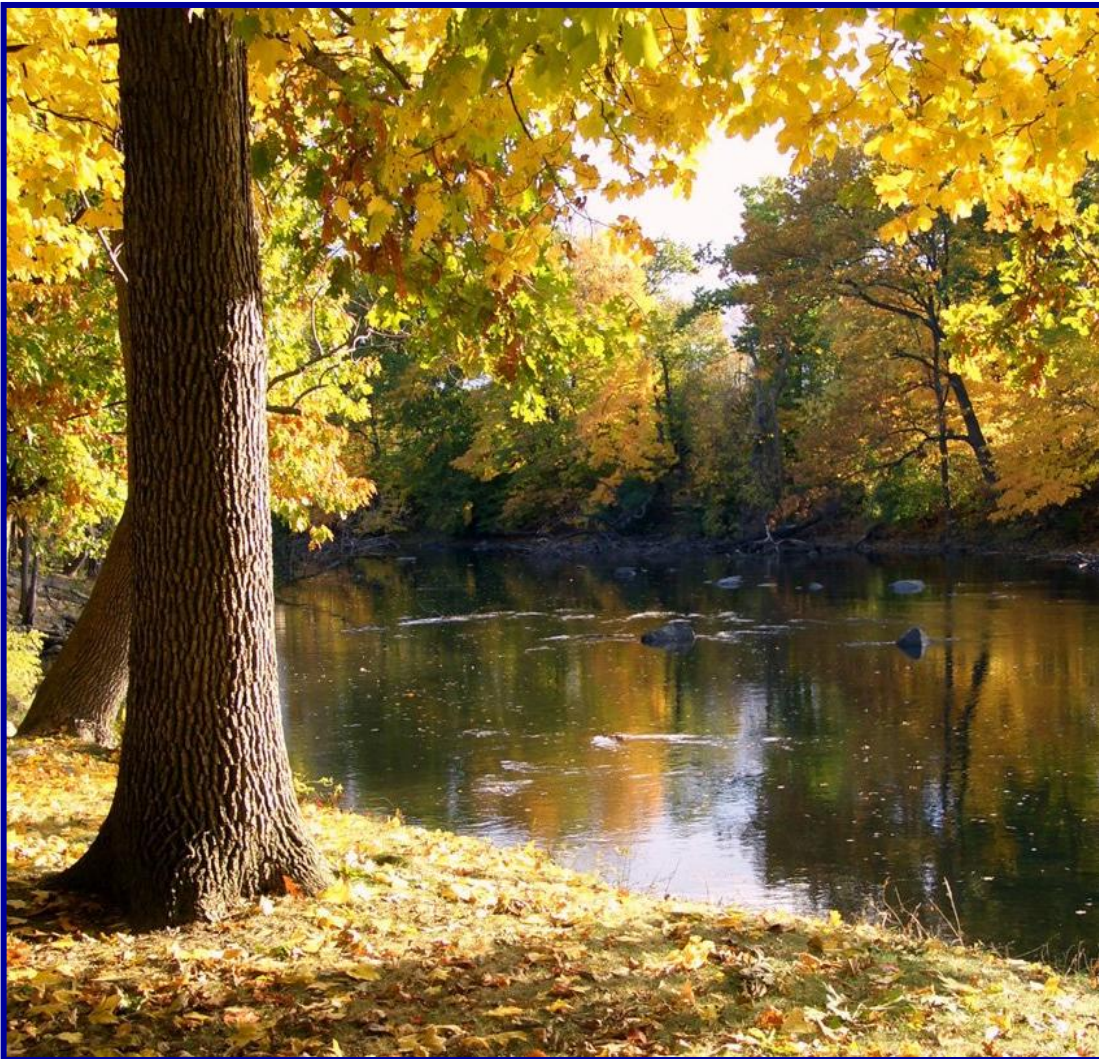
This verse ([Ezekiel 22:14](#)) indeed holds much Truth. For the Father’s strength is known by its ultimate gentleness (see [James 1:17](#), [Matthew 5:48](#), [Luke 6:36](#), [Matthew 8:21-22](#), [John 5:22](#), [1 John 4:12-16](#) et al); dealing with us in every moment of every day; in-Courage-ing us to be strong by Caring for those in our lives who are “least likable” – and doing so in those moments when we feel least able to do so. This is the Way of Light, and it is the forces of darkness that tempt us to selfishly prepare for any “end times” other.



the ways of the Lord ...

*“I show you My ways, and lead you to My paths;
I guide you in your truth and teach you, for I am your God,
and your hope is in Me all day long.” ~ God*

This verse ([Psalm 25:5](#)) indirectly intimates three patently erroneous positions – **01**) that GOD has more than one Way (He doesn't – only selfless acts of Kindness resonate with His will), **02**) that GOD “[teaches](#)” us the same (He doesn't – it is impossible to teach us selfless Love; something we all comprehend and know from childhood onward), and **03**) that we must have [hope](#) in GOD's salvation (We don't – for hope is a self-centered mentality that actually prevents us from enlivening GOD's all-Loving Way – a Way that resides within us all, always ... see [1 John 4:12-16](#)).



reaping what is sown ...

“And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps might rejoice together.” ~ God

This verse ([John 4:36](#)) avoids the greater issue at hand – namely, that doing anything for subsequent reward is not at all “good”, nor is it truly “loving”. For in Jesus’ **Kingdom of Heaven** (which is always right here & right now), the sowing of selfless Goodness *is* the reaping thereof!



discerning Truth ...

***“Let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance.” ~ God***

This commonly adopted “wisdom” (found in [Proverbs 1:5](#)) actually has the tendency to lead seekers astray. For it does not openly exude the true Wisdom is The Way — namely, that we are not to “seek [guidance](#)” for ourselves, but rather are to abandon the same in favor of actively Caring for all enemies, openly Forgiving all trespassers, and being sincerely Grateful for life in general – each & every moment thereof ... Indeed, The Way calls only for us to Love, and it is impossible to truly Love another while “gathering [guidance](#)” for ourselves. As such, there is nothing of worth to “[discern](#)” while doing so, and we are thus called to set aside all yearning to discover or [learn](#) or comprehend, and simply *go Love* others instead!



the keys to the Kingdom ...

***“I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and
whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed there.” ~ God***

This verse ([Matthew 16:19](#)) is absolutely Right On, especially when realizing that the “commensurate karma” implied herein is always instantaneously & fully reaped in Jesus’ Here&Now [Kingdom of Heaven](#) (see [Matthew 10:7](#), [Luke 17:20-21](#) et al) ... Essentially, when we Care for others, we are cared for (see [Matthew 10:42](#)) and when we judge others (as “mean” or as “criminals” or as “non-believers” etc), we **become** ourselves mean-spirited, non-Believing violators of Jesus’ Way ... (see [John 14:12](#), [Matthew 18:3-4](#), [Matthew 7:1-2](#), [Matthew 23:12](#), [John 13:35](#), [Romans 2:1](#), [Romans 8:33-35](#), [Romans 14:13-14](#) et al)



a true Friend ...

“A friend loves at all times.” ~ God

This verse ([Proverbs 17:17](#)) delves much deeper than one would at first presume, for the true **Friend** is not merely nice to those who are treating him nicely, but is Kind to those doing the opposite; is not merely friendly to friends and family, but chooses to be openly Caring to even the most vile of enemies ... This is why the focus of this verse should be on “at all **times**” as opposed to merely “**a friend**” ... Indeed, this is why Jesus admonishes us to have our Love be “**perfect**” (see [Matthew 5:48](#)) – this is why he reminds us over & over again that the **Father** resides within us, and that it is our job to bring His perfect Love to the fore (see [John 14:20-26](#), [1 John 4:8-18](#), et al)



imitators of God ...

***“Therefore be imitators of God,
like beloved children.” ~ God***

This verse [\(Ephesians 5:1\)](#) illuminates an “express lane” to salvation, for the [Kingdom of Heaven](#) is attainable to all, as soon as we set aside our condemnations of others – and act like a Child of God, by treasuring them the same way children do ... (see [Matthew 18:2-10](#), [Mark 10:14-15](#), [Matthew 19:14](#))



on husbands & wives ...

***“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church,
and gave himself up for her.” ~ God***

Actually, this verse ([Ephesians 5:25](#)) is more than a bit misleading seeing as how Jesus did not give himself up for Paul’s church in any way, shape, or form. Instead, he gave himself up for the opposite of Paul’s church – He gave himself up for forgiveness, not condemnation ... He gave himself up for humility, not arrogance ... He gave himself up for the freedom of uninhibited Love, not the shackles of proscriptive dogma ... He gave himself up to show us The Way of Joy-full self-sacrifice for others, not the path seeking redemption for one’s elf.



The only way to honor the freedom at the heart of selfless Love is to first sacrifice all that shackles your mind with fear & judgment ... The only way to honor the Love at the heart of "The Bride of Christ" is to first divorce yourself from the church that shackles your Soul with damnation & dogma.

our many companions ...

“A man of many companions will come to ruin.” ~ God

Actually, despite what this verse ([Proverbs 18:24](#)) implies to the contrary, whether a man or woman **comes to ruin** has nothing at all to do with how many companions he or she has ... In fact, to exude and thereby experience the perfect Love of the Father (and thereby alone avoid **ruin**), we must all choose to humbly re-engage and boldly honor over 200 billion Companions (all the sentient beings whom we in any way contact) every single day of our lives!



the Blessed, who Believe ...

“And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.” ~ God

And what does this verse ([Luke 1:45](#)) imply – what is it that was **spoken by our Lord**? Two things, primarily – **01**) that **the Kingdom of Heaven** is always right here & right now, fully embodied in each & every moment of our lives (see [Matthew 10:7](#) & [Luke 17:20-21](#) et al), and **02**) that we can all enter that Kingdom any time we wish — simply by persisting in actively Caring for the down trodden in our communities (see [Matthew 25:35-40](#)) &/or the enemies in our midst (see [Matthew 5:39-48](#)). This is the only **fulfillment** that can truly full-fill – this & this alone is the Good News of which Jesus spoke & for which he lived ... (see [Matthew 24:12-14](#) & [John 13:15-17](#) et al)



avoiding the contradictions ...

“Guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called ...” ~ God

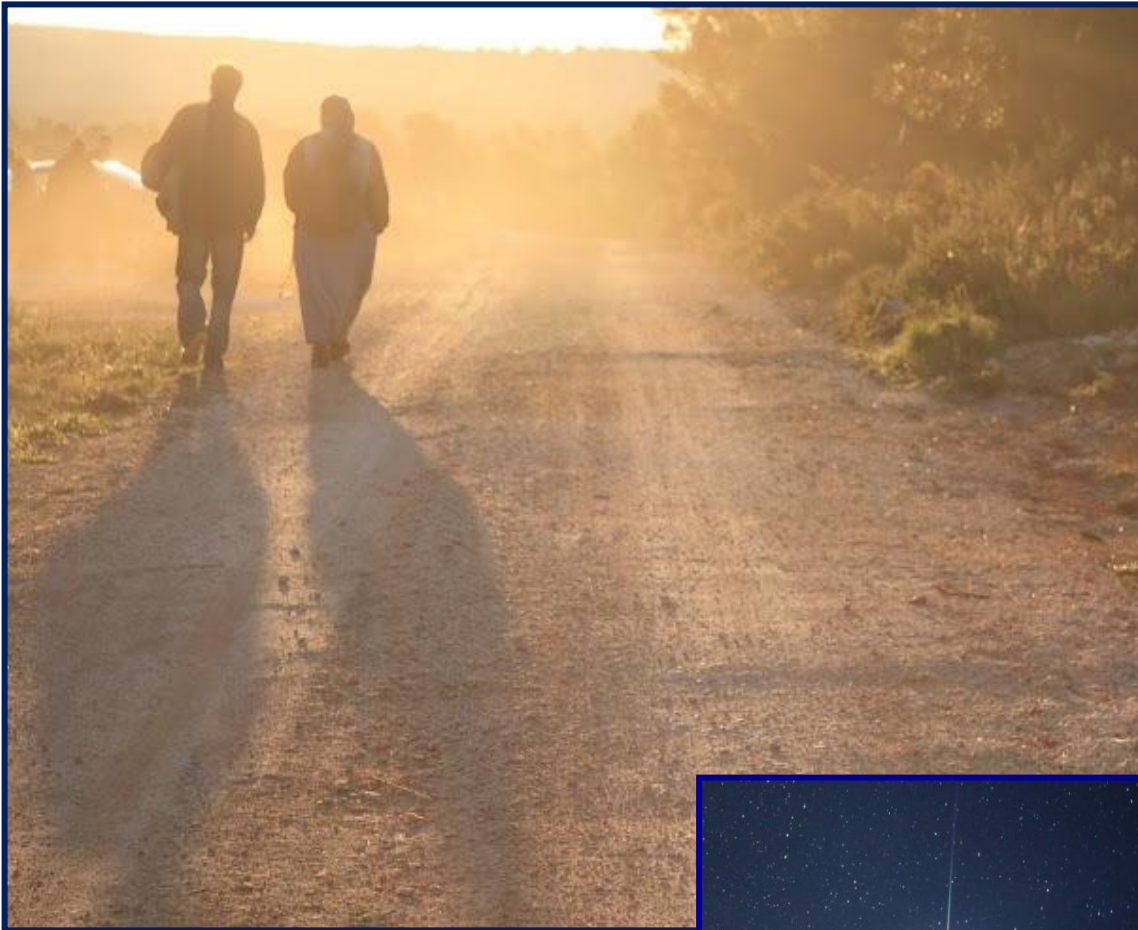
First and foremost, the deeper wisdom of this verse (1Timothy 6:20) calls us all to avoid the hypocritical babble and often irreverent contradictions of what is falsely called “Jesus’ church” ... Indeed, there is a choice to be made by all those “of the faith”: namely, to *either* follow the words of Paul (“the church”) *or* to follow The Way of Jesus Christ (nothing short of a humble, active, non-judgmental, and fully non-discriminatory *Love*).



teaching The Way ...

***“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.
I will counsel you with My eye upon you.” ~ God***

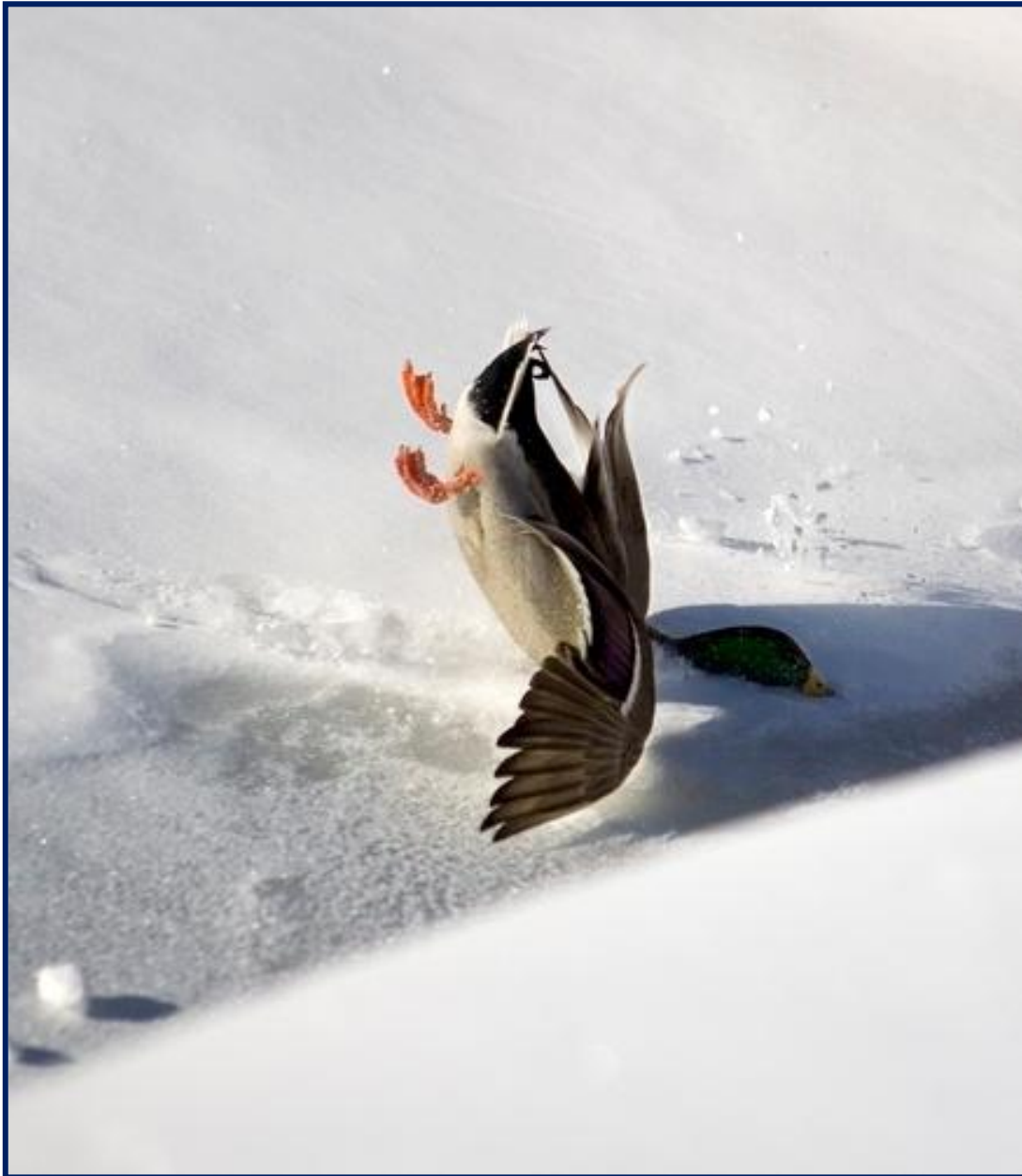
Amen! This verse ([Psalm 32:8](#)) implies the Truth that GOD “[teaches](#)” (i.e. internally guides – see [John 14:20-26](#)) us to Love others without condition (see [1 John 4:18](#) + [Matthew 5:39-48](#) + [John 13:15-17](#)). And His benevolent Eye is indeed ever upon us -- ***from within*** -- while we do so (see [Colossian 1:27](#), [John 15:26](#) & [2 Timothy 1:14](#)), for the Lord counsels us via our own conscience, not any external “[men of the cloth](#)” ... (see also [Luke 12:57](#), [John 7:24](#), [Romans 2:14-15](#) et al)



on falling down ...

“If one falls down ...” ~ God

Actually, whenever we **fall down** (as mentioned here via [Ecclesiastes 4:10](#)), we are not in the ideal place to pray to God for help, but are rather in the perfect place to extend a hand to others who have fallen as well ... (“For if they fall, one will lift up the other”)



knowing the Lord...

***“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and
not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint.” ~ God***

This verse ([Isaiah 40:31](#)) – while shining in its call to hope and perseverance, neglects to expound upon (or at the very least subtly imply) the Truth that [hoping in the Lord](#) for one’s self means always treading along the [broad path](#) to destruction. That is why, of hope & faith & love, **Love** is the greatest — simply because it is impossible to [hope](#) for one’s self while walking Jesus’ Way of caring solely for others; and simply because it is impossible to have faith in one’s own Salvation while maintaining the humility necessary to clearly see & deeply reach those in need ... In addition, as God is always present in every Here&Now (see [1 Kings 8:27](#), [Acts 17:28](#), [Romans 1:20](#), [Matthew 28:20](#) et al), there is never a need to “[hope in Him](#)” as this verse suggests, for He resides within every pupil of every sentient being and within the center of every atom, just as much as He resides at the center of every galaxy. Indeed, it is in realizing this Truth when looking upon anything or anyone “distasteful” (and acting accordingly -- with gentleness) that our [strength](#) is truly renewed.



united with Christ ...

“Therefore have encouragement from being united with Christ. Have comfort from his love, common sharing in his Spirit, and all his tenderness and compassion.” ~ God

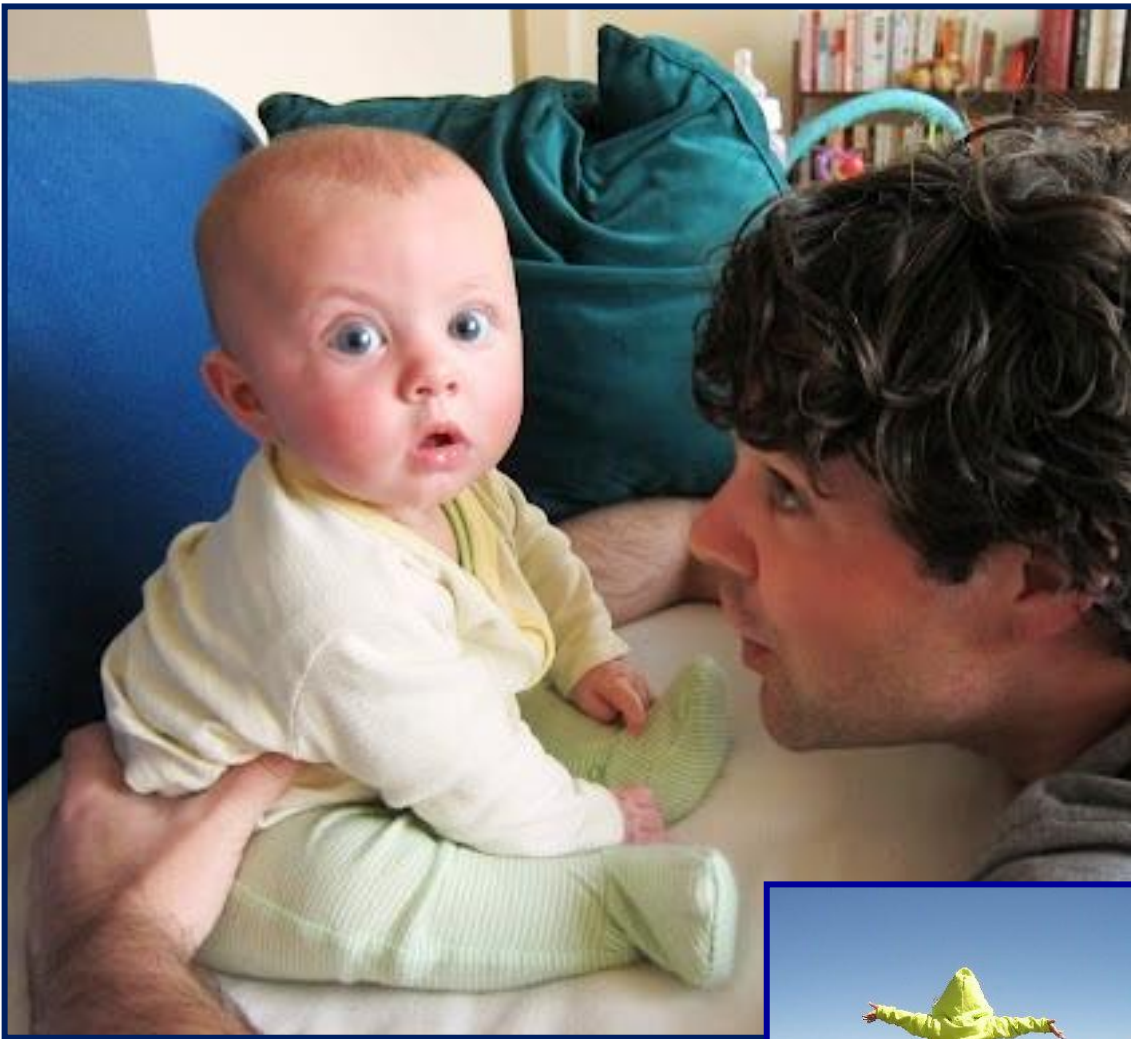
While it is true enough that selfless Love does indeed always comfort to those to whom it is given, what this verse ([Philippians 2:1](#)) fails to mention is the equally valid Truth that in the moments you are focusing on your own comfort, you cannot be walking the selflessly Caring Way of Christ. It is indeed fully impossible to care for another while we are in any way hoping for or celebrating our own salvation.



honoring the Elders ...

“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor; especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.” ~ God

This verse (1 Timothy 5:17) would actually do better to remind us that the only **Elder** worthy of honor is the **Elder** who humbly accepts no honor at all ... (see Matthew 23:8 “Do **not** be called ‘teacher’, for only the One is your Teacher, and you are all merely students thereof.”)



handling the Word ...

***“Do your best to present yourself to Me as one approved;
a worker who has no need to be ashamed – one who
rightly handles the Word of Truth.” ~ God***

Fair enough, and yet how are we to enliven what this verse (2 Timothy 2:15) suggests – how are we to **present ourselves** as those who **rightly handle the Word of Truth**? Well, if the opinion of Jesus Christ matters (and I would say that – at the very least to Christians – it very well should), then the only way to **“rightly handle the Word of Truth”** is to go forth and serve others courageously, actively, humbly, self-sacrificially, and -- more often than not -- silently ... Indeed, if we are truly to be Divine **“workers who need not feel ashamed”**, then we must dedicate our days to actively Caring for others (see John 13:17, 1 John 3:7, 1 John 2:9, James 1:22-25), for it is precisely in such moments that shame cannot exist within us at all – only Joy and Joy alone ... (see John 15:11)



WE ARE GOD

a merry Heart ...

***“A merry heart does good like medicine:
but a broken spirit dries the bones.” ~ God***

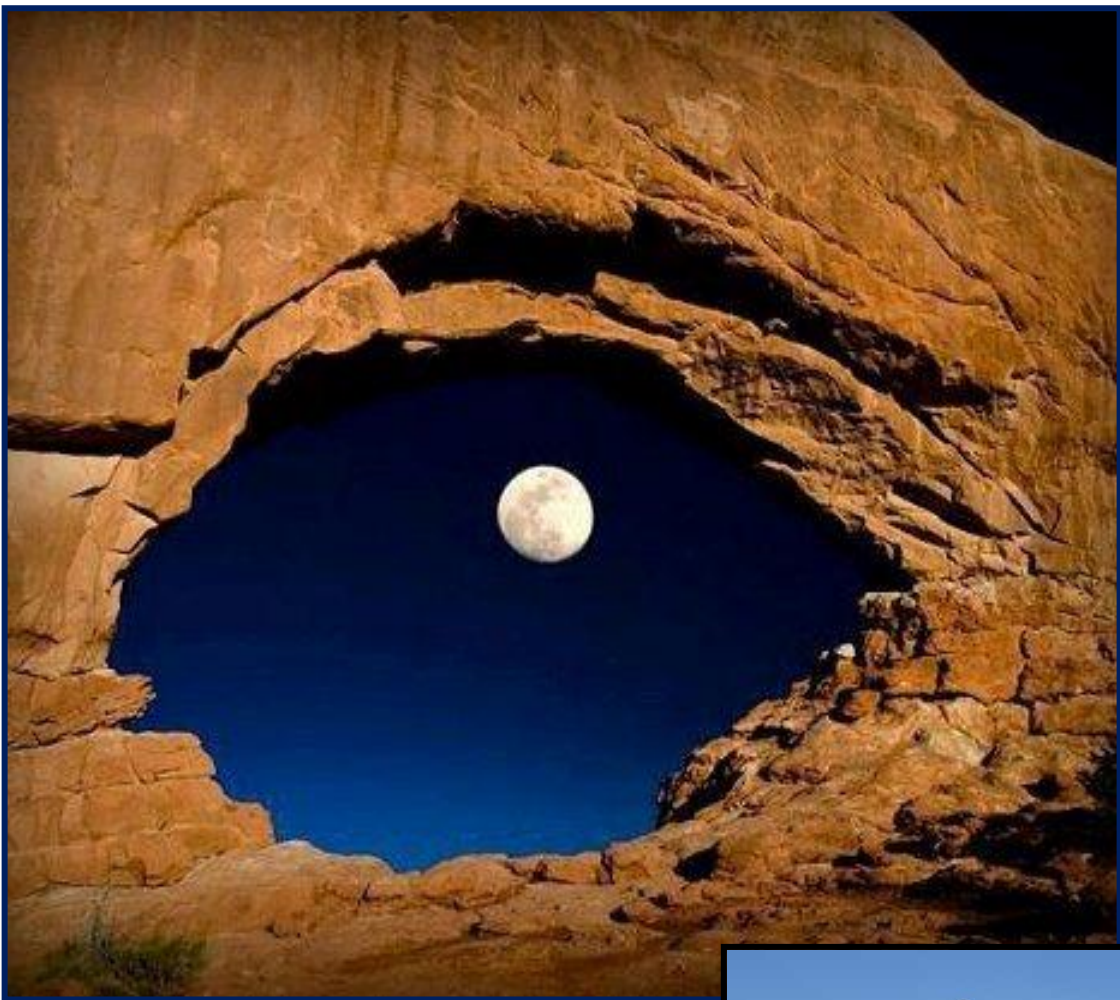
This verse ([Proverbs 17:22](#)) does indeed offer a Great Truth – namely, that happiness (be it born in joy or gratitude) does enhance our health and prolong our lives. Of course, it is just as important to understand that the spirit concerned with its own well-being (be that well-being focused in pleasure or comfort or success or longevity) is already quite broken & already extremely brittle. For a truly cheerful Heart comes only to those who follow the ***actively caring*** Way of Jesus Christ – a Way that is completely unconcerned with personal happiness ... (see [John 13:17](#) + [John 15:11](#) + [Matthew 7:21](#) + [Matthew 24:12-14](#) et al)



the wrath of God ...

*“My anger endures but a moment, and in My favor is life.
Your weeping might endure for a night, and yet
your Joy will come again each morning.” ~ God*

While wise enough in its own right, this verse ([Psalm 30:5](#)) fails to speak to a far greater Truth – namely, the Truth that real Joy cometh immediately only for the one who understands that **God is never angry** (see [Matthew 5:48](#) + [1 John 4:18](#) + [John 6:36](#)) – and to the one who brings others great Joy.



taught by the Spirit ...

***“I impart this in words not taught by human wisdom,
but rather taught soundly by the Holy Spirit; relaying
spiritual Truths to those who are spiritual.” ~ God***

Fair enough, though this verse ([1 Corinthians 2:13](#)) fails to denote a far more important Truth – namely, the Truth that *every* sentient being is innately Spiritual, and therefore needs no one else to interpret [the Word of God](#) for him or her ... (see [John 14:26](#), [John 15:26](#), [John 14:20](#) & on & on & on)



trusting in the Lord ...

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.” ~ God

This verse ([Proverbs 3:5](#)) neglects to mention the Truth that we *are* the Holy Spirit at heart – that our own deeper understanding *is* the Lord’s understanding (see [John 14:20-26](#), [Acts 17:28-29](#), [Luke 12:57](#), [Romans 2:14-15](#) et al). And we all can comprehend this deeper Truth in every moment we choose to Care for those who are caring least for us (see [James 1:17](#), [John 13:17](#), [Matthew 5:40-48](#) et al) ... I personally take issue with the phrase “trust in the Lord,” for trusting in the Lord implies that we want something from Him, when our



Humility is realizing that one is already soaking wet, Faith is boldly tossing aside one's umbrella, and Love is then striding forth to bring Joy to the storm.

purpose as sons & daughters of Man (and potential Children of God — see [John 10:34](#)) is to serve *others*, not to be served by the Father (see [Matthew 16:24](#) & [Matthew 20:28](#)). Indeed, this is why we are to “trust in the Lord *with all our Heart*” -- because the Heart is where our own priceless portion of the Father resides. This is why Jesus commanded us to actively Care for others as opposed to going to church or worshiping him or debating Scripture (see [John 13:15-17](#)) — because it is only in *doing* the Will of the Father that we will be able to ever truly understand the same.

the grace of Christ ...

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. To him be given glory now & forever.” ~ God

Actually, the only way to know [the Grace of Jesus](#) indirectly referenced by this verse ([2 Peter 3:18](#)) is to stop praising him and ***start emulating him*** ... Indeed, in the Bible’s New Testament, Jesus himself repeatedly *rejects* the same glory mentioned in this verse (see [Mark 10:18](#), [John 5:41](#), [John 6:15](#), [John 7:16](#), [John 8:50-54](#), [John 12:44-47](#) et al) — giving all such praise instead to his [heavenly Father](#). Indeed, according to Jesus, the only way to “[grow in the grace and knowledge](#)” of him is to actively walk his selfless Way. And the only way to do that is to be Kind to others when we are least inclined to do so ... (see [John 13:17](#) & [2 John 1:9](#), [Matthew 5:39-48](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#) et al)



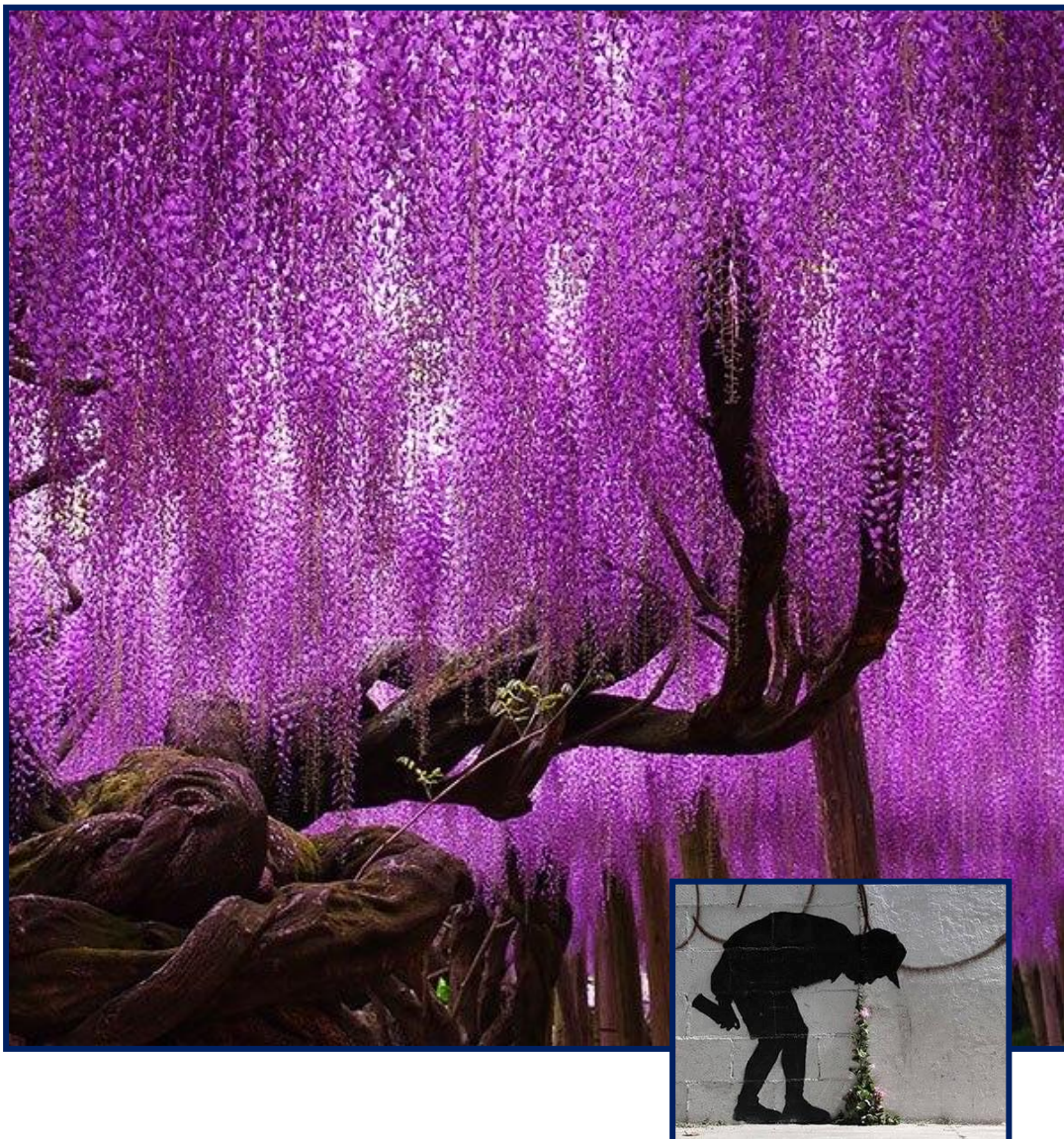
“Why do you call me good? No one is good but the Father ... I accept the glory of no man or woman ... Indeed, whoever believes in me believes not in me, but rather in He who sent me.”

~ Jesus Christ ([Mark 10:18](#), [John 5:41](#), & [John 12:44](#))

the Spirit of Truth ...

***“When the Spirit of Truth comes, it will guide you to Truth,
for it will not speak on its own authority, but rather
whatever it hears it will speak, and it will declare
to you all the things that are to come.” ~ God***

The Spirit illuminated by this verse (John 16:13) exists only in the present moment – only the Here&Now – the only moment when its perfect Love can ever fully exist. As such, while many have conveniently believed otherwise, the Spirit has absolutely no knowledge of the future whatsoever ... Indeed, whatever is to come is solely up to each of *us* to determine, a fundamental facet of the Gift that is God’s Grace.



the Path of Life ...

*“I have made known to you the Path of Life;
I fill you with joy in My presence, with
eternal pleasures at My right hand.” ~ God*

What this verse ([Psalm 16:11](#)) fails to mention is that [the right hand](#) of GOD is always the hand of selfless service for others. Indeed, this is why Jesus sits at the “[right hand of God](#)” -- and this is why we too must *actively serve* others in order to [follow](#) Jesus’ Way, and thereby be filled with true & perfect Joy ... (see [John 3:21](#), [John 5:29](#), [John 13:15-17](#), [John 15:11](#), [Matthew 7:21-23](#) et al)



the last Trumpet ...

***“Behold! I shall relay to you a Mystery ...
We shall not all sleep, and yet we shall
all be changed, in an instant – in the
very twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound, and the dead
will be raised imperishable, and
then you shall all be changed.” ~ God***

And it is very important to remember that **the trumpet** mentioned in this passage (1 Corinthians 15:51-52) sounds in every moment we choose to extend kindness to our enemies; in every moment we set aside our condemnations of others' beliefs to actively Care for them, in every moment we reach out to Care for a stranger, in every moment we sacrifice our own comfort or well-being to raise up the downtrodden. These are the moments when we are profoundly **changed**; the moments when we are truly **reborn**; the moments when we each become **raised imperishable** ... (see John 3:3-8, Matthew 5:39-48, Matthew 25:35-40, Matthew 5:48 + 1 John 4:18, Luke 17:20-21, Luke 6:36 & Matthew 24:12-14 et al)



established in Faith ...

“Having been firmly rooted and built up in Me; fully established in your Faith; overflowing with gratitude, just as you were instructed.” ~ God

Hmmm – this doesn’t sound like the words of an all-Loving deity at all, and as such we are left to reasonably wonder: just what are we being **instructed** to do in this verse (**Colossians 2:7**) -- to worship Jesus Christ as the one & only Son of God, with a penalty of eternal damnation inflicted upon all those who refuse to do so? Well, according to Jesus Christ himself, the answer to that question is a resounding **NO** (see **Mark 10:18 + John 5:41 + Luke 6:36 + Matthew 8:21 + Luke 15:11-32** et al) ... Well, if not Jesus, then maybe we have been **instructed** to sing God’s praises in prayer and worship? Again, Jesus clearly begs to differ – Jesus clearly says **NO** once again (see **Matthew 7:21-23** et al) ...

So what is this Divine **instruction** – what is it that **firmly establishes our faith and builds us up in God**? Simply stated, it is actively following The Way of Christ – it is humbly emulating the actions of Jesus as displayed during his ministry – it is courageously reaching out to Care for those least cared for by others and those we least care for ourselves ... (see **Matthew 5:40-48 + Matthew 25:35-40 + John 13:15-17 + John 13:34-35**)



"Set pride and anger under your feet, then bring a ladder ... and climb higher." ~ Rumi

saved by the Lord ...

*“You pray to Me for your salvation ...
You pray to Me for success.” ~ God*

Actually, quite contrary to the overt implications of this verse ([Psalm 118:25](#)), the only way the Lord can truly **save us** is by refusing to do so — by instead allowing us each to transcend our troubles by Caring for others, especially during those moments when we are least inclined to do so. It is **we** who must do the sowing of our own Salvation – and it is only thereby that we can do the reaping thereof (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#) + [John 13:15-17](#) + [Matthew 24:12-14](#) et al) ... For this is the only way to Salvation – for this is the only way to truly succeed – for this is The Way of Jesus Christ!



on giving Thanks ...

“Do not cease to give thanks for Me, and remembering Me in your prayers.” ~ God

Actually, the only way to give true thanks to GOD – as called for in this verse ([Ephesians 1:16](#)) – is to Love another with deeds of selfless Caring, just as the only way to potently re-member another in our prayers is to Love them actively & unconditionally – to “[pray](#) for them [with moving feet](#)” (Quaker saying – see also [2 Chronicles 7:14](#) & [Romans 12:2](#) & [James 4:3](#) & [Proverbs 15:29](#))



letting us Rejoice ...

***“This is the day that the Lord has made.
Rejoice and be glad in it.” ~ God***

And where is **the Lord** mentioned in this verse ([Psalm 118:24](#)) – where can we find **the Lord** who makes this (and every) day? That’s an easy one – at least as far as Jesus is concerned. For Jesus knew what so many other masters and mystics have known throughout human history – namely, that **the Lord** (what many call God and some call the Holy Spirit, Cosmic Consciousness, or quantum interconnection) is always ultimately found *within* the consciousness of any & every sentient being (see [John 14:20-26](#), [John 15:26](#), [Acts 17:28-29](#) et al) ... And how are we to **rejoice and be glad** in **the Lord** once we have found it? Easy enough -- by actively & humbly Caring for those we least care for (e.g. strangers) and those who least care for us (e.g. our enemies -- see [Matthew 5:40-48](#) + [John 13:17](#) + [John 15:11](#))



the Apostles' Doctrine ...

***“They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine
and in fellowship, and in the breaking of bread ...
... and in their prayers.” ~ God***

This verse ([Acts 2:42](#)) speaks to the requirement of communally & reverently breaking bread, and yet it does *not* note the all-important Truth that we are all to take the Eucharist at *every* single meal — and *not* to worship Jesus Christ thereby (see [John 5:41](#)), but rather to remember him; to honor his Path & way by re-memorizing that his “**bread**” & his “**body**” are acts of selfless service (especially those given to strangers &/or our enemies) and that his “**wine**” & his “**blood**” are our *unconditional* Love for the same.



the Good News ...

***“A cheerful look brings joy to the heart; and
Good News makes for good health.” ~ God***

And what is the **Good News** mentioned herein (**Proverbs 15:30**)? Well, to Jesus Christ at least, it is twofold -- **01**) that the Kingdom of Heaven is always right Here&Now (see **Matthew 10:07** + **Luke 17:20-21**) *and* **02**) that the way to enter this perfect State of Being is to persist in actively Loving those who are ‘least deserving’ of the same (see **Matthew 24:12-14**) ... This is The Way of the Lord, this is what brings true Joy to our hearts, and this is what we are all here to **do** ... (see **John 13:17**)



fulfilling the Law ...

***“Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore
Love is the fulfillment of the law.” ~ God***

Yes! This verse ([Romans 13:10](#)) is absolutely spot on. And – far more importantly – this verse attains an immense depth once we realize who the “neighbor” is (at least according to Jesus Christ) mentioned herein: namely, our most current “**enemy**” – whomever that might be ... (see [Luke 10:25-37](#), where the hero of the parable was a [Samaritan](#); a cultural enemy of the Jews at that time; an enemy who was also “[the one who showed mercy](#)” — something we only do to those who have wronged us)



obeying our parents ...

***“Children, obey your parents in all things,
for this is well pleasing to the Lord.” ~ God***

And who is our true Father – at least according to the deepest regions of this verse (Colossians 3:20)? That’s right, it is **the Lord** Itself (see Ephesians 4:16 + Mark 10:29-30 et al) ... And where does It reside? That’s right – within us all (see 1 John 4:12-16 + John 14:20) ... And what does It desire that we do? That’s right – honor It/Him by *actively* caring for our enemies! (see Matthew 22:36-40 + John 13:34-35) ... Indeed (in-deed), the true follower of the Way of Christ does not ever **obey** anyone, but rather *willingly chooses to Love* all others freely and courageously.



on asking God ...

“And if you know that I hear you in whatever you ask, you can know that your requests made of Me have been fulfilled.” ~ God

And how is it that we can actualize the promise of this verse (1 John 5:15)? Well, for starters we can realize that it is only possible to **pray** effectively to the Father when we start & end the same with gratitude for what we have already been given – and that we can only truly pray “**in Jesus’ name**” by praying for the opportunity to serve another.



the traditions of men ...

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, like after the tradition of men and the rudiments of the world, instead of after Christ.” ~ God

So true, this verse ([Colossians 2:8](#)) – so true indeed! For we are to adhere to the **teaching** of Jesus, and only his **teaching** (see [1 John 2:6](#)) – we are to do so in order to more powerfully worship **the Father**, and **not any** of His creations – Jesus included (see [Mark 10:18](#), [John 5:41](#), [John 7:16](#) and even a few of the words of Paul: “We have renounced the shameful things one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s Word, but by open statement of the Truth we commend ourselves *to the conscience* of everyone in the sight of God.” ~ [2 Corinthians 4:2](#))



to pray; to receive ...

*“Therefore I say unto you, whatsoever ye desire,
when ye pray, believe that ye have received it,
and ye shall have it.” ~ God*

Fair enough – and yet by far the most important tenet of this verse (Mark 11:24) is that we are to be praying “in Christ” while we are faith-fully believing. **And** if we are truly praying “in His name”, then we can only be praying for one thing: the opportunity to powerfully & actively Care for another – always someone nearby, and preferably someone “least deserving” of the same. And when we do so, this verse does indeed always bear Good Fruit — for no matter when we utter such a prayer, there is always someone nearby who could use some selfless Kindness.



on respecting authority ...

“I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and a giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life with all godliness and integrity.” ~ God

Oops! This passage (1Timothy 2:1-2) presents a classic Paulinist misconception about human authorities and how we are to treat them in our everyday doings. For as Jesus made so very clear during his ministry, we are to give only to the Emperor **that which is the Emperor’s** (namely, an obedience of just laws, the payment of just taxes, & a modicum of basic respect). **Everything else belongs to the Father!** And we honor that Father the way the Father wants us to honor Him — by *acting* as humble-yet-courageous agents of his perfect, selfless Love ... (see [Matthew 25:35-40](#)+ [Matthew 5:40-48](#) + [Matthew 22:36-40](#) et al)



the Light of the Eye ...

“The light of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye be single, your whole body shall be full of light. And yet if your eye be twofold, your whole body shall be full of darkness.” ~ God

Here are a few important qualifiers that will help one to more fully comprehend this verse ([Matthew 6:22](#)): Every time you see another as an enemy, your eye is “**twofold**” ... Every time you judge another as unworthy or sinful or condemned, your eye is “**twofold**” ... Every time you make God into a tyrant as opposed to an Essence composed of perfect Love, your eye is “**twofold**” ... Every time you worship Jesus as the Lord & Savior of Christians only, your eye is “**twofold**.” These are all birthplaces of duality – the cauldron where evil is engendered. These choices are all fearful & they are all arrogant – and as such they are all gateways to a life of **Darkness** ... Step into the Light of Jesus’ Way instead. Forgive your enemy regardless of what she does; and Love your brother regardless of what he doesn’t do. The Love of God is perfect, and we have been called to reflect that same perfection as best we can (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#)). This courageous Love is “**the light of the body**” so let your Light shine upon an enemy (or merely someone who disagrees with you) today.



the wages of sin ...

“For the wages of sin is death, but My free gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus your Lord.” ~ God

Note in this verse ([Romans 6:23](#)) that it is the **wages** of sin that are death — **not sin** itself (at least not immediately or irrevocably) ... **Wages** are what we earn with our behaviors cumulatively *over time*. We can always “**repent**” therefrom, which for Jesus meant **not** a proclamation of personal sinfulness, but rather a complete shift in one’s **behaviors** – from selfish to selfless; from fearful to Caring; from callous to Kind. And in every moment one chooses to do so, the **wages of sin** become wages of Love – and he/she is “**reborn**” ... Indeed, “sin” in the ancient Greek texts did not mean “fault” or “failure”, but rather simply “to miss the mark” – to fail for that one moment to actualize our truly caring True Self. As such, “**the wages of sin**” is indeed death, and yet only a “**death**” of one’s Self and only its “**death**” in that one sinful moment. We can always choose to be “reborn” therefrom, via deeds of Caring Kindness in any subsequent moments ... (see [John 3:3-8](#), [Matthew 4:17](#), [Luke 17:20-21](#) + [John 13:17](#), [Matthew 7:21](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#) et al)



the softest Answer ...

***“A soft answer turns away wrath, and
a harsh word stirs up anger.” ~ God***

This verse ([Proverbs 15:1](#)) always bears much Truth when enlivened – as long we are heartfelt & sincere with our softness.



the Love of Christ ...

“May you have the strength to comprehend with the saints what is the true breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of Me.” ~ God

And when is it that we satisfy the admonition of this verse ([Ephesians 3:18](#)) – when is it that we are “[filled with the fullness of God](#)”? When we are filled with the Love of Christ, of course – something that happens only when we have the humility and the courage to *become* that Love (see [Matthew 25:35-40](#), [Matthew 5:39-40](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#), [John 13:17](#)) ... And when we *do* so, we finally comprehend all that has been written; we finally comprehend the immense depths of [the Word](#) — depths that no discussion or debate or prayer or litany or ritual or emotion can ever hope to bring to the Light.



the Pilgrimage House ...

*“Thy statutes have been my songs
in the house of my pilgrimage.” ~ God*

And how are we to understand this verse ([Psalm 119:54](#))? What are we to make of God’s affinity for the “[house of \[his\] pilgrimage](#)”? Of course, the key word in this verse is “[fulfill](#)” – for when we take Jesus teachings *and his actions* throughout the New Testament and contrast them with the 613 Jewish laws of his day (the Mitzvot), it becomes plainly clear that *everything* Jesus did & said amended or altered or even annulled at least one of those regulations. Jesus was not a follower of Jewish law and he was not an abolisher of Jewish law – he was the Purpose-full *reformer* of reformers; he came to enable all of us to *transcend religion* and get back to living in harmony with the Will of the Father -- which, of course, is nothing less than radically active, unconditionally courageous, selfless **LOVE** ... (see [Matthew 5:17](#) “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them, but to finally *fulfill* them.” ~ Jesus Christ)



your Word in my Heart ...

*“You have stored up My word in your heart,
that you might not sin against Me.” ~ God*

What this verse (Psalm 119:11) fails to illuminate is the simple fact that passively **storing up** anything *is* the very nature of sin. “Sin” in the Biblical Greek meant “to miss the mark” – to neglect to actively *be* who we truly are: namely, humbly loving Children of God (see John 10:34-36). That is why Jesus’ repentance is “*metanoia*” in Greek — meaning not self-criticism or self-loathing or self-judgment, but rather a complete shift in one’s being – a complete overhaul of one’s *behavior*. Essentially then, we either *do* the will of God by serving his Word of Love, or we sin by omission – sin by **storing up** His Word instead of enlivening it!



*It is Love that turns
all hunting grounds
into safe havens.*

boldly to the Throne ...

*“Let you therefore come boldly unto My throne
that you may obtain Mercy, and find Grace
to help you in time of need.” ~ God*

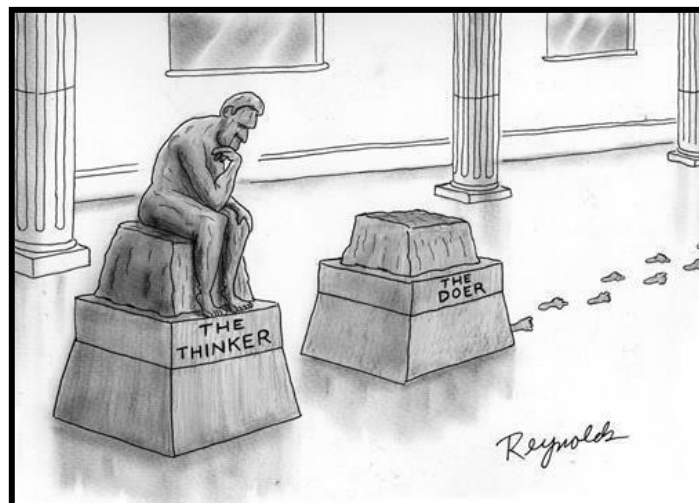
What many neglect to realize in this verse ([Hebrews 4:16](#)) is that **coming to the throne of Grace** in order to obtain any benefit for one’s self is the nothing more or less than the full-on embodiment of selfish cowardice ... Indeed, the only way to be truly **bold** in our approach to the Father is by following His Commandments *regardless of what we receive or do not receive in return*. If we are concerned for our own Salvation, then we cannot Love others **boldly**. And if we do not Love others **boldly**, then – quite ironically – we cannot hope to enter Jesus’ Kingdom of Heaven ... (see [Matthew 7:21](#), [Matthew 18:3-4](#), [John 13:17](#), [Matthew 5:40-48](#), [Matthew 22:36-40](#), [John 3:21](#), [John 5:29](#), [1 John 2:6](#) et al)



on faith & works ...

***“Show me your faith apart from your works,
and I will show you my faith by my works.” ~ God***

Even Paul (the Bible’s greatest champion of the supremacy of a merely mental faith) admitted that the Good Works described in this verse ([James 2:18](#)) are also required for any real Salvation to take hold ... (see [Galatians 5:6](#))



drawing near to God ...

***“Draw near to Me, and I will draw near to you.
Cleanse your hands, all you sinners, and purify
your hearts, all you double-minded.” ~ God***

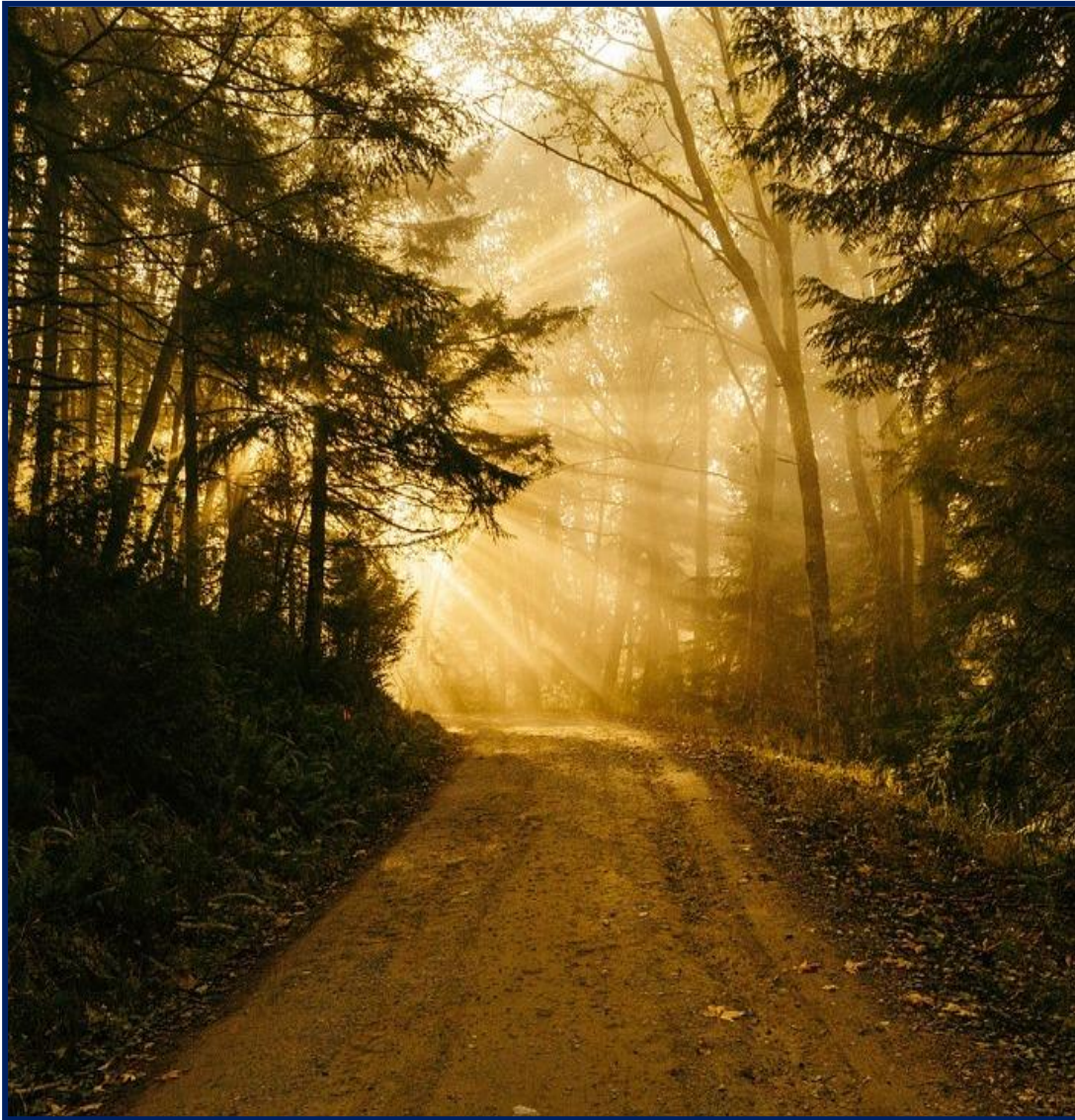
This verse ([James 4:8](#)) nails it squarely on the head – in great part by implying that God draws near to us because *the Divine is always within us* (see [John 14:16-26](#)) ... Indeed, by nature we are all “double-minded” – with our primitive brains only wanting what is best for ourselves (including our own “eternal salvation”) and our higher Selves (or Souls, or “heart brains”) desiring only that we harmonize with others &/or bring harmony to our surroundings. As such, all we must do to “purify our hearts” is to “cleanse our hands” -- *by using them to serve others* with acts of unconditional Kindness and selfless Love ... (see [1 John 4:12](#) “If we Love one another, then God lives in us.”)



renewing Strength ...

*“Made tired by the length of your road,
you did not say, ‘It is hopeless.’ Instead
you found renewed strength, and therefore
did neither faint nor fail.” ~ God*

The **renewed strength** mentioned in this verse ([Isaiah 57:10](#)) is not found in hoping for the future, and it is not found in praying to God for assistance. Rather, **renewed strength** comes from re-orienting your **road** towards helping the other, as opposed to traveling its length to obtain help for yourself.



thy Light & thy Truth ...

***“Send out My light and truth. Let them lead you.
Let them bring you unto My sacred hill,
and into My holy tabernacles.” ~ God***

We can only see the **Light** of the Father (alluded to here via [Psalm 43:3](#)) when choosing to emit the same *from within ourselves* (see [Matthew 6:22-23](#)) ... This **Light** is perfect Love, and as such we can only be led by it while Loving others perfectly ... (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#))



with a whole Heart ...

“Blessed are they whose way is blameless; they who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are they who keep My testimonies, they who seek Me with their whole heart; they who do no wrong, but walk boldly in My ways!” ~ God

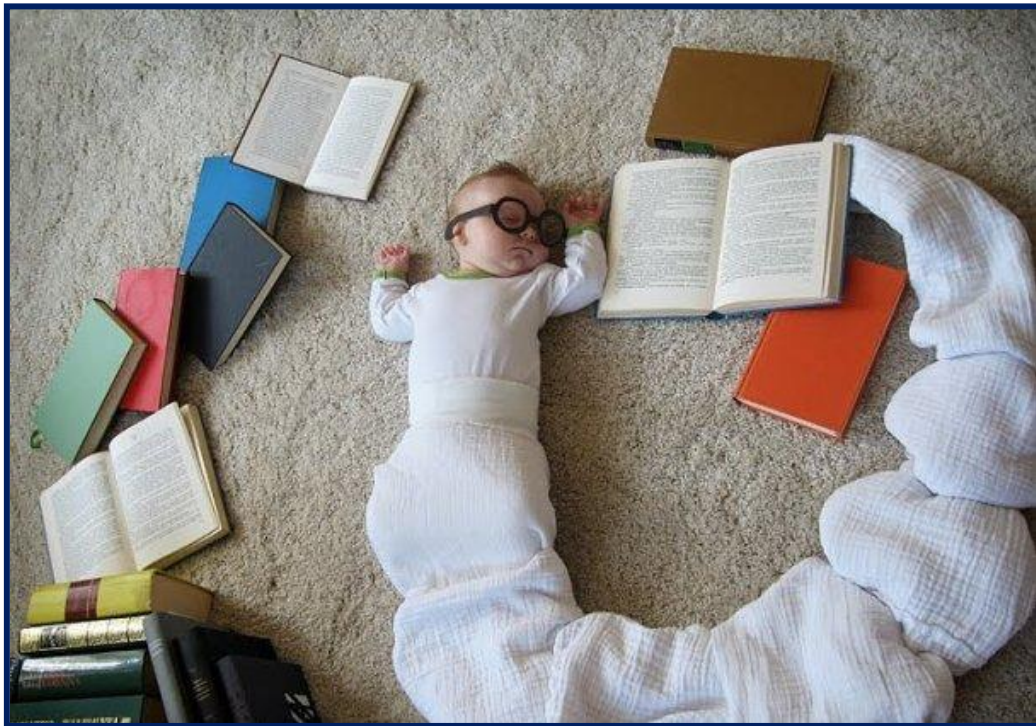
Keep in mind that these Wisdoms (found in [Psalm 119:1-2](#)) actually pertain to each and every one of us (see [John 10:34-35](#)), for we are all completely perfect *in every moment we choose* to reach out and be Kind to a stranger, in every moment we choose to actively Care for an enemy, and in every moment we choose to extend Compassion to the downtrodden ... (see [Ephesians 4:32](#), [Colossians 3:12](#), [Matthew 5:40-48](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#) et al).



all inspired Scripture ...

“All Scripture is inspired by Me and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.” ~ God

Yes – this verse (2 Timothy 3:16) reflects much Truth. **And** we would all do well to remember that many of the Gnostic Gospels, many biblical letters that were not later included in the current-day biblical canon, and even a number of private poems to God were all considered to be “**Scripture**” at the time 2 Timothy was written – meaning that The Word of GOD exists outside the confines of the Bible, and this according to the Bible itself! And this makes perfect sense, for how could **The Word of God** ever be confined to a tome composed by the thoughts and words of men (divinely inspired or not)? Indeed, even Jesus himself quotes “**Scripture**” that was not in the Bible of his day (see Luke 11:49) and Luke later quotes Jesus from a source outside the canonical Bible as well (see Acts 20:35) ... As long as a writing bears **the Fruit of the Spirit** when put into practice (i.e. as long as it enhances the Joy & Peace of others), it is “of God” (see Matthew 7:15-20) ... God is above all and in all and through all (see Acts 17:28-29), and this includes all forms of literature, so avoid limiting your readings of God’s **inspired** Word; a perfect Word hidden within a great many of humankind’s imperfect words.



the good and right Way ...

“Moreover as for you, Heaven forbid that you should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for them, and yet I will teach you the good and the right way.” ~ God

This verse (1 Samuel 12:23) is correct in saying that it is unwise to “**sin against the Lord**” (or for the non-religious reader, “selfishly go against the flow”) And yet, quite ironically, it is in “**praying for others**” that we **do** sin against the Lord — a Lord who resides within each & every sentient Soul, and thus a Lord who needs no external assistance whatsoever in guiding others back to The Way of perfect Love (see Acts 10:34-35, John 14:16-26, 1 Corinthians 3:16, John 10:34-36, Acts 17:28-29, Ephesians 4:16, Romans 2:14-15).



and Jesus said ...

*“Jesus answered him, and said ‘Do not stop him,
for whomever is not against you is for you.’” ~ God*

This verse ([Luke 9:50](#)) reflects a great Truth, without doubt. And yet the question remains: If we are actually living The Way of Jesus Christ (a la [1 John 2:6](#)), who can be against us? For if our enemies are the very source of our Salvation – the very wellspring from which our Love gains its potency (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#) + [John 13:17](#)), then they cannot be **against us** at all, for it is only by actively Caring for them that we abide by – and enliven -- the Lord’s Commandments (see [Matthew 22:36-40](#) + [Luke 10:29-37](#)) ... As such, we are actually to stop **no one** from believing anything contrary to Jesus’ teachings. Jesus didn’t do so (see [John 12:47](#)), and neither should we. Rather, we are to look upon such people with sincere & gentle Compassion, and then reach out to them humbly (& often silently) with acts of gentle Kindness ... For this is the Word within the words of [Luke 9:50](#); this is The Way of Christ.



and God said ...

***“And then I said that I will forgive their wickedness
and remember their sins no more.” ~ God***

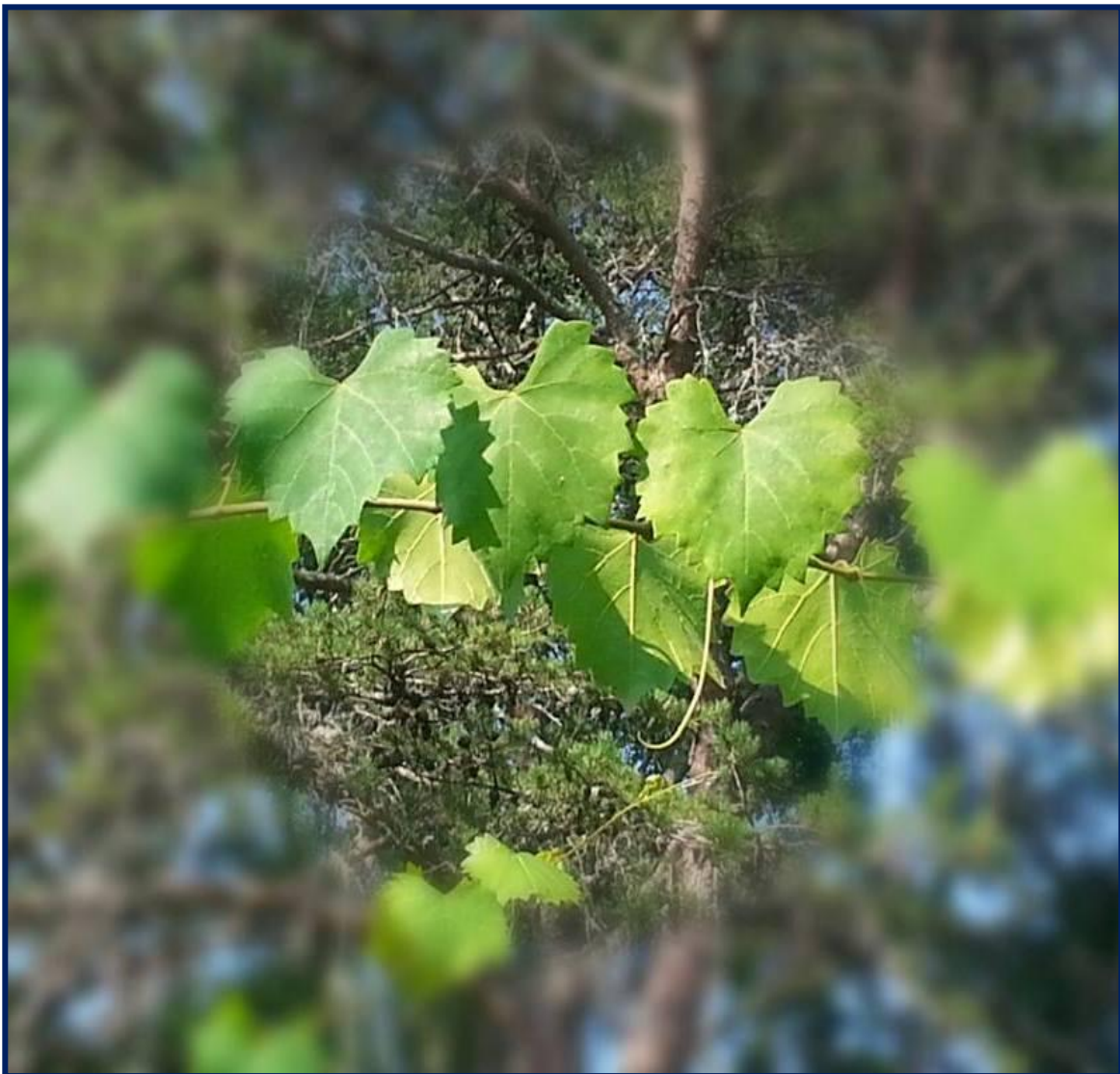
While this verse ([Jeremiah 31:34](#)) from the Hebrew Bible speaks to a future-granted mercy, Jesus came to awaken us to a very different Truth – the Truth of The Way – a Truth that notes that the Father’s Mercy is always and ***already upon us***, and that *every one of us* can experience this Grace in all the moments we choose to actively extend Kindness to those being least Kind.



going through Jesus ...

***“But thanks be to Me! For I have given you
victory through your Lord Jesus Christ.” ~ God***

In order to fully comprehend the far deeper meaning contained within this verse ([1 Corinthians 15:57](#)), we must realize that the key word herein is not “Jesus”, but rather “**through**” – with the latter actually being the Greek *dia*; a word that did not mean “because of” or “in obedience to,” but rather meant “in honor of” or “for the sake of” or “via the *emulation* of” ... (see also [John 8:12](#), [John 10:9](#), [John 13:17](#), [John 14:6](#), [John 14:20-26](#), [Romans 8:10](#), [Hebrews 10:19](#), [1 John 4:9](#) et al).



feeding the sheep ...

***“But he answered them, and said
‘Give them something to eat.’” ~ God***

Jesus is actually speaking cryptically in this verse ([Mark 6:37](#)) – essentially about feeding **sheep**, and we would all do well to remember a few things thereby – **01**) that *every person* (regardless of their religious persuasion, or even their complete lack thereof) is a member of **God’s flock** (see [Malachi 2:10](#), [Isaiah 40:10-11](#), [Acts 17:26](#), [Luke 15:3-7](#), [John 21:16-17](#), [1 Timothy 2:4](#) et al), and **02**) that the **food** we are to feed them with is not our dogmatic beliefs, but rather the “**Good News**” of Jesus Christ (which is definitely **not** the “gospel” of Paul) — a message he himself relayed repeatedly before his crucifixion, a message that consisted of two parts – **a**) that *his Kingdom of Heaven* is already Here in every present moment (see [Matthew 10:7](#)) and **b**) that to enter this **Kingdom** we need only persist in actively Caring for those we think are “least deserving” of the same (see [Matthew 24:12-14](#)).



seeking Justice ...

***“Choose to do good. Seek justice for the downtrodden.
Help the oppressed ... Defend all orphans ...
Fight for the rights of all widows.” ~ God***

A beautiful verse ([Isaiah 1:17](#)), without doubt, and we would all do well to remember that the only way to “[fight for](#)” anything is to *refuse* to fight for it. The only way to pass a locked gate is by smoothly circumnavigating it -- Instead of conflict, ***Love*** -- Instead of struggle, ***Flow*** ... Care for others gently. Send all of them kind thoughts &/or lend them kind words. Give sustenance to the hungry and solace to the depressed. Encourage the gate and all its keepers unconditionally in their efforts to be happy *while* standing courageously between them and anything they try to harm. Be the Light on the other side of the prison wall, ever summoning all its captives to their liberation. For this is what it means to truly ***Love*** – this is what it means to ***Do Good*** – this is what it means to [seek Justice for the downtrodden](#) – this is what it means to [help the oppressed](#) – this is what it means to [defend all orphans](#) and [fight for all widows](#) – this is what it means to enliven The Way!



a chosen generation ...

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a unique people; and as such you should proclaim the praises of Me; I, who have called you out of darkness into My marvelous light.” ~ God

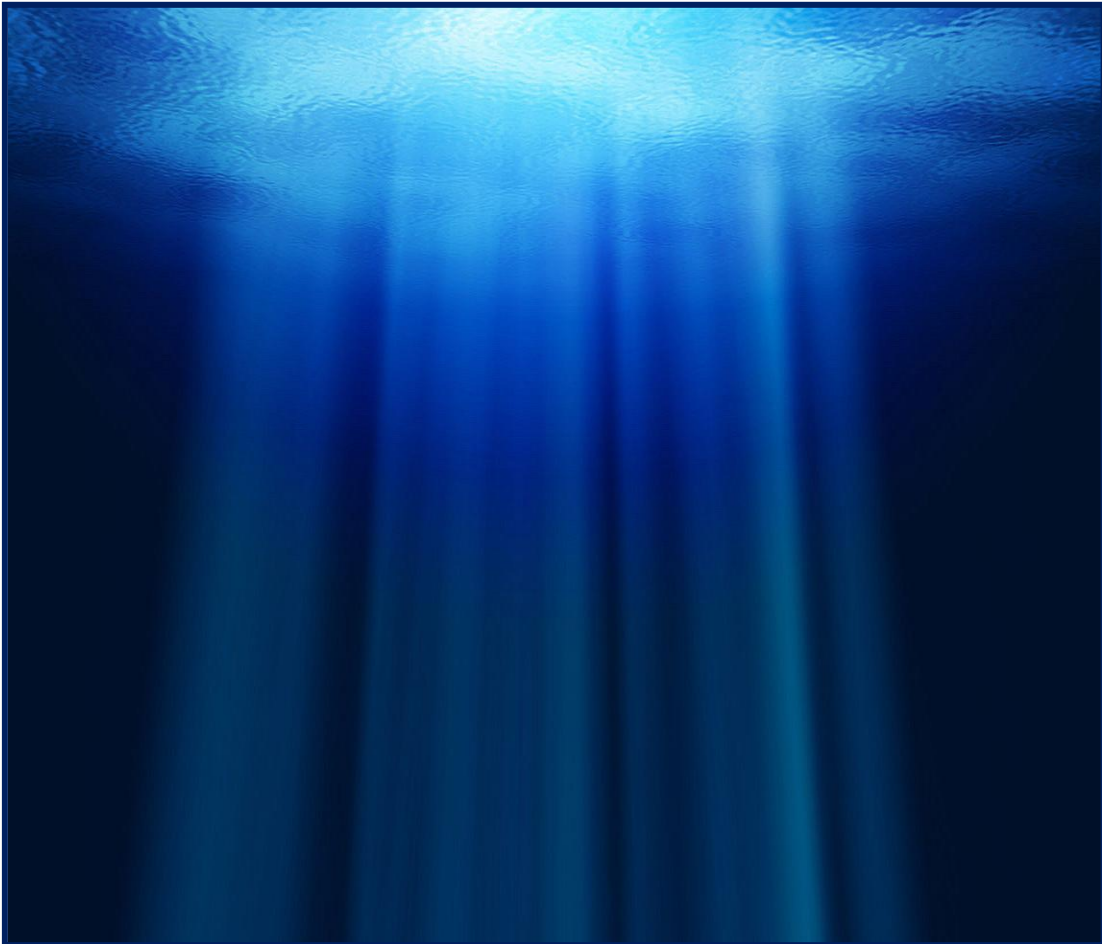
As this verse (1 Peter 2:9) implies, we are indeed to “**proclaim the praises**” of the Holy Spirit who has called us – summoned us **all** to act as Its “**chosen generation.**” And yet what are we exactly to **proclaim** – what precisely have we all been called to do? The Answer: engage all others nearby with bold acts of Kindness – especially when least inclined to do so; especially for those “least deserving” of the same (see Matthew 25:35-40, Matthew 5:40-48, John 13:17, 1 John 2:6, 1 Corinthians 4:20, James 3:18, Ephesians 2:10 et al, including & especially 1 Peter 2:20-21 “But if you endure when you do Right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to THIS you have been Called, because Christ suffered similarly for you, leaving you **an example**, so that you should follow in his steps.”)



in Him redemption ...

***“In Me you have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of your trespasses, according
to the richness of My Grace.” ~ God***

And what is it that this verse ([Ephesians 1:7](#)) summons – what is the Grace referenced here? Namely, that we are *all* forgiven in perpetuity and without limitation (the “[seventy times seven times](#)” of [Matthew 18:21-22](#), with the [seventy](#) referencing the 70 nations of humanity mentioned in [Genesis 10](#) and the [seven](#) referencing the perfect completeness found in all things unconditionally given)? Yes, it is this to be sure, and yet it is so much more as well. For we have also been given the [Grace](#) of all [Grace](#): namely the ability to set aside the primitive instincts that want us to condemn non-believers &/or punish sinners &/or celebrate our own “salvation” – in favor of turning to those same “[enemies](#)” and choosing to actively Care for them in loving silence instead ... (see [Luke 6:27](#), [Matthew 5:44-48](#), [Luke 10:29](#), [1 John 4:12-18](#) et al)



deeds in the Days of Old ...

“You have heard with your ears, your fathers have told you, what great deeds I performed in their days, in the Days of Old.” ~ God

What this verse ([Psalm 44:1](#)) does not tell us is that the heavenly Father is *still* performing the same miraculous deeds today as He did “of old” – for there is *nothing* more amazing than witnessing someone set their primal fears aside to actively Care for and forgive his attacker; there is nothing more phenomenal than seeing a starving beggar give her last morsel of bread to another in need; there is nothing more wonderful than witnessing a jilted lover or an abandoned friend reach out with acts of bold gentleness given anonymously to their betrayers ... Does anyone have the ears to **Hear** this Truth? Does anyone have the eyes to **See** it? If not, then the best way – indeed, the only Way – to comprehend this greatest **Love** is to leap forth with great faith and show it to another.



in the name of Jesus ...

***“I write these things to you who believe
in the name of the Son of God, that you may know
that you have eternal life.” ~ God***

Assuming the commonly espoused belief that Jesus is *the* Son of God, then this verse (1 John 5:13) calls on us to believe in *his* name – a name which has very significant & very specific meanings ... “Jesus” came originally from the Hebrew “Yehoshua” (Strong’s #3091 – as compared with Moses’ successor of the same name in Exodus 17:8) and meant either “God saves”, “God is assistance” [i.e. a Guide], “God is Salvation” &/or “God is a saving cry [i.e. a Faith-full utterance]” ... In addition, in Matthew 1:22-23 we read Jesus’ name of origin, Emmanuel, a name which means “God is with us” or equally: “God is *within* us” ... As such, if Jesus is indeed the Son of God referred to in this statement (see John 10:34-35 – where Jesus notes that we are *all* Children of God), then it is crucial to remember that Jesus’ name meant (and to this very day still means) “God is *within* us”. And as such, to “believe in the name of the Son of God” is to believe that God is within your True Self (see John 14:20-26) — always and in all Ways – and the only way to evidence this belief is to *act accordingly* (see John 14:12), by courageously being kind to strangers, by gently forgiving our trespassers, and by actively loving our enemies.



on faith & works ...

“What good is it if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother is poorly clothed and lacking food, and one of you says ‘I wish you well; keep warm and be well fed,’ but does nothing about his needs, what good is that faith?” ~ God

This verse ([James 2:14-15](#)) is quite obviously true enough, and yet what many don't realize is that Paul himself -- the purported champion of “faith over &/or instead of works” actually *supported* Works as well ... (see “[The only thing that counts is faith *working through Love*.” ~ Galatians 5:6](#))



for I was hungry ...

***“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you visited me.” ~ God***

It is most important of all to take this passage ([Matthew 25:35-40](#)) *literally* and apply it *daily* – for doing so is an express-lane into Jesus’ **Kingdom of Heaven** ... (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#), [Luke 17:20-21](#), [John 13:17](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#) et al)



a Spirit free of pride ...

“Young men, follow the lead of those who are older. All of you put on a Spirit that is free of pride, as if it were your clothes.” ~ God

The “[spirit that is free of pride](#)” mentioned in this verse ([Ecclesiastes 11:9](#)) is a spirit of open & courageous humility; a spirit that cannot be “worn” at all while criticizing or condemning the beliefs of another ... (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#), [Matthew 23:12](#), [Jeremiah 31:34](#), [Hebrews 8:11-13](#) et al)



obtaining a full Life ...

“Worship Me, the LORD your God, and My blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away your sickness, and none will be barren in your land.” ~ God

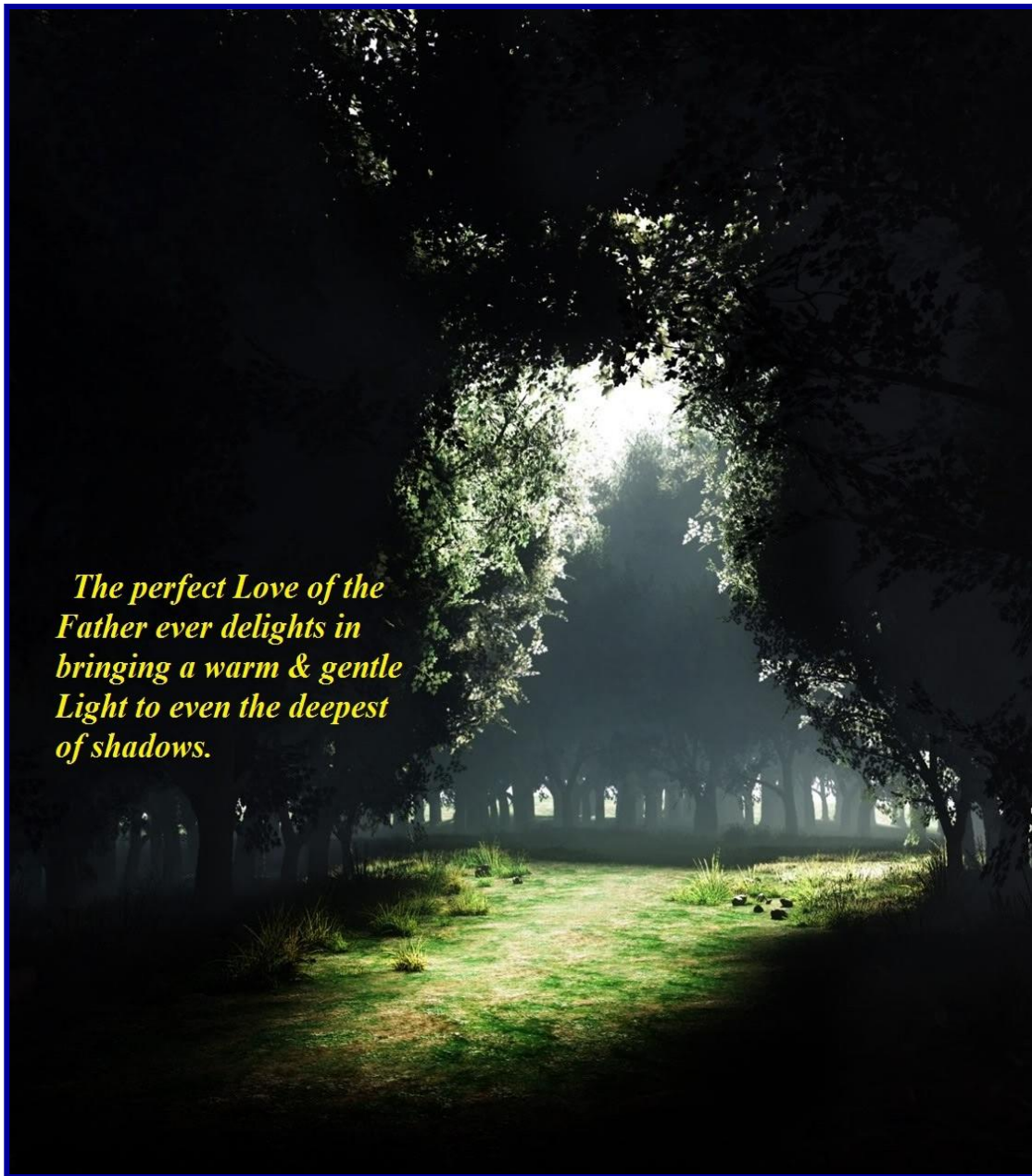
Here is an important WARNING: The “[blessings](#)” mentioned in this verse ([Exodus 23:25](#)) are not from the heavenly Father. Instead they actually temptations provided by “[the Elohim](#)” (literally “[gods](#)” in the ancient Hebrew of [Genesis](#)) --fallen angels who were merely *posing as the Father* while actually competing against his Way of perfect Love ... If you are interested in this Truth (and as a Christian you might want to be very interested indeed), it’s pretty easy to spot these spiritual imposters: anytime “[God](#)” or “[an angel of the LORD](#)” or even “[the LORD](#)” encourages anyone to do anything that inspires fear, division, hatred, punishment or wrath, we can know that it is a [fallen angel](#) doing the encouraging ... As Jesus so plainly stated, the heavenly Father is nothing short of [perfect Love](#) (see [Matthew 5:48](#)), a Love that knows absolutely no exceptions (see [Acts 10:34-35](#)), a Love that knows only gentleness and mercy and acceptance and forgiveness (see [Luke 6:36](#), [Matthew 8:21-22](#) et al). Indeed, anything else is per se of punishment and fear — the primary characteristics of darkness & evil – and thus per se *not* of the [Father](#) ... (see [1 John 4:18](#))



darkness into Light...

*“I, your Lord, keep your lamp burning;
I turn your darkness into light.” ~ God*

This verse ([Psalm 18:28](#)) speaks of God’s **Light**, and yet fails to note that God only turns our darkness into Light when *we* choose to exude the Divine Light that is within us all ... (see [John 14:20-26](#))



*The perfect Love of the
Father ever delights in
bringing a warm & gentle
Light to even the deepest
of shadows.*

repent & be saved ...

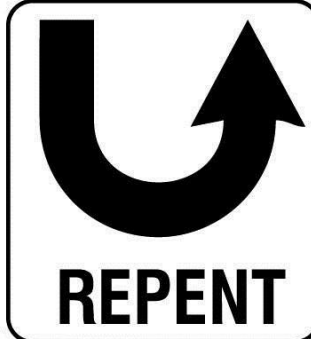
***“Repent therefore, and turn again,
that your sins might be blotted out.” ~ God***

This verse ([Acts 3:19](#)) speaks of erasing sins via **repentance**, and yet neglects to explain the former by defining the latter. For “**repent**” in the New Testament Greek manuscripts was originally the word *metanoia* -- a word which meant (and still means) the full reformation of one’s mind and thereby a full awakening to a new way of perceiving Truth. Even more importantly, the Aramaic term Jesus would have used here would have been either *nacham* or *toubo*, both words having to do with engaging a complete shift in one’s **behavior** (i.e. “to change one’s **actions** in remorse” – i.e. returning to acting in harmony with the True Self; one’s **Advocate within** ... see [John 14:26](#) & [John 15:26](#)). Indeed, every time we act selflessly for the betterment of another, all our sins **are** “**blotted out**” in that perfectly Loving moment. And this selfless choosing is precisely what enables us to enter Jesus’ present-moment **Kingdom of Heaven** and be truly **saved** thereby ... (see [Matthew 10:7](#) + [Matthew 24:12-14](#) + [Luke 17:20-21](#) + [John 13:15-17](#))



metanoia
(n.) the journey of changing one's mind, heart, self, or way of life

"For whenever you forgive others their trespasses, the heavenly Father within you will forgive you yours as well."
~ **Jesus Christ** ([Matthew 6:14](#))



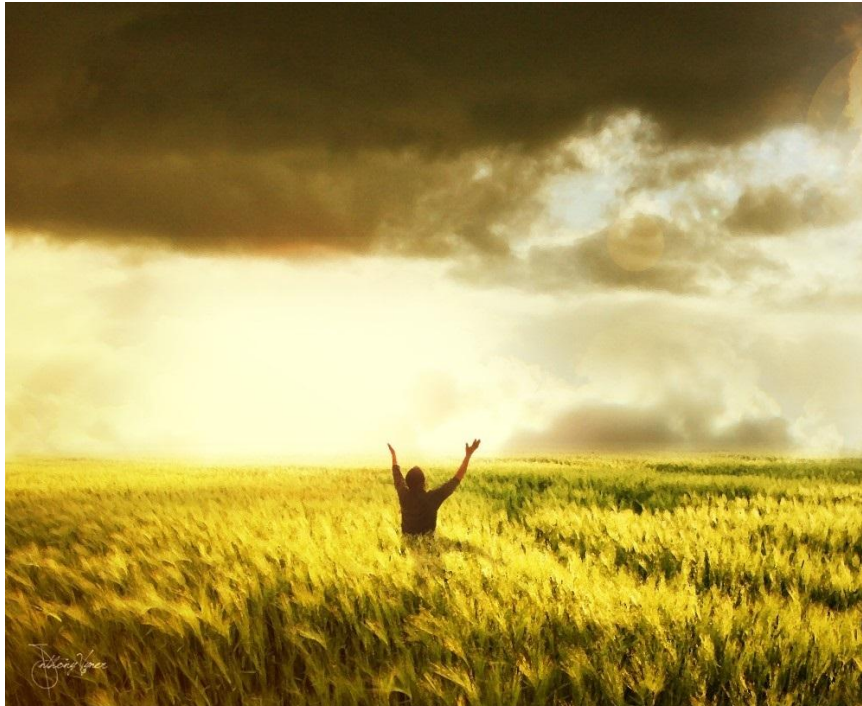
REPENT

"Repent and return to God, that your sins might be erased, and replaced by the light of His Way." ~ Acts 3:19

on getting Saved ...

***“I will recover you and bring you life
... I am ready to save you.” ~ God***

Implicit within this verse (reflective of [Isaiah 38:16](#)) is the Truth that any God who desires to “[save us](#)” is actually ***not*** the all-Loving Father of Jesus Christ. For any true God of perfect Love would never rob us of our opportunity to choose self-sacrifice for others – no all-Loving God would ever steal away our chance to Love courageously (when it is most difficultly to do so &/or when we least wish to do so), and therefore most Meaning-fully (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#) & [Matthew 25:35-40](#) et al). As such, whenever we “feel” a presence desiring to [save us](#) in our times of need, turn respectfully away from the same — knowing that our times of trial are also our times of triumph; *if* we choose to Love through them ***without any external help*** ... (see [Matthew 7:15-23](#) & [Matthew 16:24](#) & [John 13:15-17](#) et al)



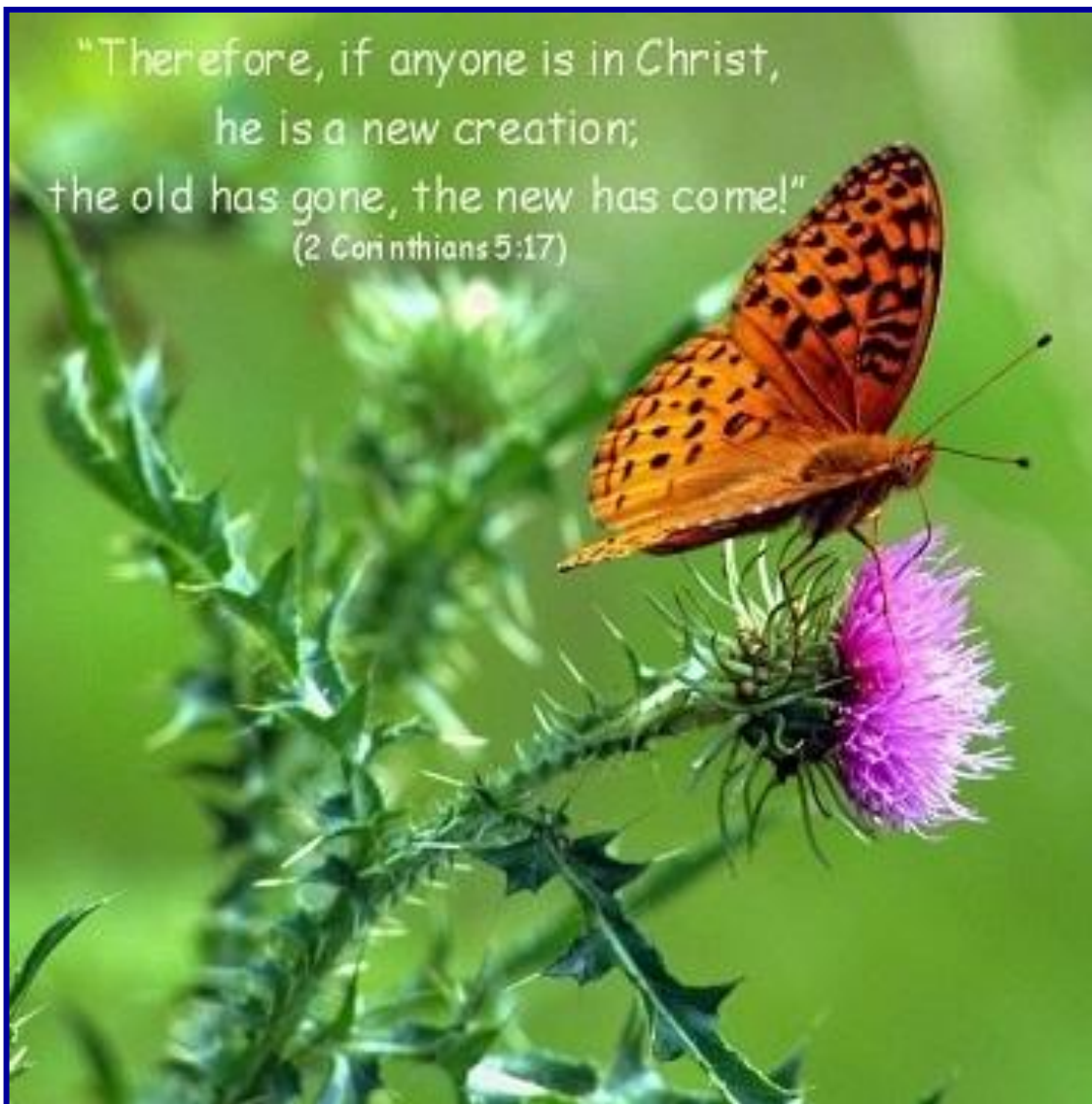
“May I have your attention please: No one is coming to save you. Indeed, you have been given your current life to save yourself -- by lessening the burdens of your enemies &/or enhancing the Joy of strangers ... Acting accordingly is the only way into my Kingdom of Heaven, and acting accordingly is both 100% your choice & 100% your responsibility ... P.S. Good luck with that.”

~ GOD ([Matt 7:21](#), [Luke 17:20-21](#), [John 3:21](#), [John 13:15-17](#), [Matt 24:12-14](#) et al)

finding Life in God ...

“In Me is life.” ~ God

This verse ([John 1:4](#)) speaks to a fundamental effervescent hope of all sentient life – namely, that “**God**” will somehow protect us and save us and preserve us. That having been said, life is *not* within us or with us when we are mentally or emotionally “**in God**.” No, the deepest vestiges of Life are rich and Meaning-full only when we choose to *actively* Care for others – not when we hope for God to give us life, but rather when we allow God to awaken within us, in our dealings *for* others ... (see [John 14:20-26](#), [Acts 17:28-29](#), [2 Corinthians 5:17](#) et al)



my Rock & my Fortress ...

***“I am your rock, your fortress, your deliverer;
your God, your strength, in whom you shall trust;
your buckler, and the horn of your Salvation.” ~ God***

When reading this verse ([Psalm 18:2](#)) it is important to remember that it is impossible to see the Father as a source of personal protection while simultaneously walking Jesus' Way of courageous Love. Indeed, the LORD is only a “rock” when we choose to build upon Him with acts of selfless Kindness (especially towards strangers – [Matthew 24:12-14](#)) – only a “fortress” when we choose to use its walls to harbor the helpless (especially our enemies – [Matthew 5:40-48](#)) – only a “deliverer” of our Souls while we choose to deliver others from their suffering (especially the downtrodden – [Matthew 25:35-40](#)).



***“As long as we build walls around our cities,
we make the desperate and the aggressive that
much more resolute in their efforts to breach
those barriers and bring them tumbling down
... As long as we build walls around our
Hearts, we make the selfish and the fearful
that much more motivated in their efforts to
break our Soul's resolve and turn us into
enemies.” ~ inspired by Bangambiki Habyarimana***

an abundance of Peace ...

“Behold I will bring health and life, and I will cure you, and will reveal unto you the abundance of Peace and Truth.” ~ God

This verse ([Jeremiah 33:6](#)) summons forth the deeper wisdom of Jesus Christ related to faith & healing – namely, that “**By the measure of *our Faith* [not some external power of God] *we will be healed*” (see [Mark 5:34](#), [Mark 10:52](#), [Luke 8:48](#) et al), for God does not send miracle healings to those who do not have *pure Faith* ... Of course, the question remains: what constitutes such pure devotion — how do we exhibit the requisite Faith to be healed? And Jesus gave us a major in-Sight into the answer when he said “**I tell you, anyone who has Faith in me will *Do the works I do*” (see [John 14:12](#)) ... Now this does *not* mean that we have to live exactly as Jesus lived and do exactly as he did in order to be healed (though I can attest that his lifestyle *is* a Wonder-fully potent way to Live). What he *is* reminding us is that it is impossible to have a true Faith in The Way of selfless Love while simultaneously desiring anything solely for ourselves. As such, if we truly wish to be healed, we must simply stop praying for a healing and ask instead to be of *service to all others* who might be suffering nearby.****

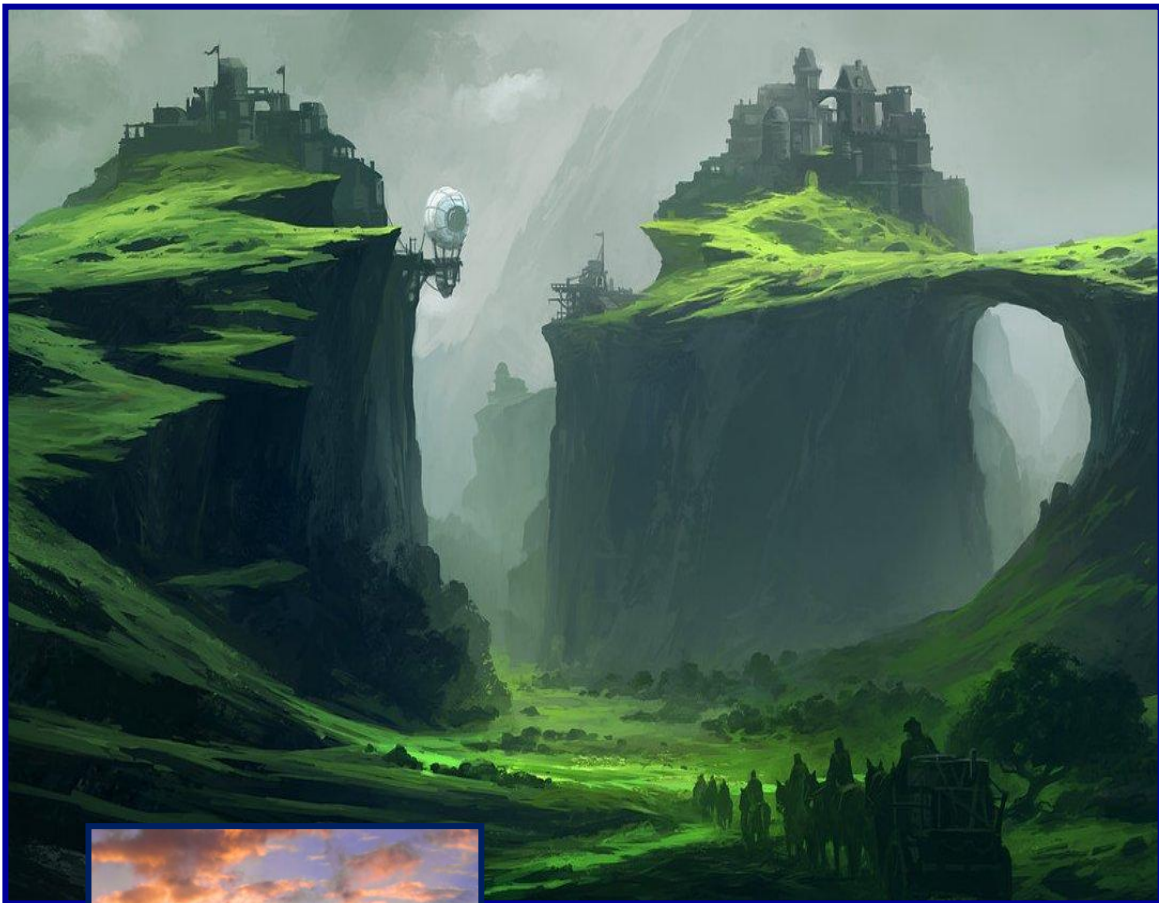


***Radical JOY via radical
Kindness -- when normal
"happiness" just won't do.***

the Lord is your Refuge ...

*“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble
... I care for those who trust in Me.” ~ God*

The Lord in this verse ([Nahum 1:7](#)) is more than merely “good” — the heavenly Father is **Love** fully actualized (see [1 John 4:16](#)); a **Love** that is perfect in its giving and pure in its selflessness (see [Matthew 5:48](#)). It knows no bounds and has no exceptions. It is given to **everyone** (see [Matthew 7:9-11](#), [John 6:45](#), [Acts 2:21](#), [Matthew 18:14](#), [John 5:22](#), [Mark 11:17](#), [Mark 9:49](#), [Luke 3:6](#), [Luke 20:38](#)), regardless of any “mistakes” he or she might have in belief, and regardless of any trespasses he or she might make in deed ... (see [Acts 10:34-35](#) et al)



on Strength & Peace ...

***“I will give you Strength and I will
bless you with Peace.” ~ God***

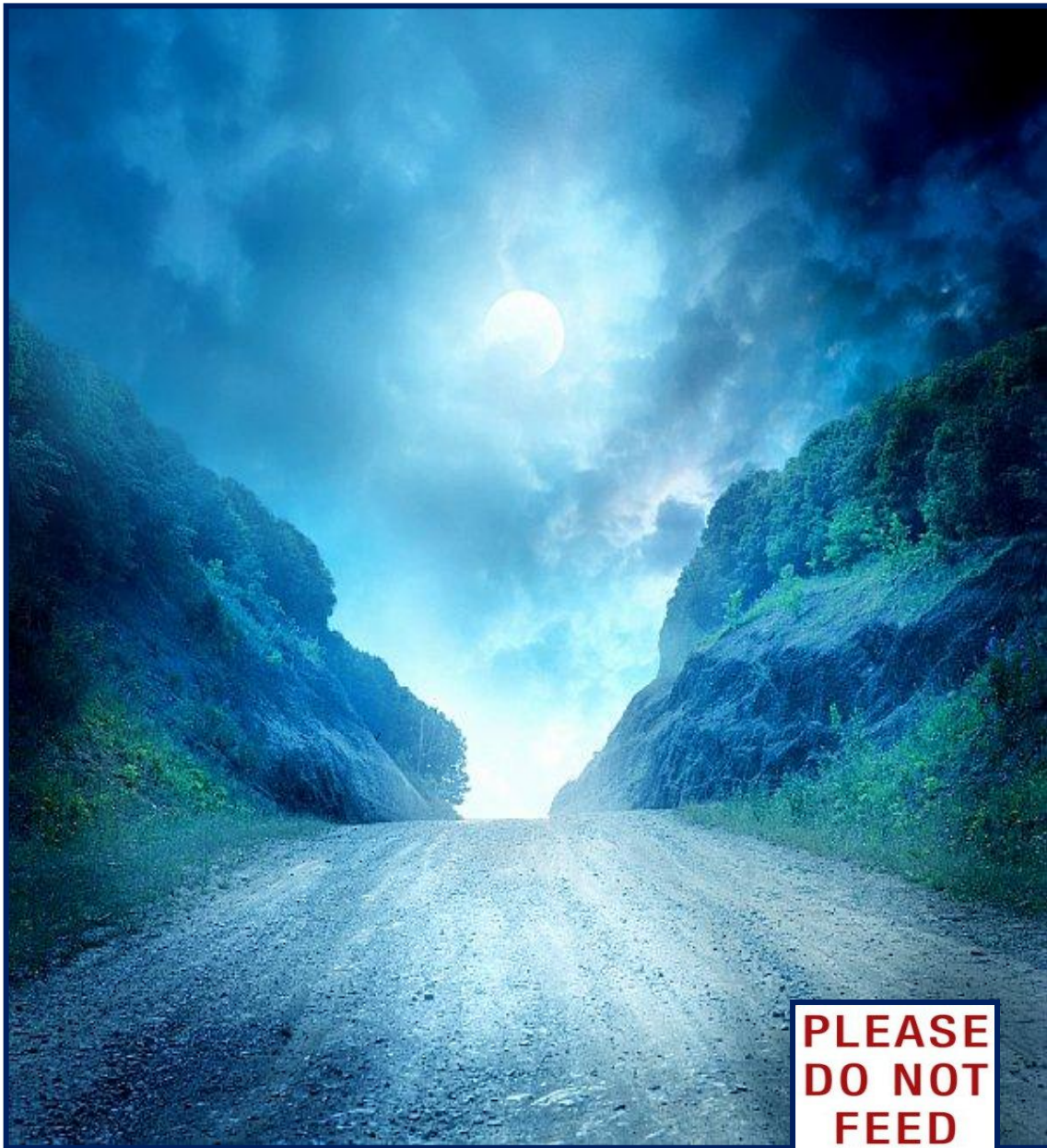
Hidden within this verse (Psalm 29:11) is the Truth that we can only know the real **Strength** of the Father **when we are loving others** with His perfect Love (see **Matthew 5:40-48** & **Matthew 7:21**), and we can only know the deepest **Peace** of the Father **while we are being agents of Peace** ... (see **James 3:18** + **John 13:17** et al)



Fearing not ...

“Peace be in you; fear not.” ~ God

It is impossible to have the **Peace** of the Father that this verse ([Genesis 43:23](#)) intimates while fearing anything – including (indeed, especially) God Himself ... Just as important, it is impossible to be without fear while we are judging or criticizing another ... (see [1 John 4:18](#))

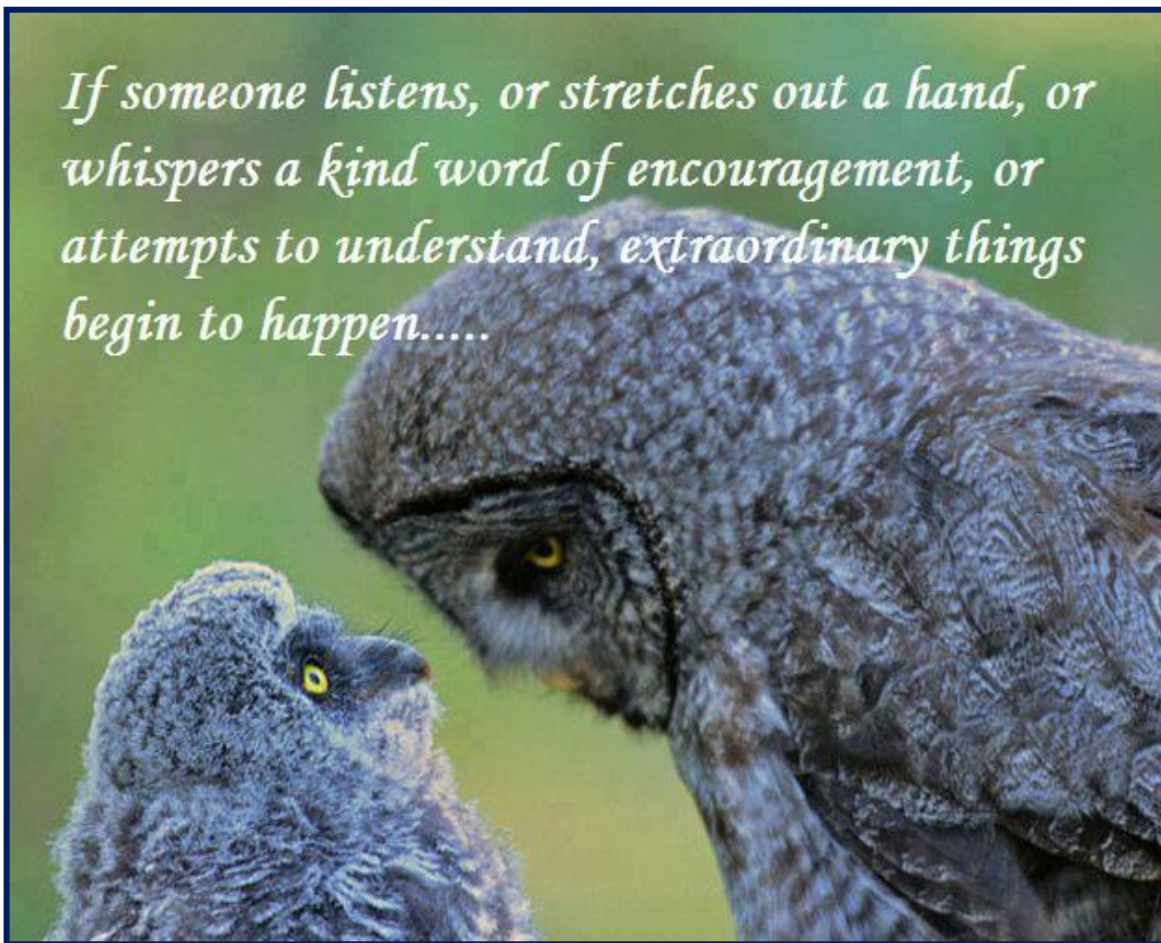


**PLEASE
DO NOT
FEED
THE
FEARS**

to pray forever ...

***“Be constant in prayer; watching
in it ever with thanksgiving.” ~ God***

There is great Truth reflected in this verse ([Colossians 4:2](#)) as well, for we are never to pray for ourselves or for what could be; and we should always pray instead in heartfelt Gratitude for the well-being of others &/or for what already *is* (see [1 Thessalonians 5:17](#)) — especially when we feel least inclined to do so; especially in times of fear or fatigue or pain & suffering ... (see [Proverbs 15:8](#), [Ephesians 1:18](#), [Matthew 6:7](#), [James 1:2](#))



**Don't underestimate
the power of caring.**

with God's help ...

***“For I am the LORD, your God, He who holds your right hand
and says to you, ‘Do not fear; I will help you.’” ~ God***

It is well worth remembering that the **right hand** mentioned in this verse (Isaiah 41:13) is the hand of **selfless service** in ancient Judaism, and that it is impossible to serve another with pure Love while in any way afraid (see 1 John 4:18) ... Indeed, it is even more important to remember that the Father within us (a la John 14:16-26) literally **is** that same perfect Love (see 1 John 4:16 + Matthew 5:48), and that He will never cease in in-Courage-ing us all to repeatedly extend acts of bold Caring towards strangers & enemies alike.



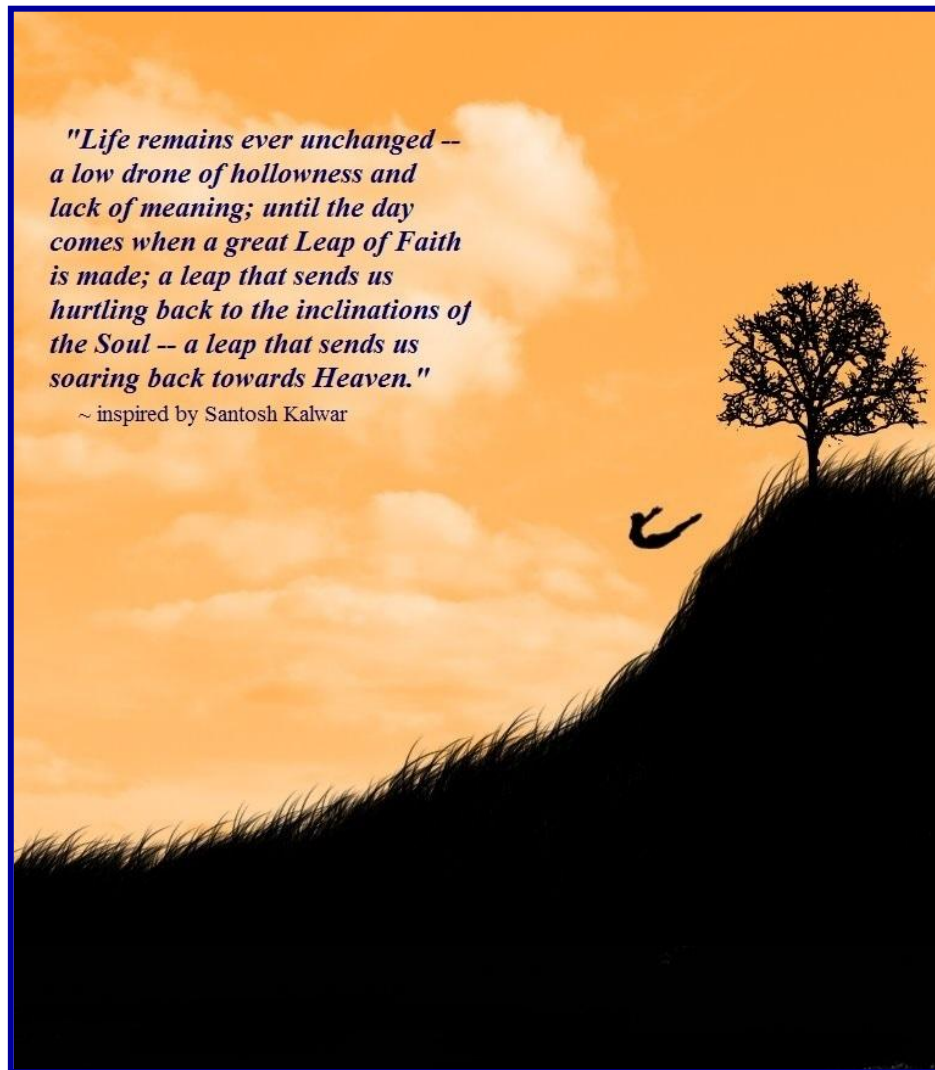
The world says:
“Love is a feeling.”

God says:
“Love is a decision.”

whom to fear ...

***“The Lord is your light and salvation – so whom shall you fear?
The Lord is your stronghold - of whom shall you be afraid?” ~ God***

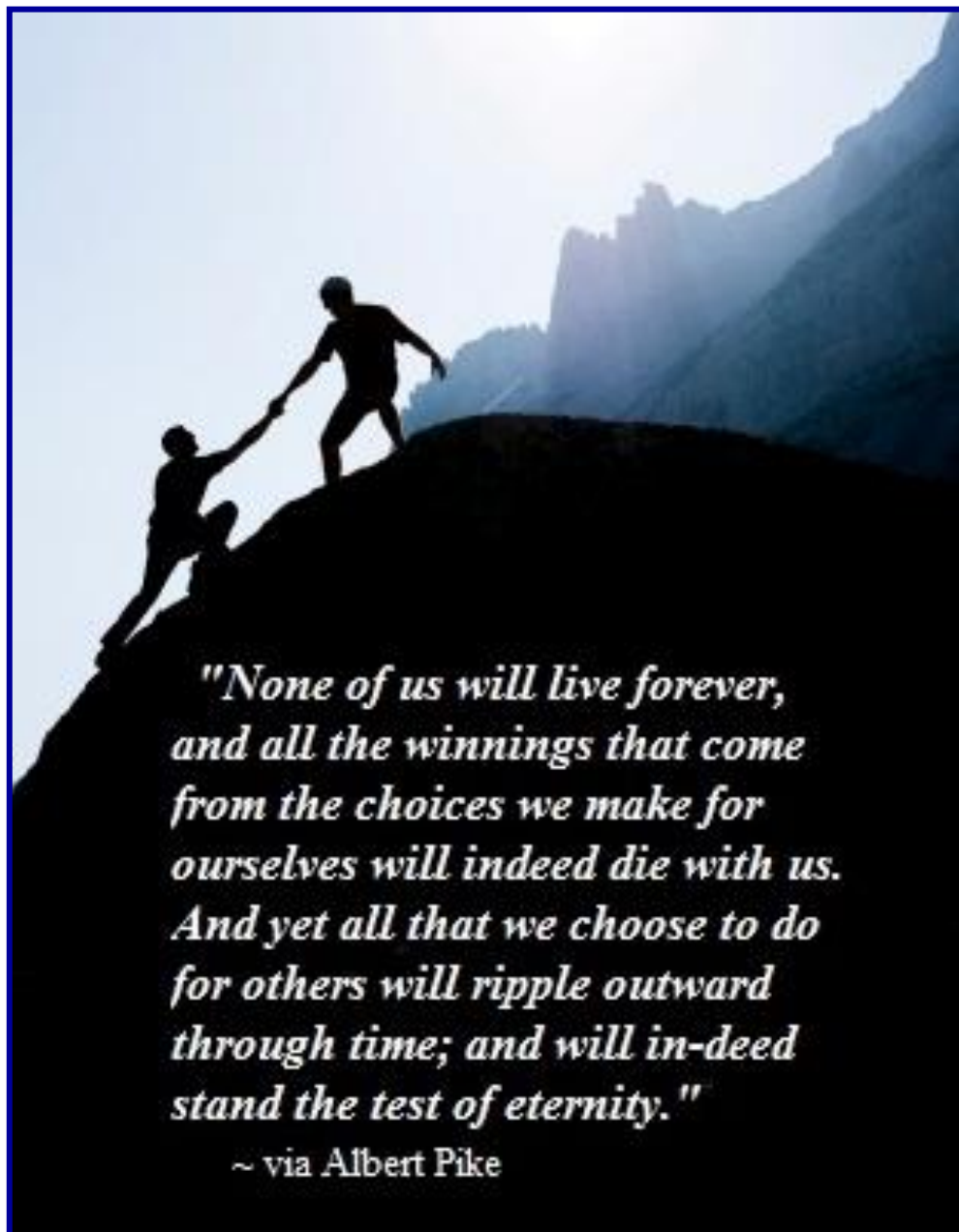
One thing seems sure regarding this verse (Psalm 27:1): if we fear to any degree, then that is the degree that we will also close the door on God’s perfect Love (see 1 John 4:18). Even more importantly, we would do well to remember that anger is nothing more than an extreme manifestation of fear, and that any form of rejection or criticism of the beliefs of others is steeped at least partially in fear as well. As such, we are to avoid locking ourselves out of the Kingdom of heaven with our wrath for &/or condemnation of others – and we are to freely enter that same Kingdom whenever we choose to humbly & devoutly Love those others via acts of Kindness instead.



the Good of others ...

*“Nobody should seek his own good,
but rather solely the Good of others.” ~ God*

Of course, what this verse ([1 Corinthians 10:24](#)) fails to mention is that the [good of others](#) mentioned herein *is* our own greatest Good – that it *is* the very portal into Jesus’ Kingdom of Heaven ... (see [Matthew 24:12-14](#))



the coals upon our heads ...

***“If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat;
And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.
In so doing you heap burning coals upon his head,
and I will reward you as a result.” ~ God***

It is important to remember that the **fire** alluded to in this verse (**Romans 12:20**) in ancient Judaism was **not** a form of punishment, but rather a representation for the cleansing purification that the Spirit imposes upon the flesh – a cleansing that comes most potently when we act directly against the strongest inclinations of the ego – a cleaning that comes most potently when we choose to Love our enemies instead of attacking or repulsing or punishing them (see **Matthew 5:40-48 + 1 John 4:18**). And interestingly enough, by extending such radical Kindness to them – by giving them the very thing they want least of all – we indeed end up “**heaping burning coals upon their heads**”, and thereby allow them to remember that they too are Children of God; reminding them that they are actually our allies and not our nemeses.



***He who calls the world 'dirty'
has but forgotten to clean his own
lenses ... She who calls another
'enemy' has but forgotten the
enormous size of her own Family.***

the generous man ...

***“A generous man will himself be blessed,
for he shares his food with the poor.” ~ God***

When pondering (and later actualizing) this verse ([Proverbs 22:9](#)), remember that in Jesus’ Kingdom of Heaven (which exists in every single one of our present moments — see [Luke 17:20-21](#)), it is the *giver* who actually receives the greatest Gift ... (see [Matthew 25:35-40](#) & [Acts 20:35](#))

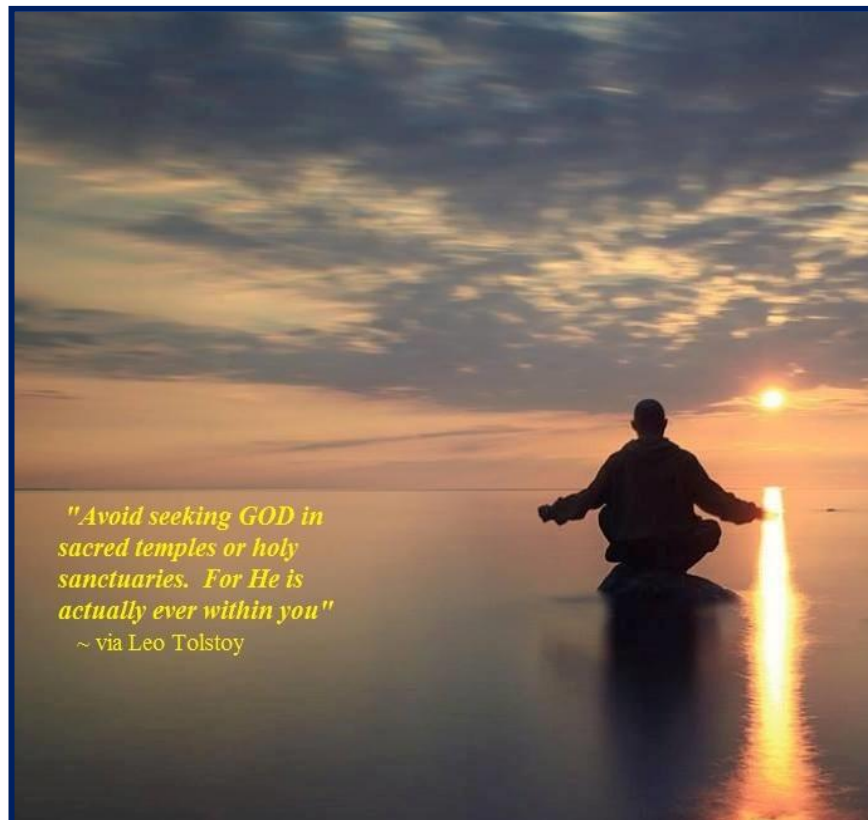


"The little decisions we make each day are actually of infinite importance. Indeed, the smallest good deed done today is ever the capture of a most crucial stronghold; one from which, even but a few months hence, we can use to launch victories the greatness of which we never dreamed." ~ via C. S. Lewis

God with(in) you ...

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” ~ God

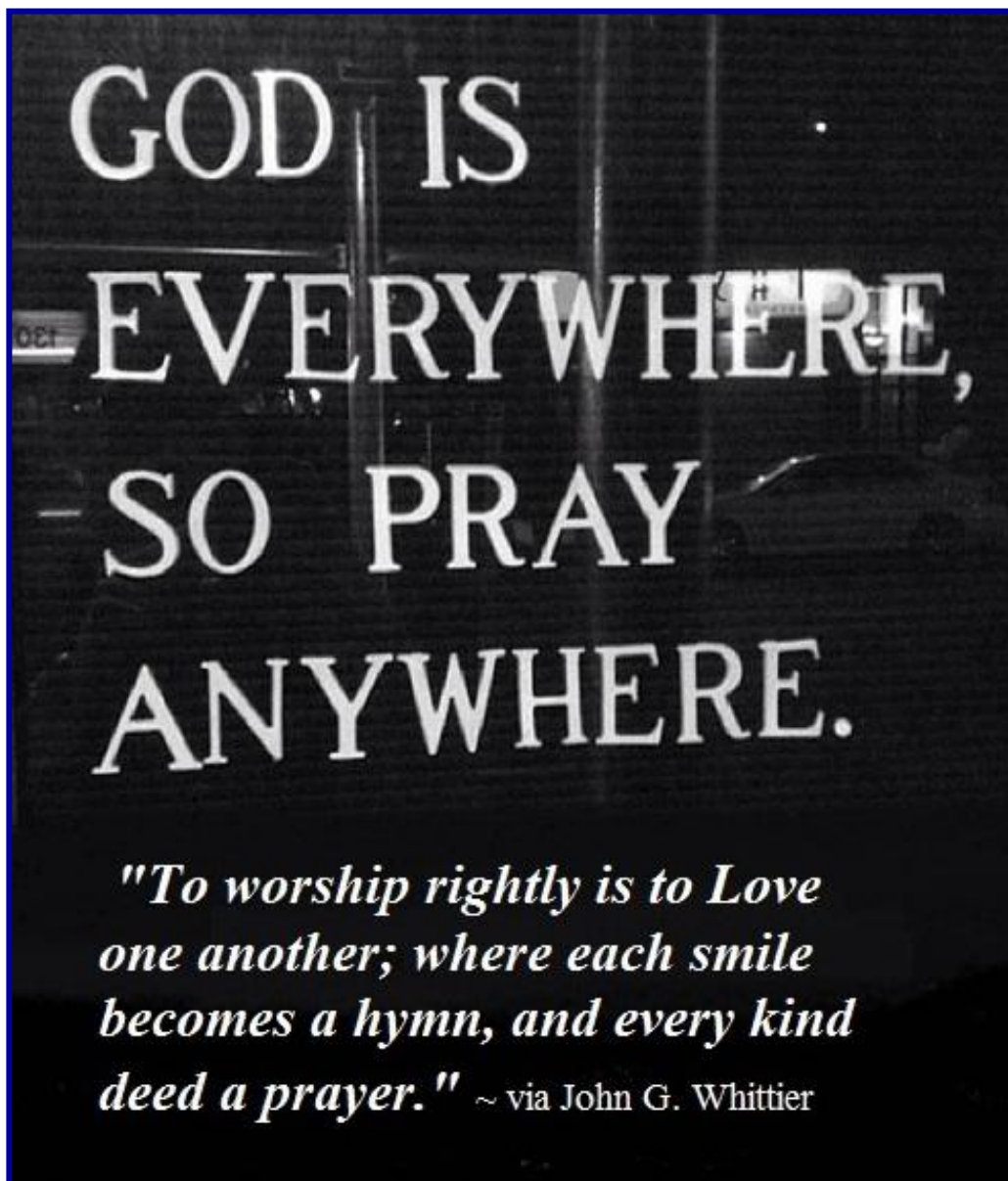
And what is “[the right hand of God](#)” mentioned herein ([Isaiah 41:10](#))? It is the Grace we have ***all*** been given to actively Care for others – especially strangers, especially the downtrodden, and especially our enemies ... Indeed, the “[right hand](#)” in ancient Judaism was the hand of blessing; the hand of service; the hand of selfless ***action***. And this is why Jesus sits at “[the right hand of God](#)” — because his entire ministry was founded in being kind to strangers, serving the downtrodden, &/or loving one’s enemies (see [Matthew 24:12-14](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#), [John 13:15-17](#), [Luke 10:29-37](#) et al) ... Note as well that the truly loving God does ***not*** ever “[help](#)” us by “[saving us](#)” from our difficulties (see [1 Corinthians 10:13](#)). After all, it is only by transcending the same that we can attain entrance to the Kingdom of Heaven – it is only by setting aside our fears and discomforts ***on our own*** to then Love our enemies that we can hope to attain any measure of Salvation (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#)). As such, any “[help](#)” from the Father in such times would actually be a hindrance to us; a form of punishment, even – the one thing that the perfectly Loving Father cannot ever give ... (see [Luke 6:36](#) & [1 John 4:18](#))



to pray everywhere ...

"I desire therefore that you pray everywhere, lifting up your holy hands, without any wrath or doubt." ~ God

The key words in this verse (1 Timothy 2:8) are "everywhere" & "without wrath" – remembering that any form of judgment of another is based at least partially in fear, and that fear is the basis for all wrath, and that God's perfect Love knows *no* fear (see 1 John 4:18) – and therefore no wrath – and therefore no judgment of others ... (see Acts 17:26-28, Acts 10:34-35, 1 John 2:6, 1 John 2:29)



humbling our selves ...

***“If you who are called by My name,
will humble yourselves and pray,
and turn from your wicked ways,
then will I hear you from Heaven, and
will forgive you your sins,
and heal your land.” ~ God***

Remember that the ones mentioned in this verse (2 Chronicles 7:14) who are truly “praying” with humility must do so with “moving feet” – must do so with their actions more than their mere thoughts or words (see 1 John 3:18). Their key focus must not be on any external healing, but rather that they “turn from their wicked ways” ... And what is this wickedness from which they must turn? The answer: it is wicked to turn away from a homeless person on the street – and it is wicked to gossip about our enemies – and it is wicked to support war – and it is wicked to cause other sentient lives to suffer for our mere pleasures of palate – and it is wicked to judge another person to be “ignorant” or a “heathen.” For *this* is the wickedness that requires our deepest repentance – these are the sins from which we must turn and become anew. We must choose to Care for our homeless neighbor, and we must choose to compliment our enemies behind their backs, and we must choose to champion peace between nations, and we must choose to “judge” others as being fully worthy of our Love.



Luke 14:11

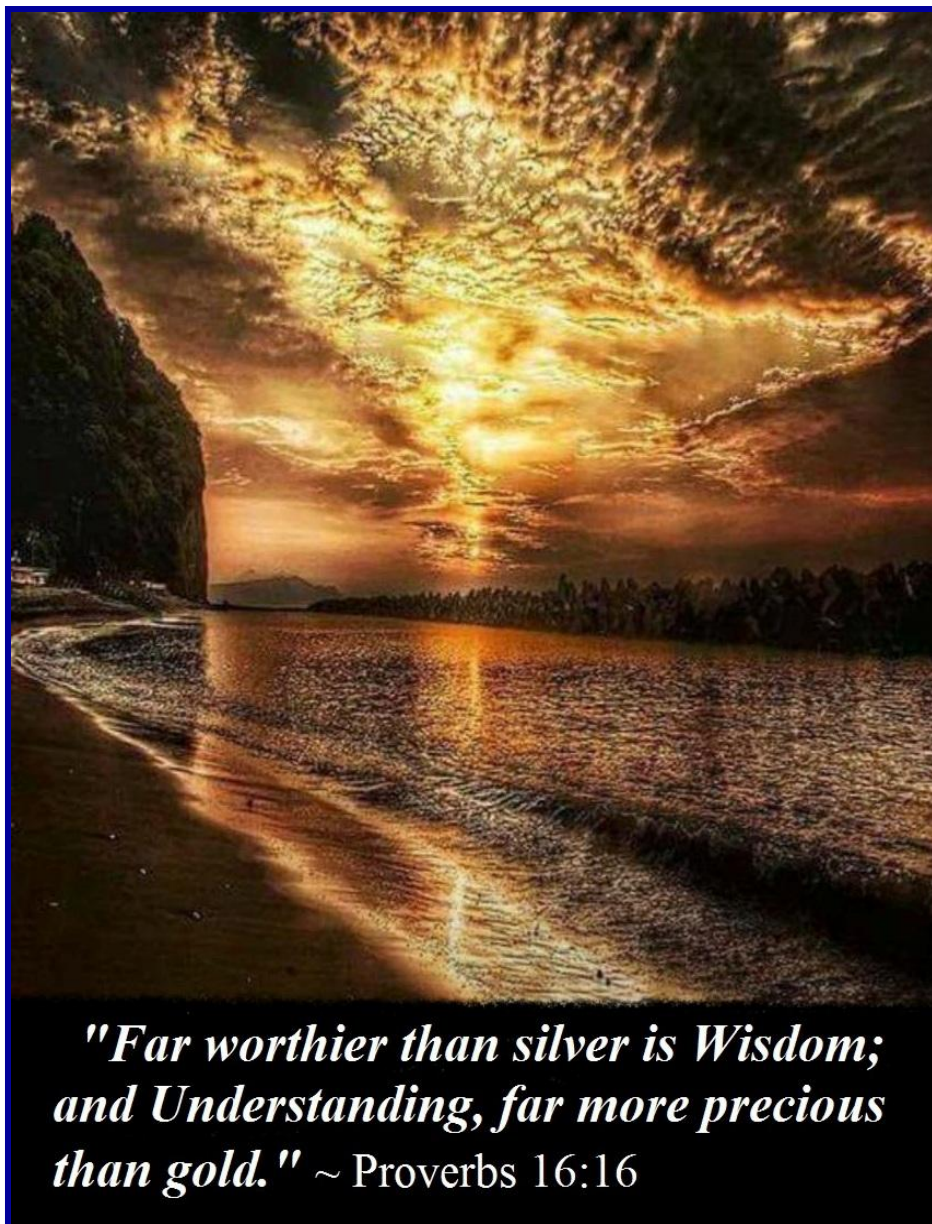
For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

"Humility does not mean we think less of ourselves ... It means we think of ourselves less." ~ via Ken Blanchard

the Wisdom of God...

“O the depth of the riches of both the wisdom and the knowledge of the Lord ... How unsearchable are My judgments; how inscrutable My ways!” ~ God

This verse ([Romans 11:33](#)) alludes to the Truth that we are never to even attempt to cajole or correct or convert another’s spiritual beliefs (see [Jeremiah 31:33-34](#) & [Hebrews 8:10-13](#)) – because the Wisdom of God’s will for another is too deep to be analyzed or amended by anyone but that particular person ... (see [Luke 12:57](#), [1 Corinthians 11:31](#), [Romans 14:13](#) et al)



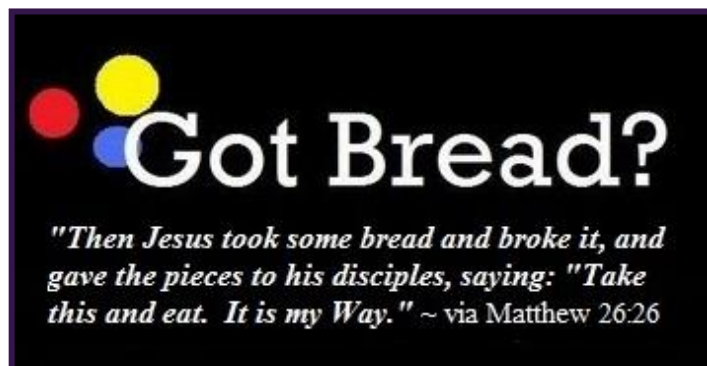
never hunger, never thirst ...

“He that comes to Me shall never hunger; and he that believes in Me shall never thirst.” ~ God

There are quite a few not-so-well-known points of importance in this verse ([John 6:35](#)) – **first**, the “**bread**” of Jesus Christ (a.k.a. his “**body**”) is actually selfless service for others (a la [John 13:17](#)), **second**, the “**blood**” of Christ (a.k.a. the “**wine**” he often mentions &/or shares) is actually the perfect Love that fuels said selfless service (see [Matthew 25:35-40](#) & [Matthew 5:40-48](#)), and **third**, the only way to “**believe**” according to Jesus is to do those Loving deeds – to fully enliven his Way of Love ... (see [Matthew 16:24](#), [John 14:12](#), [2 Corinthians 5:17](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#) et al)



*Give them This Day,
Our Daily Bread*



the way of sinners; the Way of Saints

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers.” ~ God

The irony in this verse ([Psalm 1:1](#)) is absolutely delicious, for it is the counsel of preachers who tempts us with eternal salvation that is the most **wicked** — for it is impossible to follow The Way of selfless Love while focusing on any promised rewards for doing so.



the pure in Heart ...

*“Blessed are the pure in heart;
for they shall see God.” ~ God*

There is much Truth reflected in this verse ([Matthew 5:8](#)); remembering most importantly that “[shall](#)” in the New Testament manuscripts was more often than not intended to be read in the *present tense* ... And this is especially true with this particular verse — for everyone who is pure of heart *must* per se also be *actively* Caring for another, which is the only time any human being can actually clearly See the Father. As such, it is safe to say that those [blessed](#) to [see God](#) are indeed those of [pure Heart](#) – namely, those whose [Hearts](#) have been made [pure](#) by their pure deeds; those whose hearts have been made [pure](#) by their courageous legs and their open arms.



watching & praying ...

*“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation;
for the Spirit is ever willing, while the body is ever weak.” ~ God*

The Spirit mentioned in this verse (Matthew 26:41) – and indeed in the rest of the Scriptures – might indeed be ever willing, and yet it takes a lot more than just **watching** & **praying** to keep from falling into temptation. In fact, it is one of the primary traps of the ego that encourages us to merely watch & wait instead of doing the one thing the Spirit always wants us to **Do** – namely, reaching out to boldly Care for all brothers & sisters in need.

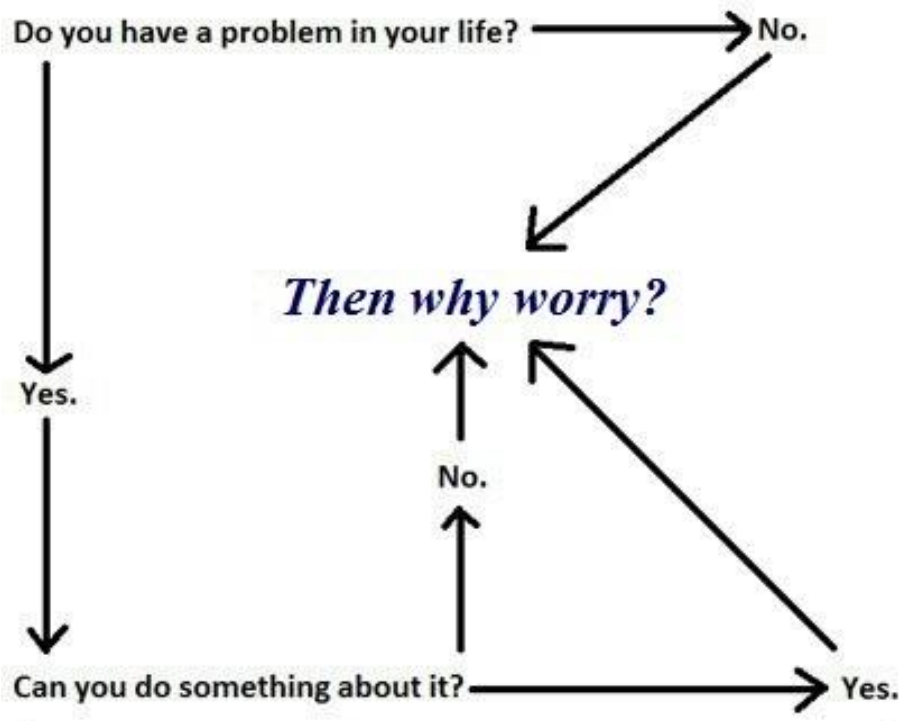


*Morality enlivened is noble intention ...
Noble intention enlivened is earnest
prayer ... Earnest prayer enlivened is true
LOVE ... True LOVE enlivened is selfless
service ... Selfless service enlivened is
willingly sacrificing for the one most in
need who happens to be nearest by.*

don't you worry ...

“Do not worry about your life -- what you will eat or drink; or about your body -- what you will wear. For is not life more important than food, and is not the body more important than mere clothing?” ~ God

Oddly enough, my own personal experience affirms what this verse ([Matthew 6:25](#)) reflects – namely, two Great Truths – **01**) that the less we worry about our own presumed “needs” (and the more we focus on fulfilling the needs of others), the less we actually need to be potently healthy & profoundly happy; and **02**) that the less we worry about our own pains or tribulations (and the more we focus on alleviating the sufferings of others), the more Joy we will inevitably experience regardless ... (see [Matthew 16:24](#) et al)



"Worrying is trying to carry tomorrow's load using today's strength -- trying to erase fear & angst by carrying two days at once. And yet the thick of this ever-futile failing is ever the same: worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of one bit of its coming sorrows, while it most certainly always empties today of all of its potential strength" ~ via Corrie ten Boom

the Lord that heals ...

“I am the Lord that heals you.” ~ God

Actually, despite what this verse ([Exodus 15:26](#)) denotes to the contrary, the Lord **heals** no one ... Rather, as Jesus himself plainly and repeatedly explains throughout the New Testament, it is **our Faith** that does all our healing. And that Faith remains dormant until it is boldly set in motion – it is nothing unless emPowered by bold acts of selfless Caring ... (see [John 14:12](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#), [John 13:15-17](#), [Galatians 5:6](#) et al)



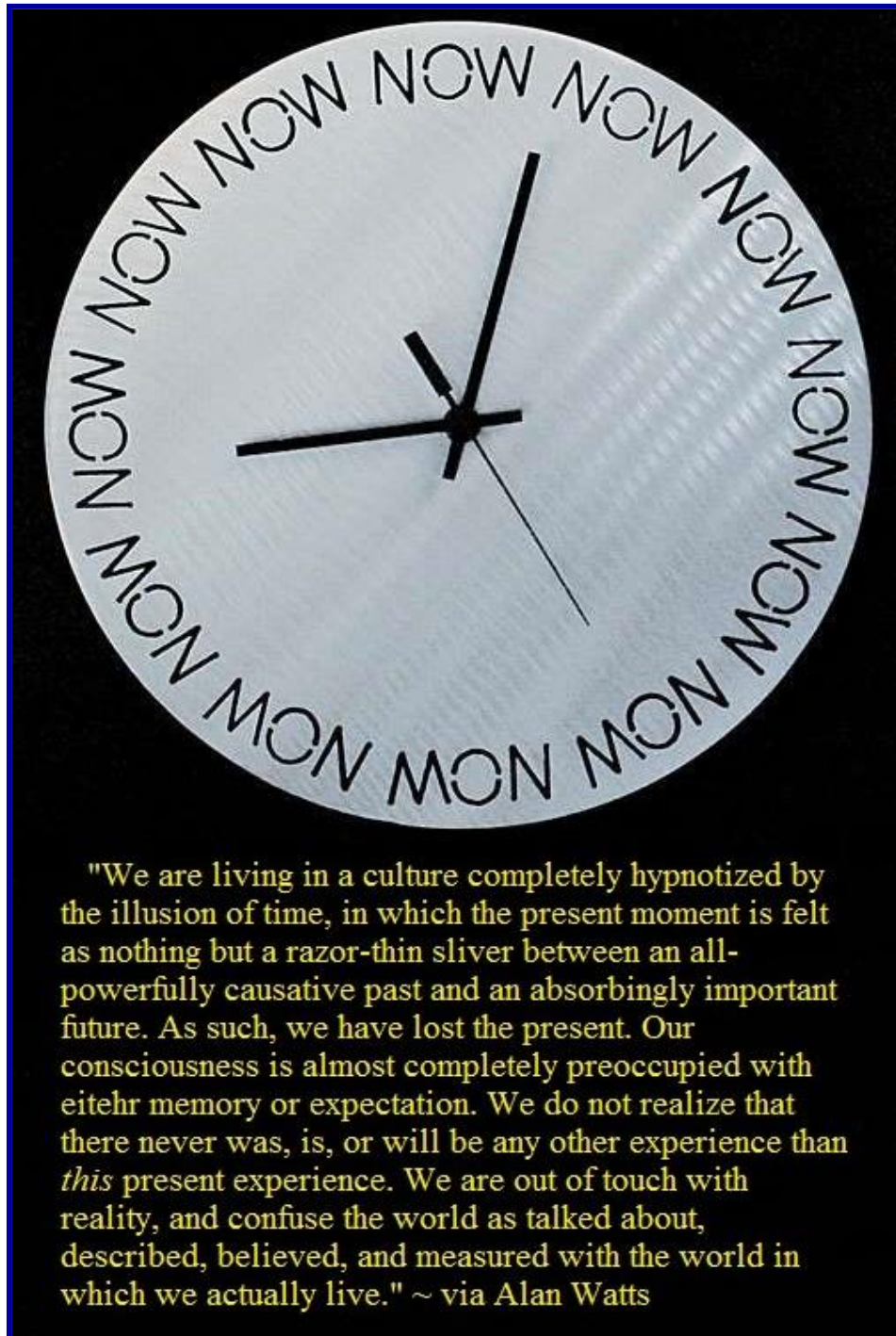
And Jesus looked gently upon them and said, "Your faith has made you whole ... Go in Peace."

~ Mark 5:34 (see also [Mt 9:22](#), [Lk 17:19](#), [Mk 10:52](#), [Lk 18:42](#), [Mt 8:13](#) & [Mt 15:28](#) et al)

all things new ...

“Behold, I make all things new.” ~ God

Actually, though this verse ([Revelation 21:5](#)) might seem to say otherwise, it is *Love* and *Love* alone that is the source of all real renewal – it renews the Friend within every enemy, it renews the Saint within every sinner, and it renews the Child of God within each & every of us.



becoming a Great Nation ...

“And I will make of you a Great Nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing to all.” ~ God

Yes, though the only way to become the “**great nation**” mentioned herein (**Genesis 12:2**) is to act with according Greatness. And to do that, all desires for blessings, for fame, for power, and for success must completely vanish — to be fully replaced by one Desire: a yearning to relieve the suffering of others through silent, humble acts of great and selfless Kindness.



Peace on Earth ...

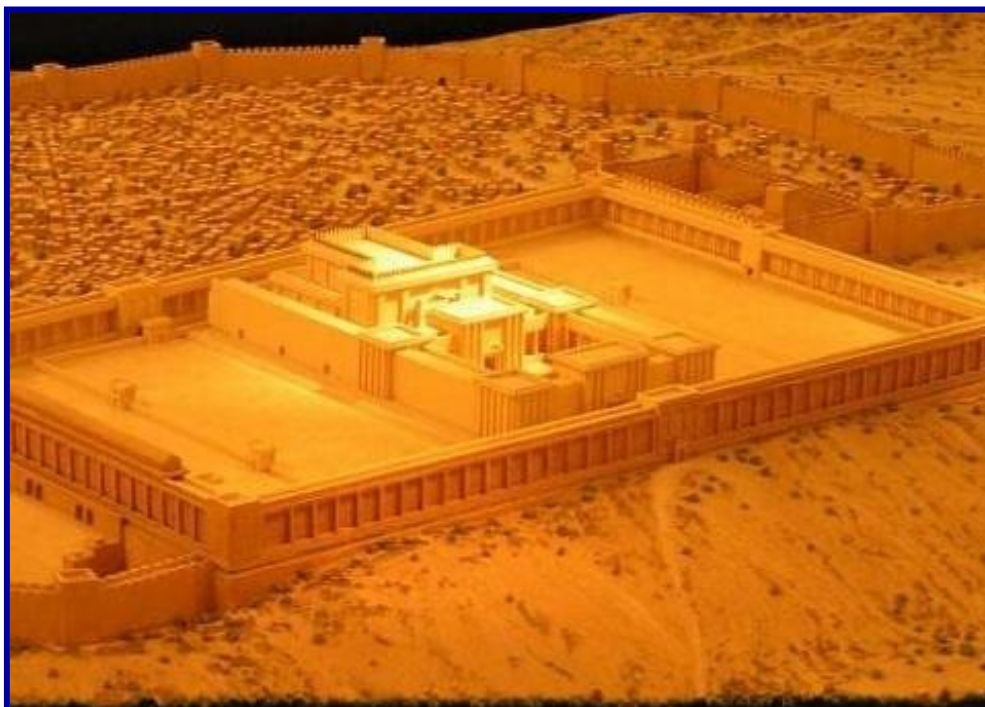
with justice & goodwill for all earthlings

"We will never have peace as long as we maintain suffering and death on our dinner tables ... Indeed, if we hope to one day know real peace for ourselves, we must first make peace for those whose lives are veiled in violence." ~ inspired by Gary Francione & Patrick Lindsay

in God's truest Temple ...

"Don't you know that you yourselves are My temple, and that it is My own Spirit that lives within you?" ~ God

We must all come to remember that it is not enough to house a **Holy Spirit**, and it is not enough to be a member of the Saved ("Even the tax collectors do the same", as Jesus would say) ... No, for any of us to ever know the **Kingdom of Heaven**, the **Spirit** mentioned in this verse (1 Corinthians 3:16) ***must be set in motion*** – by bold deeds of courageous Caring ... (see Matthew 7:21, John 13:15-17, Matthew 24:12-14, John 14:20-26 et al)



***"It is our Heart that is
God's most sacred temple,
and it is God's Heart that is
our strongest Fortress."***

~ via Becka Goings

given to You ...

“Give, and it shall be given to you. For whatever measure you deal out to others, so shall it be dealt to you in return.” ~ God

This verse ([Luke 6:38](#)) is also filled with Truth, and yet we would all do well to remember: if we “give” to get anything in return, we are not really Giving — and thus in such moments *cannot* be given to.

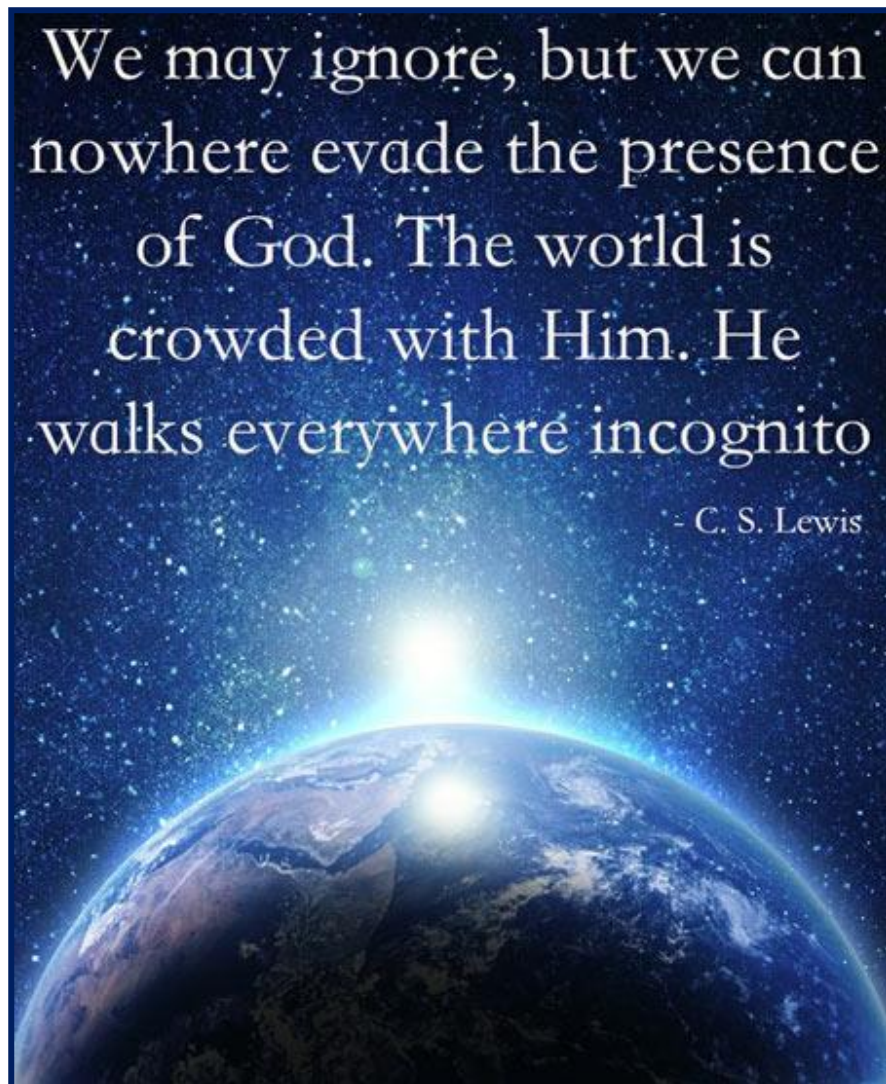


"The truly generous are the ones who give silently; without thought or hope of praise or recognition, without care or desire for benefit or reward." ~ via Carol Brink

the Lord as our Shepherd ...

*“The LORD is your shepherd; you shall not want.
I inspire you to lie down in green pastures,
and lead you beside still waters.
I restore your Soul, and led you in the paths
of righteousness -- for My Name’s sake.” ~ God*

This passage (from [Psalm 23](#)) is outstandingly beautiful and filled with promise – promise that cannot be full-filled unless a few things are more fully understood; first that God’s “[name](#)” is nothing less than **LOVE** unconditional (see [Matthew 5:48](#) + [1 John 4:16](#)), and second that the only thing truly “[righteous](#)” to the heavenly Father is actively caring for others in need ... (see [Matthew 24:12-14](#), [John 13:15-17](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#) et al)

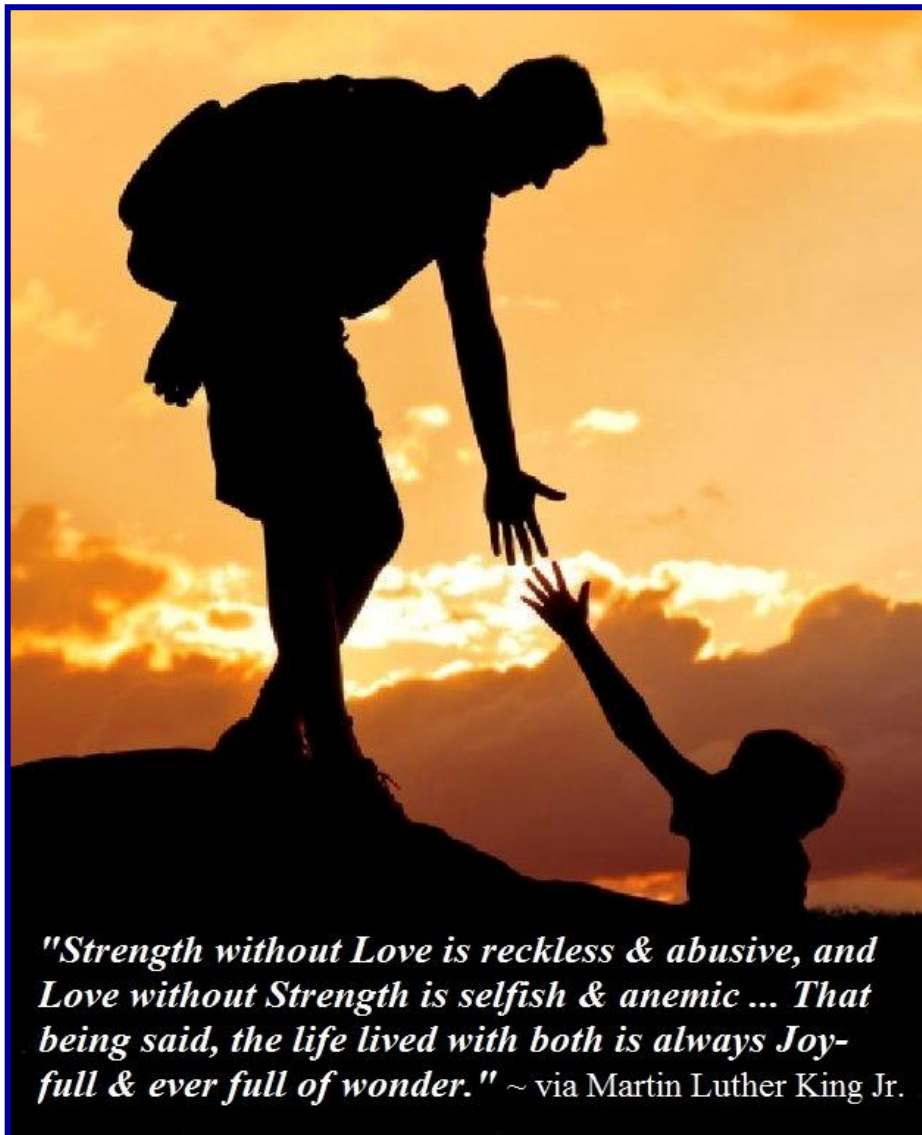


all things through Him ...

***“You can do all things through Me,
who strengthens you.” ~ God***

Actually, even though this verse ([Philippians 4:13](#)) makes it seem otherwise, we can only do things *through* the heavenly Father that harmonize with what the Father truly is – namely, perfectly selfless Love (see [Matthew 5:48](#)). As such, trying to use God’s Love to further any other objective (especially one steeped in selfishness or condemnation or hatred) can only result in a tragic fall from Grace ...

For love is strength

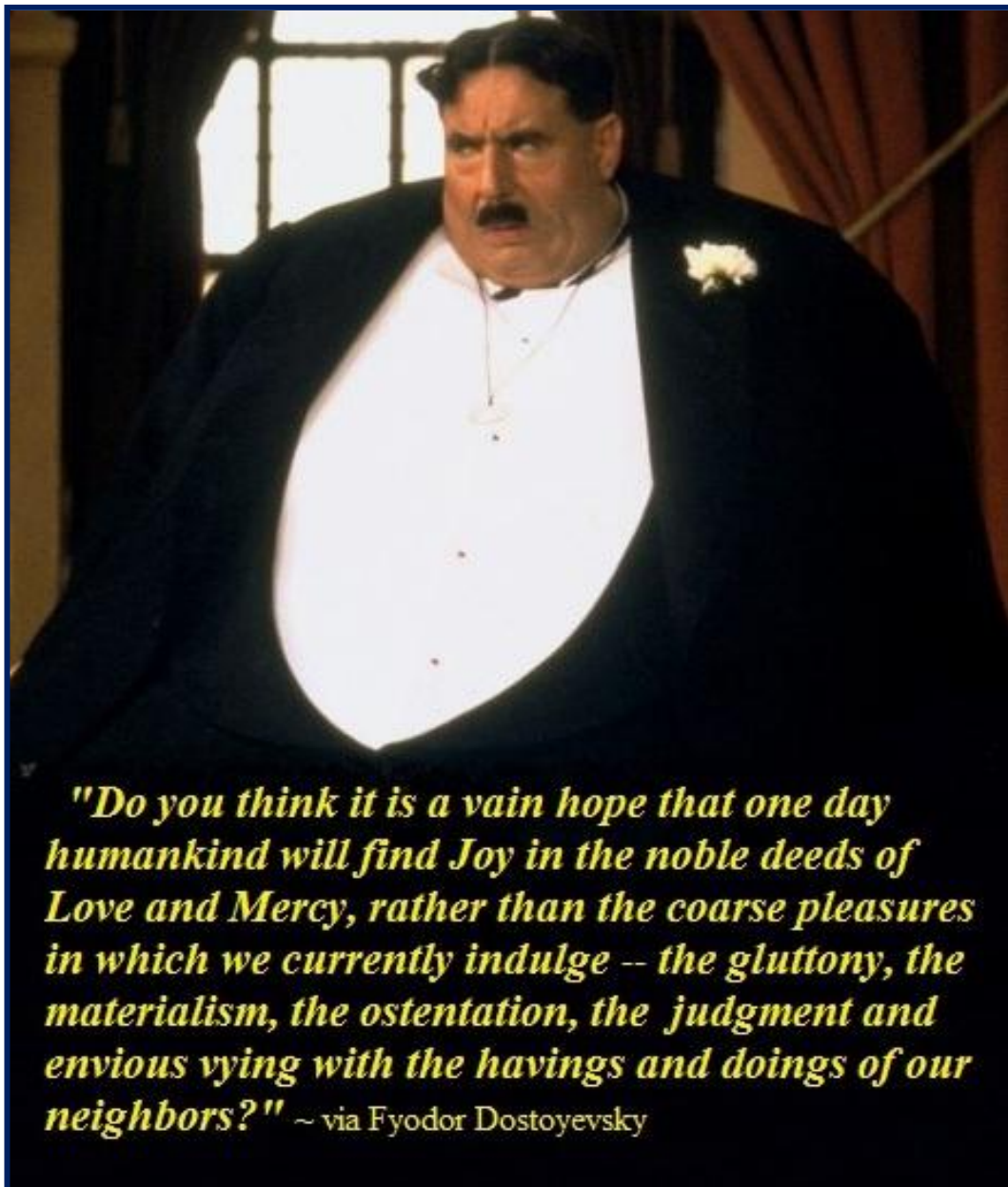


"Strength without Love is reckless & abusive, and Love without Strength is selfish & anemic ... That being said, the life lived with both is always Joy-full & ever full of wonder." ~ via Martin Luther King Jr.

to eat & be filled ...

*“And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle,
that thou might eat and be filled.” ~ God*

Though this verse ([Deuteronomy 15:11](#)) clearly says otherwise, any true Blessing from the heavenly Father is never soaked in mere comfort or pleasure, but rather full-fills an opportunity to awaken and Care for others. Indeed, any rewards in life that bring emotional ease or physical satisfaction must come either from “[fallen angels](#)” or false prophets.



blessed with many days ...

***“It will be well with you and your days shall be multiplied;
as prolonged as the days of Heaven upon the Earth.” ~ God***

Though this verse ([Deuteronomy 11:21](#)) seems to say differently, a long life is no reward to the true [Child of God](#) -- *unless* we use those extra days to further lessen the sufferings of the downtrodden & further enhance the peace of our enemies.



***"For what it's worth: it's never too late to be
whomever you wish to become ... You can stop or move
forward; change or remain the same -- there are no
rules to this life. You are completely free in every
instant to make either the best or the worst of it, and I
hope you make the best of it ... I hope you remember to
notice the amazing in the normal and the miraculous
in the familiar. I hope you remember to deeply feel the
things that happen to and for and all around you. I
hope you remember to intimately engage strangers and
immerse yourself fully in others with different points of
view. I hope you live a life that is courageous and
challenging and exciting and meaningful. And if you
find that you're not, I hope you enliven the will to start
all over again and make it so." ~ inspired by Eric Roth***

on honest dishonesty ...

“Honesty guides good people; just as dishonesty destroys the treacherous.” ~ God

The **honesty** mentioned in this verse ([Proverbs 11:3](#)) does indeed guide **Good People** (i.e. those individuals who exude the courageously humble generosity of The Way of Christ), and it is just as important to realize that the **destruction** mentioned herein comes from the repercussions (external as well as internal) of all our *own* less-than-honest actions — **not** from any capricious (and therefore hypocritical) judgments of an “all-Loving” Father ... (see [Matthew 5:48](#), [Luke 6:36](#), [John 5:22](#), [Matthew 8:21-22](#), [1 John 4:18](#) et al)

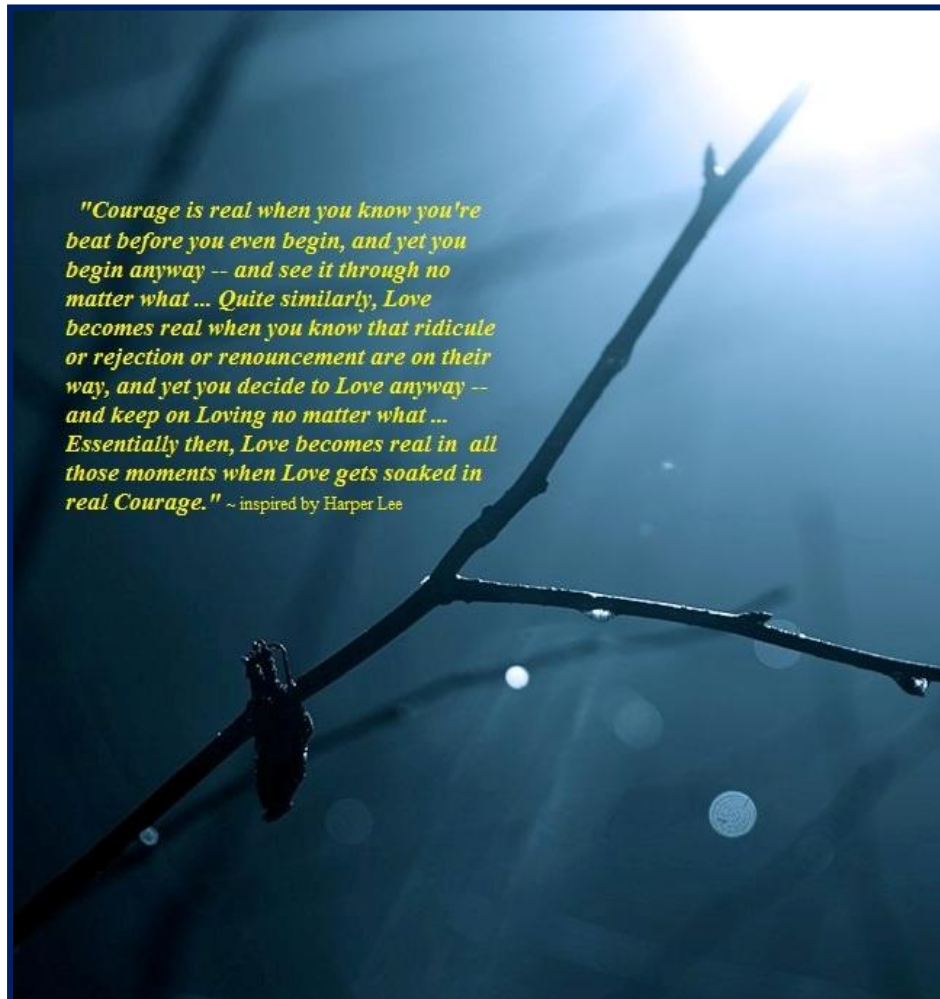


“To believe in any principle or virtue, and yet not consequently enliven the same, is essentially just as dishonest as any outright lie.” ~ inspired by Mahatma Gandhi

being not afraid ...

***“Be strong and of good courage.
Be not afraid, and neither be dismayed;
For I, the Lord your God, is with you
wherever you go.” ~ God***

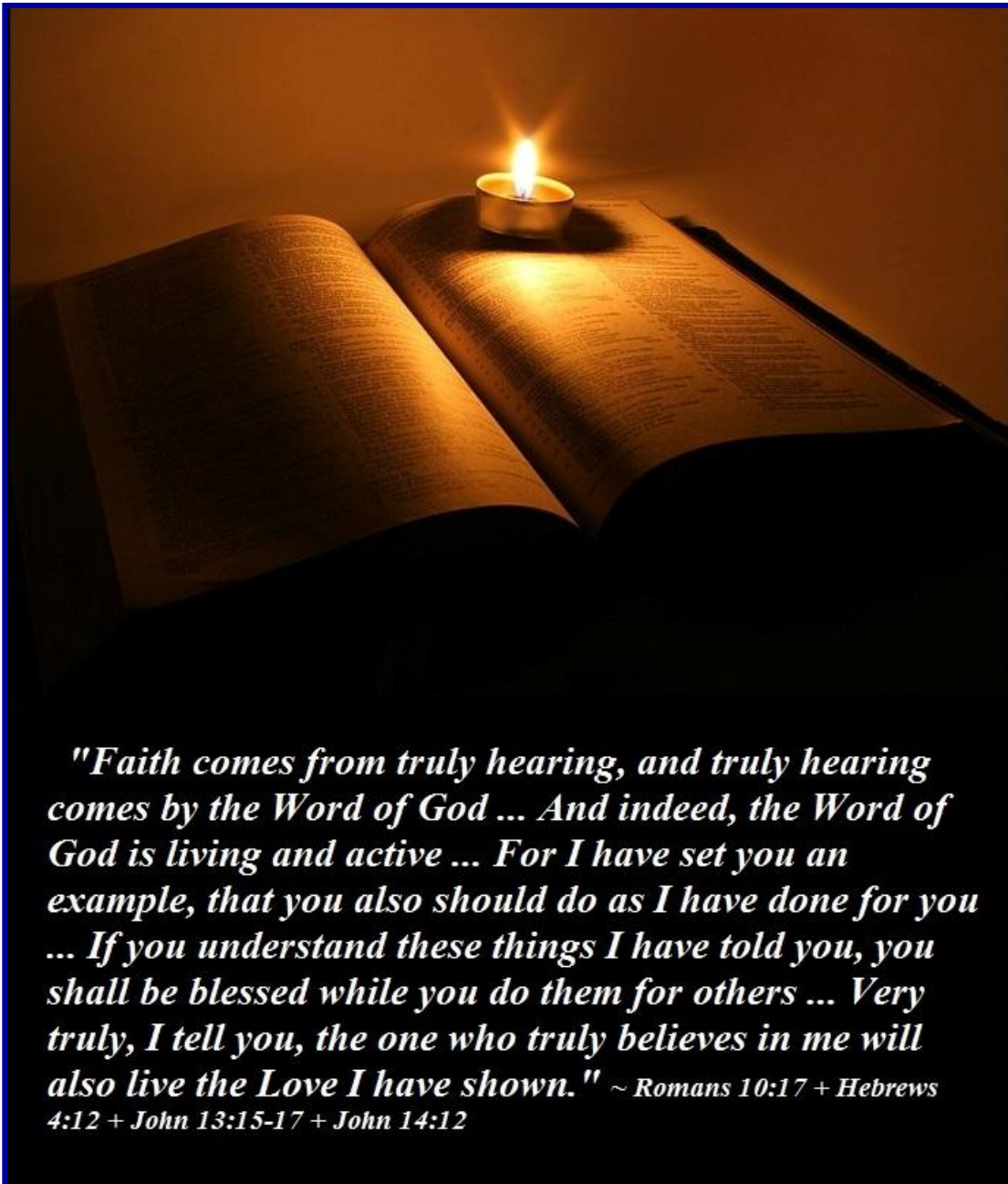
This is quite the interesting verse ([Joshua 1:9](#)), for if God’s Love is indeed perfect — caring for all without limit or condition (see [Matthew 5:48](#), [Luke 6:36](#) & [Matthew 8:21-22](#) et al), *and* if God’s perfect Love knows no fear (see [1 John 4:18a](#)), *and* if punishment comes from fear (see [1 John 4:18b](#)), **then** not only does the heavenly Father condemn absolutely no one (see [John 5:22](#)), but we ourselves are not to condemn anyone either (see [Matthew 7:1-2](#), [Matthew 23:12](#), [Matthew 23:25-26](#), [John 8:7](#) et al). For if we do otherwise, then we are ourselves in fear (and thus and not following The Way of perfect Love) and soaked in arrogance (and thus precluded from entering Jesus’ Kingdom of Heaven ... see [Matthew 18:3-4](#)).



the light of the Word ...

***“My Word is a lamp unto your feet,
and a light unto your path.” ~ God***

And remember, **the Word** mentioned here (Psalm 119:105 – and elsewhere throughout the Scriptures, for that matter) is active, selfless, unconditional (a.k.a. “perfect”) LOVE ... (see Matthew 5:48 + Acts 17:28-29 + 1 John 4:12-16)



to fear the Lord ...

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom, and knowledge of My Holiness is real understanding.” ~ God

True enough, as long as we also comprehend that the ancient Hebrew word translated as “fear” in this verse ([Proverbs 9:10](#)) and elsewhere almost always meant “[awesome respect](#)” or “[humble reverence](#)” ... Indeed, the New Testament makes it very clear that the perfect Love of the Father (see [Matt 5:48](#)) knows no fear whatsoever (see [1 John 4:18](#)), and as such we cannot ever “fear the Lord” appropriately by fearing Him.



"Therefore, since we are in each moment of our lives receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us remain thankful, and as such worship God fully with deep reverence and profound awe; for He is ever an engenderer of great Beauty, and ever a kindler of a most purifying fire." ~ Hebrews 12:28-29

from wailing to dancing ...

***“I turned your wailing into dancing;
I removed your sackcloth and
clothed you in Joy.” ~ God [***

And how is such a thing accomplished – how do we do what this verse (Psalm 30:11) requires and turn our “wailing into dancing”? And how does the Father **clothe** us with true **Joy** thereby? The answer: by giving us the same Power of **perfect Love** of which He Himself is composed (see **Matthew 5:48** & **Acts 17:28-29** & **1 John 4:8**) ... For indeed, in every moment we **act** as the Father (the only way to truly “**believe in Christ**”), we are doing the very “**great things**” which Jesus demanded – and indeed forecast – for our own lives ... (see **John 14:20-26** & **John 14:12**)



***Sometimes God calms the storm,
and sometimes He lets the storm
rage on -- allowing the Love of His
children to do the calming thereof.***

confidence in the Lord ...

“For I have been your hope, your confidence since your youth.” ~ God

Though this verse ([Psalm 71:5](#)) seems to allude otherwise, as long as we are hoping that God in any way takes care of us (either in this life or the next), then we cannot fulfill His true will ... (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#) & [John 13:15-17](#) & [Matthew 5:40-48](#) & [Matthew 25:35-40](#) & [Matthew 24:12-14](#))



***Hope says "Life might" and
Faith says "God could," and
yet Love looks them both in
the Eye and says "I will."***

Accept your past without regret ... Handle your present without hesitation ... Face your future without fear.

to please the Lord ...

***“So whether you are here in your body or far away from it,
your goal should be to please Me.” ~ God***

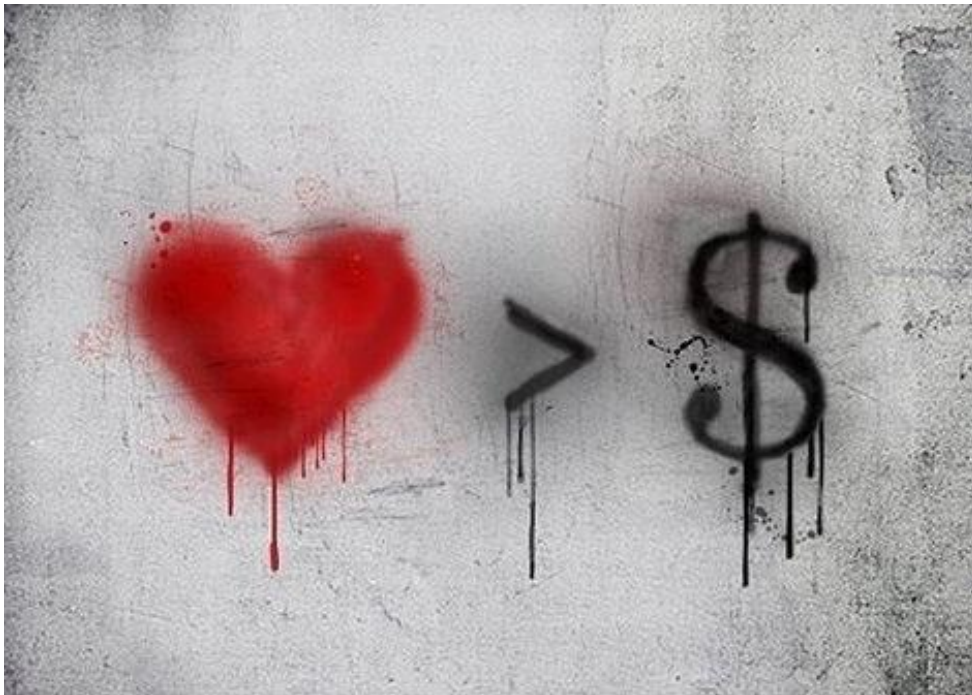
And how can we do what this verse (2 [Corinthians 5:9](#)) implies – how can we truly please the Lord? The answer: by loving others just purely and just as potently as He loves us – by Joy-fully giving our entire lives to those in need ... (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#), [Luke 6:36](#), [Matthew 8:21-22](#), [Matthew 7:21](#), [John 13:15-17](#), [Matthew 18:3-4](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#), [John 13:34-35](#) et al)



receiving Divine Wealth ...

“May I, the Lord & God of your fathers, increase you a thousand-fold more than you already are, and bless you just as I have promised.” ~ God

And just what does this verse ([Deuteronomy 1:11](#)) imply – just what is the true **Wealth** herein implied? The answer: joyfully self-sacrificial **Love** – the choice to abandon all material “wealth” in favor of embrace the true riches of compassion, justice, kindness, and selfless service ... (see [Matthew 6:19-24](#), [Hebrews 13:5](#), [1 Timothy 6:7-10](#), [John 13:15-17](#) & [Acts 20:35](#) et al)



True wealth is not the accumulation of possessions, but rather is the humility to use the same to lessen the suffering of others, and the courage to do so boldly and without reservation ... True wealth is soaked in Love, and as such cannot reside in things. Wealth is not what we have or own or maintain, but rather is the sacrifices we make to bring Peace to others nearby.

the discipline of the Father ...

“A fool spurns his father’s discipline, and yet whoever heeds correction shows prudence.” ~ God

True enough – life (or “**God**”) does indeed **discipline** & guide us via the consequences of our actions, and yet it is just as important to remember that our actual heavenly Father – the **Father** actually referenced in this verse (**Proverbs 15:5**) – always resides within us (see **John 14:20-26**), that He is always compassionate & kind, and that we are to act accordingly ... (see **Nehemiah 9:17**, **Psalm 36:7**, **Matthew 18:3-4**, **Luke 6:36**, **Matthew 5:40-48**, **Matthew 8:21-22**, **Matthew 25:35-40** et al)



In the eyes of any all-Loving God, there can be no judgment or condemnation -- only forgiveness, acceptance, and unconditional Love.

What we are born to be (the caring stewards of the Earth and the gentle caregivers of all Her sentient inhabitants) is God's gift to us ... Choosing to become the same is our greatest gift to God.

being Kind to all Believers ...

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us Do Good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” ~ God

Actually, **doing good** to others as mentioned herein ([Galatians 6:10](#)) is all fine and good, and yet let us remember that our true salvation will never be found until we choose to include *every* other sentient being in our own “family of believers” ... (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#) & [John 13:15-17](#) & [Matthew 18:3-4](#))



"Walk gently among those around you -- the dreamers and the doers, the planners and the effectuators, the believers and the heathens, the naysayers and the Joy-bringers ... Walk gently among them all, and let them all re-light the fire within you; let them all inspire you to leave this world far better than it was when you found it." ~ anonymous

to truly Love God ...

“You love Me because I first loved you.” ~ God

Actually, very unlike what is implied in this verse (1 John 4:19), it's correct to love God whether he loves us first or not ... In fact, the essence of Jesus' entire teaching (which, regardless of your personal religious views, is both psychologically & sociologically powerful) is for us to Love others (including God) — especially when they are *not* loving us in return.



"To truly Love GOD is to wholeheartedly forgive the one who is 'least deserving' of your forgiveness, to be fully accepting of the trials & injustices that come your way, to reach out to those downtrodden who make you most nervous or uncomfortable, to remain profoundly peaceful in times of great despair, to sincerely smile in gratitude whenever you feel like weeping or whining, to comfort others in the times when you yourself most wish to be comforted, and to have faith in the Power of LOVE -- especially when there seems to be no logical reason to believe in the same." ~ anonymous

gaining true Contentment ...

“But godliness with contentment is great gain.” ~ God

The true **godliness** alluded to in this verse (1Timothy 6:6 – a verse which is followed by “for we brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it”) is actually selflessly Caring for others, which is the only source we have for any real Joy in our lives – and which thus *becomes* our only source for true Contentment ... (see Colossians 3:15, Hebrews 12:14, Matthew 5:40-48, Matthew 8:21-22, 1 Peter 3:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:15 et al)



"Because one believes in the innate (albeit often hidden) Goodness of others, one doesn't try to convince them of right or wrong ... Because one is content with (and indeed deeply grateful for) one's own Path of selfless giving & emboldened compassion, one doesn't seek others' approval thereof ... Because one understands that Love always ultimately prevails, one continues to Love others anyway -- especially in those moments when one feels least able to do so; and especially for those who appear to be 'least deserving' of the same." ~ via Lao Tsu

on fighting for Faith ...

“Fight the good fight of faith. Lay a strong claim on eternal life, to which you were also called.” ~ God

What this verse (1 Timothy 6:12) hides beneath its surface is the greater Truth that when faith becomes a fight, it is no longer real & vibrant Faith. Indeed, it is not at all Faith-full to strive to believe anything with certainty. Rather, it is truly Faith-full to actually be completely *uncertain* and yet to simply ***Do Good*** for others *anyway*, to ***Be Kind*** to strangers *anyway*, to actively & openly ***Love*** our enemies *anyway* ...



“And blessed are the Peacemakers, for it is they who will be called Children of God, and it is they who will enter my Kingdom of Heaven.”

~ Jesus Christ (Matthew 5:9 & Matthew 18:3-4)

the eternal Christ ...

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday ...
and today ... and forever.” ~ God*

Actually, so are we all (see [John 14:12](#)) ... At the very least this verse's ([Hebrews 13:8](#)) primary Truth is only purely enlivened in those moments when we allow our Christ to emerge while courageously extending Kindness to an enemy. For these are the times when we part the veil that keeps us separate from God — these are the moments when we soak in the eternal splendor of Jesus' “[Kingdom of Heaven](#)” ... (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#), [Matthew 18:3-4](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#), [Luke 17:20-21](#) et al)



KEEP CALM and STAY BOLD ...

Remember to fully embrace this & every moment, for it is the deeds of selfless Kindness & courageous Generosity you do today that will carry your Soul through eternity.

on Salvation through Christ ...

***“Jesus once said, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.’” ~ God***

In a lovely splash of insight intimately related to this verse ([John 14:6](#)), a wise Hindu scholar once said, “The Way of Jesus Christ is indeed the only way to salvation — *and* his Way happens to be found at the core of *every* spiritual practice and religion” ... Indeed, Jesus himself many times espoused the very same concept (see [John 5:22](#) & [John 8:15](#) & [John 13:35](#) et al). Of course, those who are actually walking Jesus’ Way of unconditional Love have already experienced this as a *practical* Truth, and those who have studied the Bible’s ancient manuscripts know that the Greek word commonly translated as “**through**” in this and other verses was *dia* – a word which meant not “because of” or “via worshipping” or “by the grace of” but rather “on account of” or “in reverence of” or “via the *emulation* of” ... (see [Matthew 7:21](#), [John 13:15-17](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#), [John 13:34-35](#) et al)



the what of God ...

“You declare My wisdom; a mystery that has been hidden, and that I have destined to be your glory since before time began.” ~ God

Indirectly related to this verse ([1 Corinthians 2:7](#)), a dear Friend once mentioned to me that thinking of God was like “opening the door to an Essence which is without words” ... For me personally, God is the Force that holds every atom together and the Force that keeps the galaxies dancing (most harmoniously) with one another. God is light — God is consciousness — and most importantly of all, God is **LOVE** unconditional. Maybe that is why we cannot describe this ultimate Power, but instead can only *feel* It in every moment we reach out to others with courageous acts of Kindness ... (see [Mark 13:32](#), [Acts 17:28-29](#), [Ephesians 1:9](#), [Matthew 13:11](#), [Colossians 1:26](#), [Luke 8:10](#) et al)



welcoming one another ...

*“Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you,
solely for the glory of God.” ~ God*

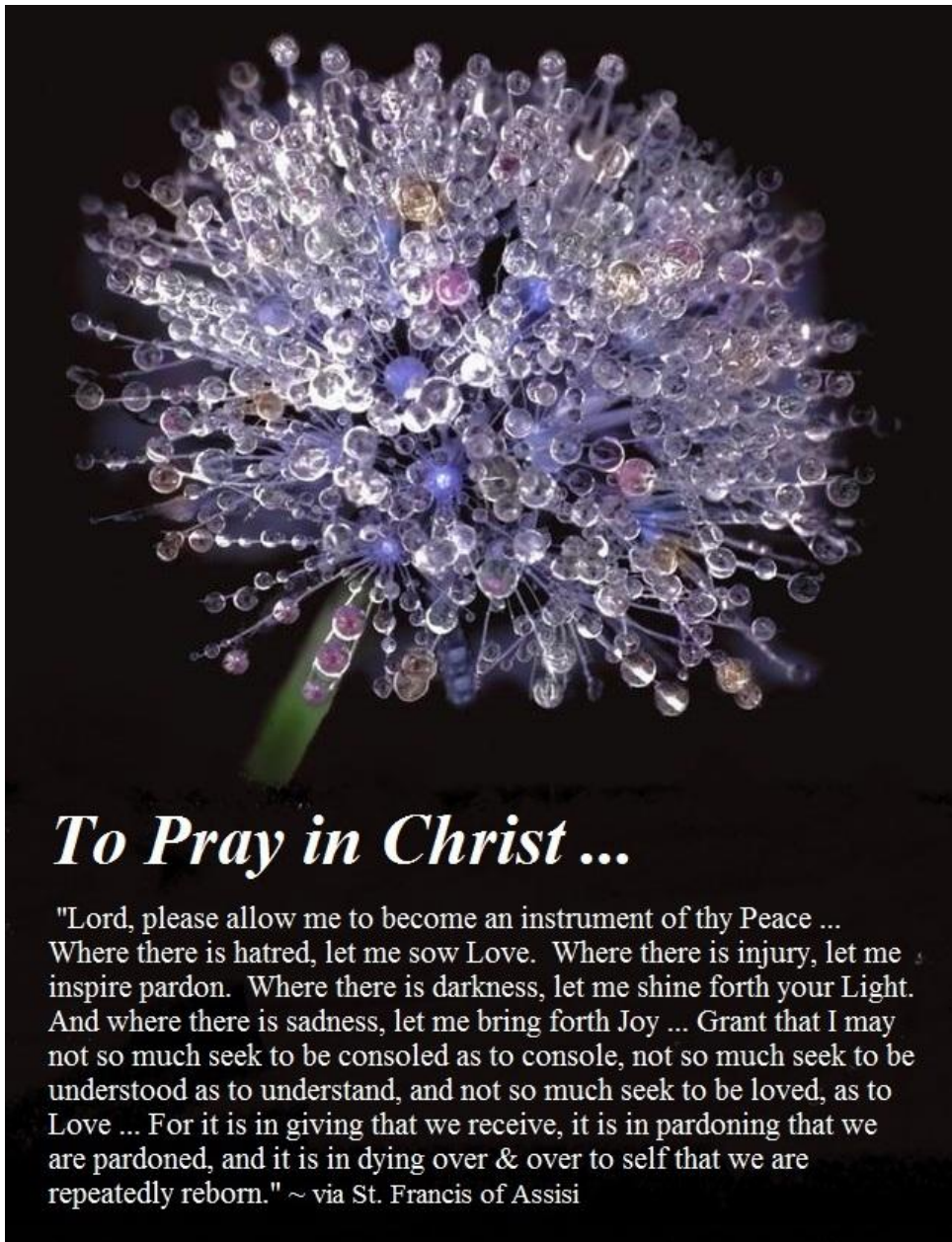
And how do we **welcome** others as this verse ([Romans 15:7](#)) demands – how did Jesus **welcome** those in his own life? The answer: by doing so “**in his name**” – by seeing the Divine within even the lowliest around him (see [Matthew 25:35-40](#)) and within even those acting far less than Divine (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#)) – by giving all glory to the Father while acting towards them with according Love and gentleness.



complaining to God ...

***“Evening and morning and midday you utter your complaints.
You whine and moan, and I hear your voice.” ~ God***

As this verse ([Psalm 55:17](#)) implies, God certainly hears us when we **whine** & **moan**, and yet what is not mentioned here is the equal and far more important Truth: namely, that He rejoices with(*in*) us when we rejoice — especially when we do so via Caring for others; especially during those moments we are most inclined to **whine** & **moan** instead.



Blessed are the Poor ...

*“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is My Kingdom.” ~ God*

As this verse ([Luke 6:20](#)) implies, blessed are the **poor** indeed, for without the trappings of superficial comfort and selfish pleasure, the poor are the ones who most readily able to understand the Truth that they (just like us far “more fortunate,” and therefore far more blind, folks) are **already** on the threshold of **the Kingdom of God**, and that all it takes for them (or any of us, for that matter) to cross over into that glorious realm is to actively Care for another; especially when we – for whatever reason(s) – don’t wish to do so or don’t think we can ... (see [John 13:15-17](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#), [Matthew 18:3-4](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#), [Matthew 5:3-12](#) et al)



on keeping God's Commandments ...

“Let your heart therefore be wholly true to Me, the Lord your God; walking in My statutes and keeping My commandments.” ~ God

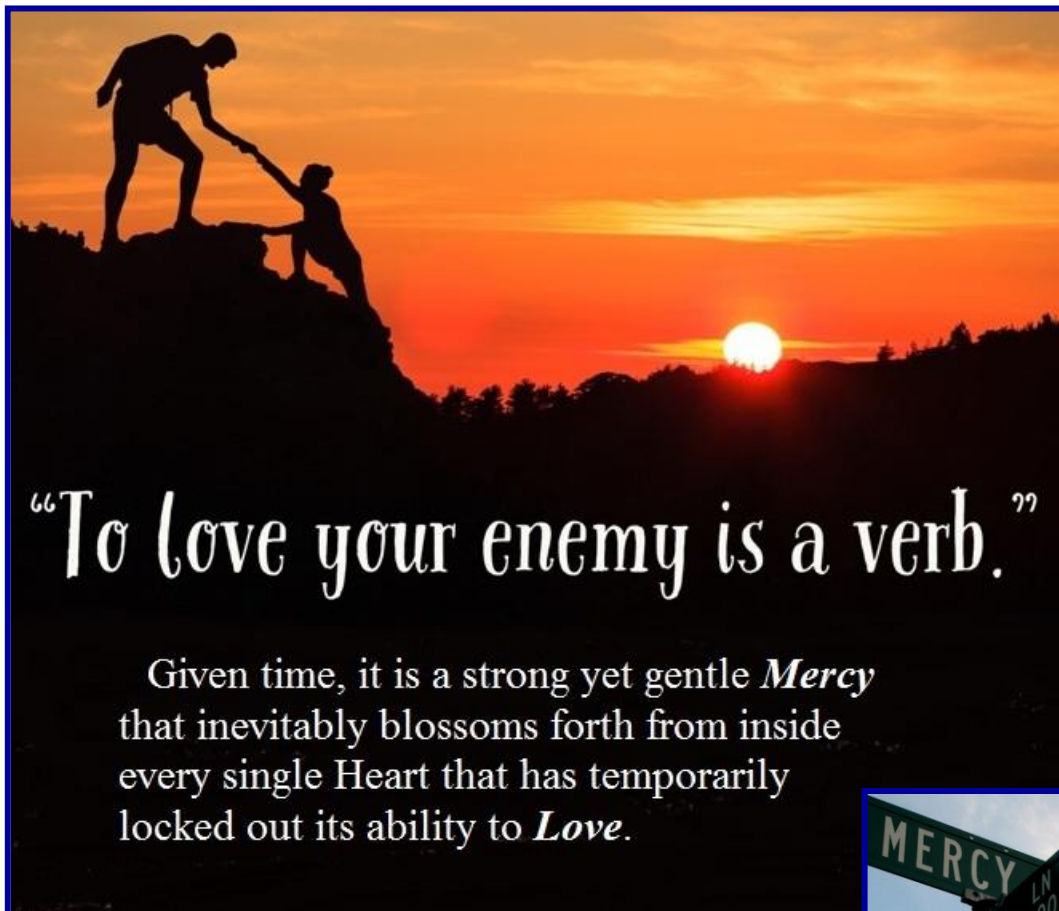
Actually, the only way to have our hearts truly be **true to the Lord** -- as this verse ([1 Kings 8:61](#)) intimates -- is to completely cease obeying the commandments of **any** ruler (celestial or otherwise), and start sincerely choosing to **willingly** (and actively) Love our enemies instead ... For at least as far as Jesus was concerned, there is only one Commandment **from the Lord** that is in any way relevant to this or any other verse in the Bible: namely, the Commandment to actively Care for your enemies as if they were the Lord Himself ... (see [Matthew 22:37-40](#) + [Luke 10:29-37](#) et al)



the mercy of Christ ...

*“Keep yourselves in My Love, looking
for the Mercy of your Lord Jesus
Christ, unto eternal life.” ~ God*

As far as the “[eternal life](#)” mentioned in this verse goes ([Jude 1:21](#)-- and elsewhere in the Scriptures, for that matter), it is well worth combining the wisdom found in verses [Matthew 5:48](#), [1 John 4:18](#) & [Luke 17:20-21](#). For when considered humbly, they note **01**) that remaining in the pure [Love of God](#) requires actively Caring for those we least care for (&/or those who least care for us – see [Matthew 5:40-48](#)) and **02**) that the “[Kingdom of Heaven](#)” of which Jesus speaks is always right here, right now – is always a perfect State of Being that has absolutely nothing to do with either reward or punishment in any potential future “afterlife” --- (again, see [1 John 4:18](#) & [Luke 17:20-21](#), along with [Matthew 10:7](#), [Matthew 24:12-14](#) et al)



trusting in God ...

“She that handles a matter wisely shall find good, and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is she as well.” ~ God

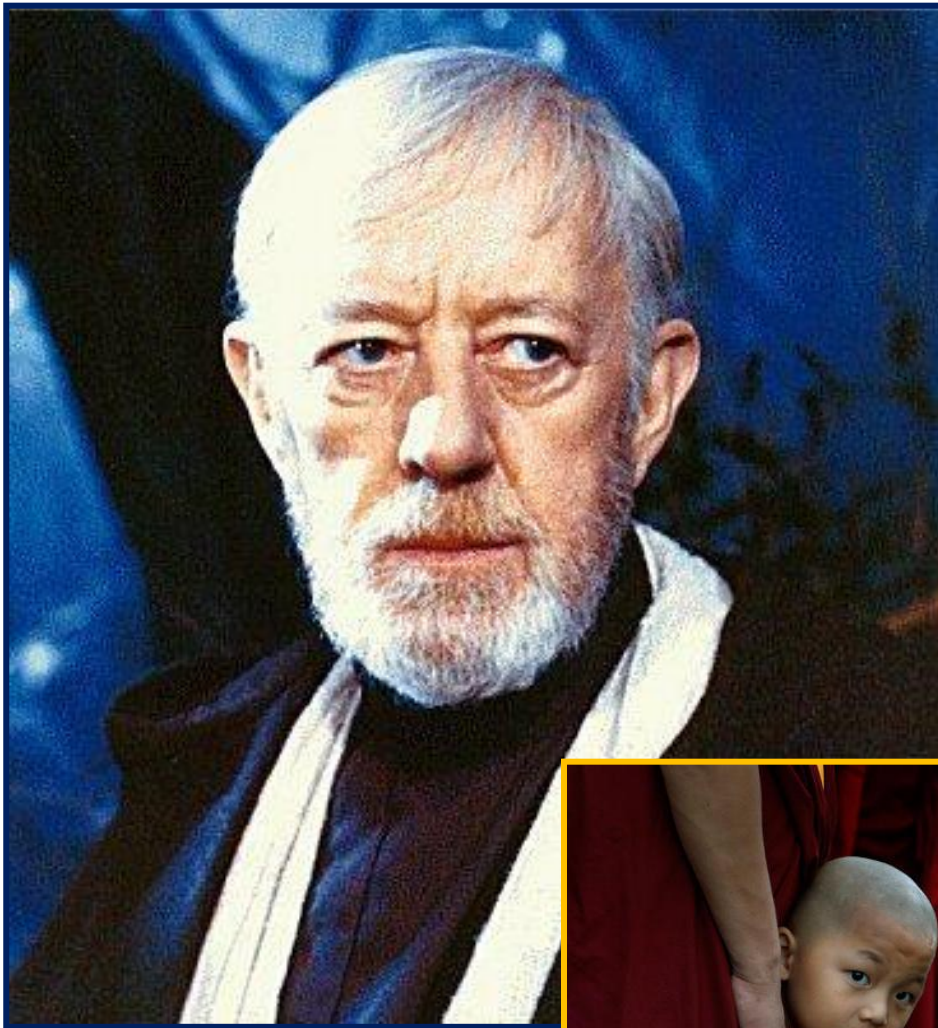
To truly “**handle a matter wisely**” as this verse (Proverbs 16:20) mandates is simply to **Do Good** for another; never to find “good” for one’s self – simply to seek the greater opportunity to serve; never to flee from any obligation or duty.



the true Master ...

“Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not longer life bring greater understanding?” ~ God

Actually, Jesus was quite clear in his gentle admonishment for us all to “become again as a child” instead (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#)). After all, what good is the “wisdom” of the advanced age mentioned in this verse ([Job 12:12](#)) if those aged never exhibit the Humility or the Courage to *live again* as an infant — in a state of pure Wonderment for life, and a state of perfect Love for others?



clear Discernment ...

***“I will teach you good discernment and sound knowledge,
for you must believe in My commandments.” ~ God***

Actually, despite this verse ([Psalm 119:66](#)) alluding to a different truth, there is only one Commandment – one that needn't be taught at all to be remembered. It is a Truth that we have all known since our youngest days, and it is a Truth that is essentially the following: ***Actively care for all enemies as though they are God Himself.*** In every moment we choose to do so, complete Peace is ever the result, and in every moment we choose to do so, we stand above the delusional duality of “myself” and “other” – and all discernments thereafter become crystal clear.



treating the treacherous ...

“Trusting in a treacherous man in times of trouble is like eating with a bad tooth or trekking upon a foot that slips.” ~ God

Fair enough – though what this verse ([Proverbs 25:19](#)) fails to mention is a far more important reality – namely, that actively **Caring** for the same **treacherous man** mentioned herein (especially **in times of trouble**) **is** actually the shortest Way back to God.



*Having the
Courage to Care
is having the guts to act accordingly.*

persistence & abundance ...

“And let steadfastness have its full effect; that you might be perfect and complete, fully lacking in nothing.” ~ God

Actually, the only **steadfastness** that brings us to the **perfection** mentioned in this verse (**James 1:4**) is a persistent Faith-filled acceptance of all that already *is*. Indeed, before we can even begin the journey to our ultimate Salvation, we must alter our attitude twofold – **01**) we must have the humility to cease striving for the Good that is not, and **02**) we must avoid giving in feebly to the evil that is. Instead, we must choose to walk the “**narrow way**” of simply doing the Good there is to be done and then letting go of the results and moving on to the next opportunity to fight for the downtrodden; the next opportunity to Love ... This is **The Way of Christ** — a life that brings a lasting abundance of the greatest of treasures: complete Peace within, and an ever-blossoming Harmony without.



giving the Holy Kiss ...

*“Always greet one another with a holy kiss ...
May all the churches of Christ greet you warmly.” ~ God*

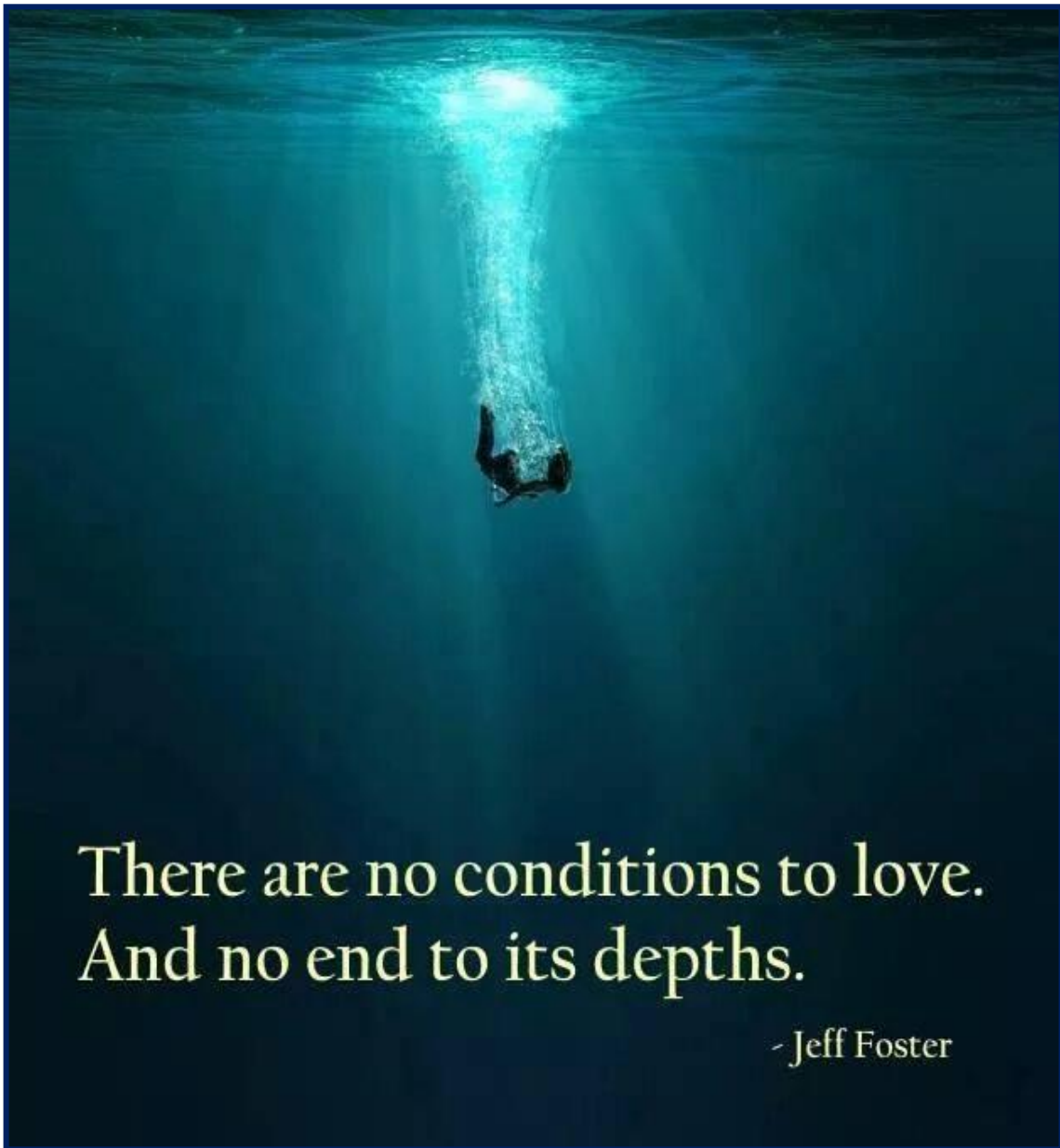
Actually, **the Spirit of Christ** – and thus the **church of Christ** mentioned in this verse (**Romans 16:16**) – lives within every human being, and resides at the center of every church; a center found not in the church’s pulpit, but rather in the eyes of the very lowest member of its meekest congregation ... And the “**holy kiss**” mentioned in this verse is what happens to all who choose to feel and then **enliven** this Truth whenever they meet another -- especially another from a different station or status or mentality or allegiance or creed ... (see **Matthew 5:40-48**)



laying down Life ...

***“Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down his life for his friends.” ~ God***

Actually, there is a greater Love than the one mentioned herein ([John 15:13](#)) – a far greater love indeed: namely, when someone lays down his or her own life not for a friend, but rather for an enemy — and thereby makes of that enemy a Soulmate (literally) for life.



There are no conditions to love.
And no end to its depths.

- Jeff Foster

letting there be Light ...

*“And I said, ‘Let there be light’
... and there was light.” ~ God*

Interestingly enough, [Genesis 1:3](#) noted that God created the Light **in the beginning**, and yet Light there is still -- and Light there always will be.



knowledge & wealth ...

*“And via Knowledge shall your chambers be filled
with all manner of precious & pleasant riches.” ~ God*

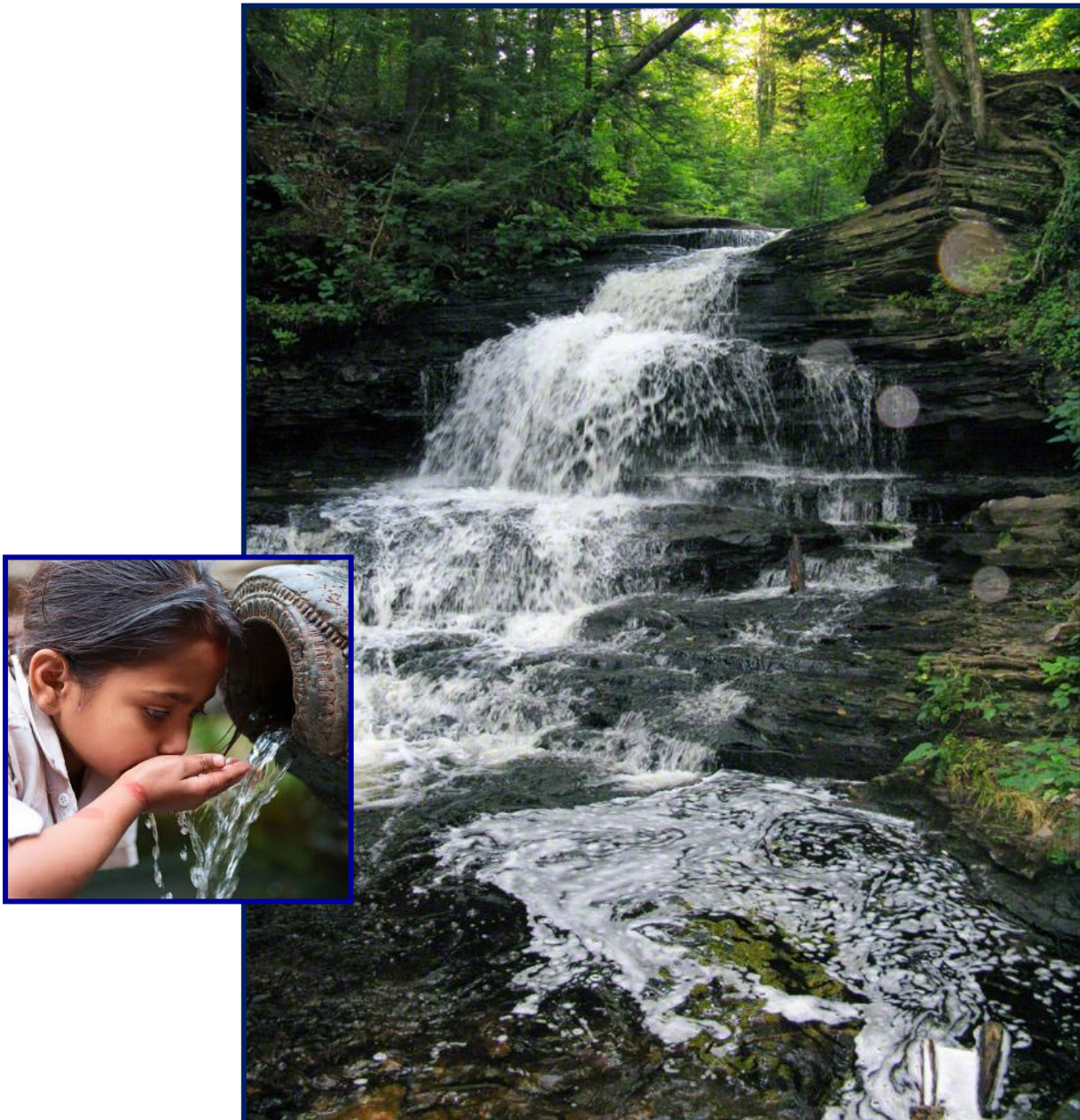
Neither knowledge nor the material “wealth” alluded to in this verse (Proverbs 24:4) can access the most pleasant & precious treasure of all – the priceless **Peace** that only comes to those who purposefully sacrifice their own comfort &/or “wealth” &/or well-being to lessen the suffering of another.



the Fountain of Life ...

***“For with Me is the Fountain of Life:
in My light shall all see light.” ~ God***

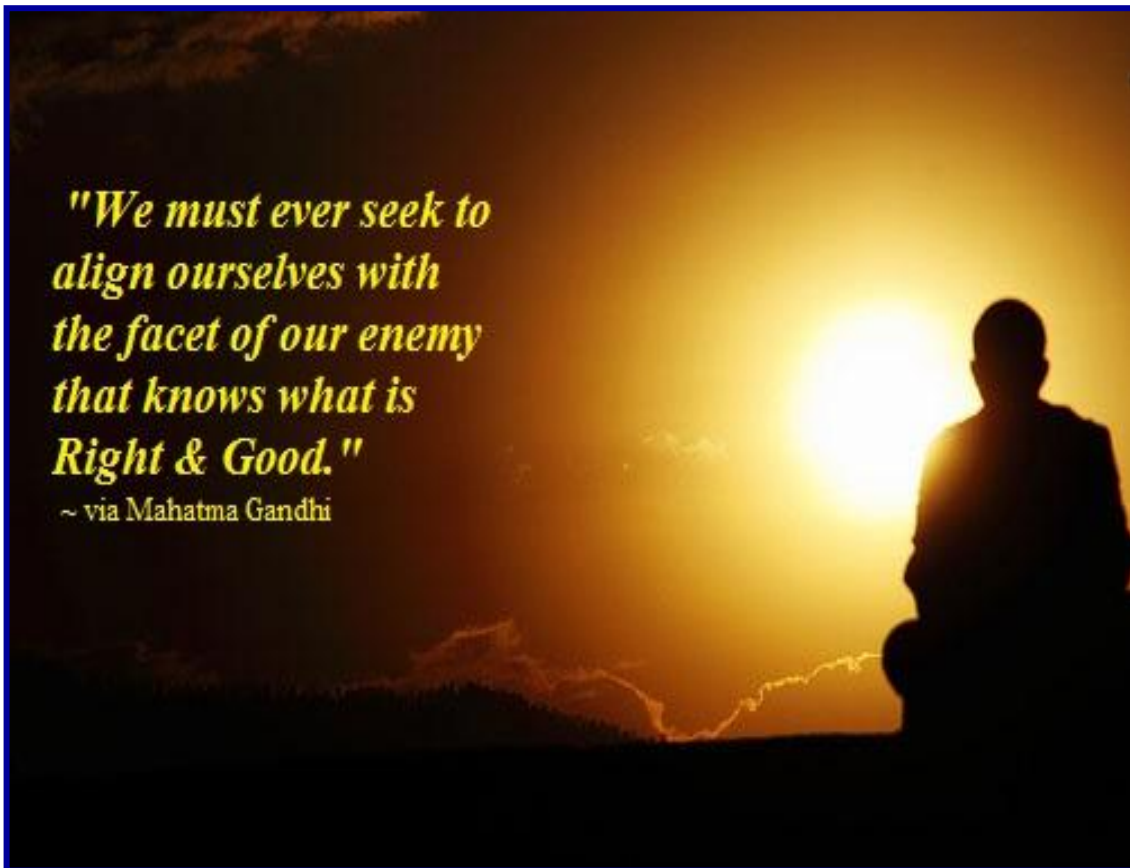
This verse ([Psalm 36:9](#)) is true enough -- for *within* each & every one of us is indeed a Fountain of **Living**; and we shall all see our own divine radiance – the very same “**fountain of life**” mentioned herein – reflected in every one of our acts of courageously selfless Love.



God as a great ally ...

***“Do not fear them, for I, the LORD your God,
am the one fighting for you.” ~ God***

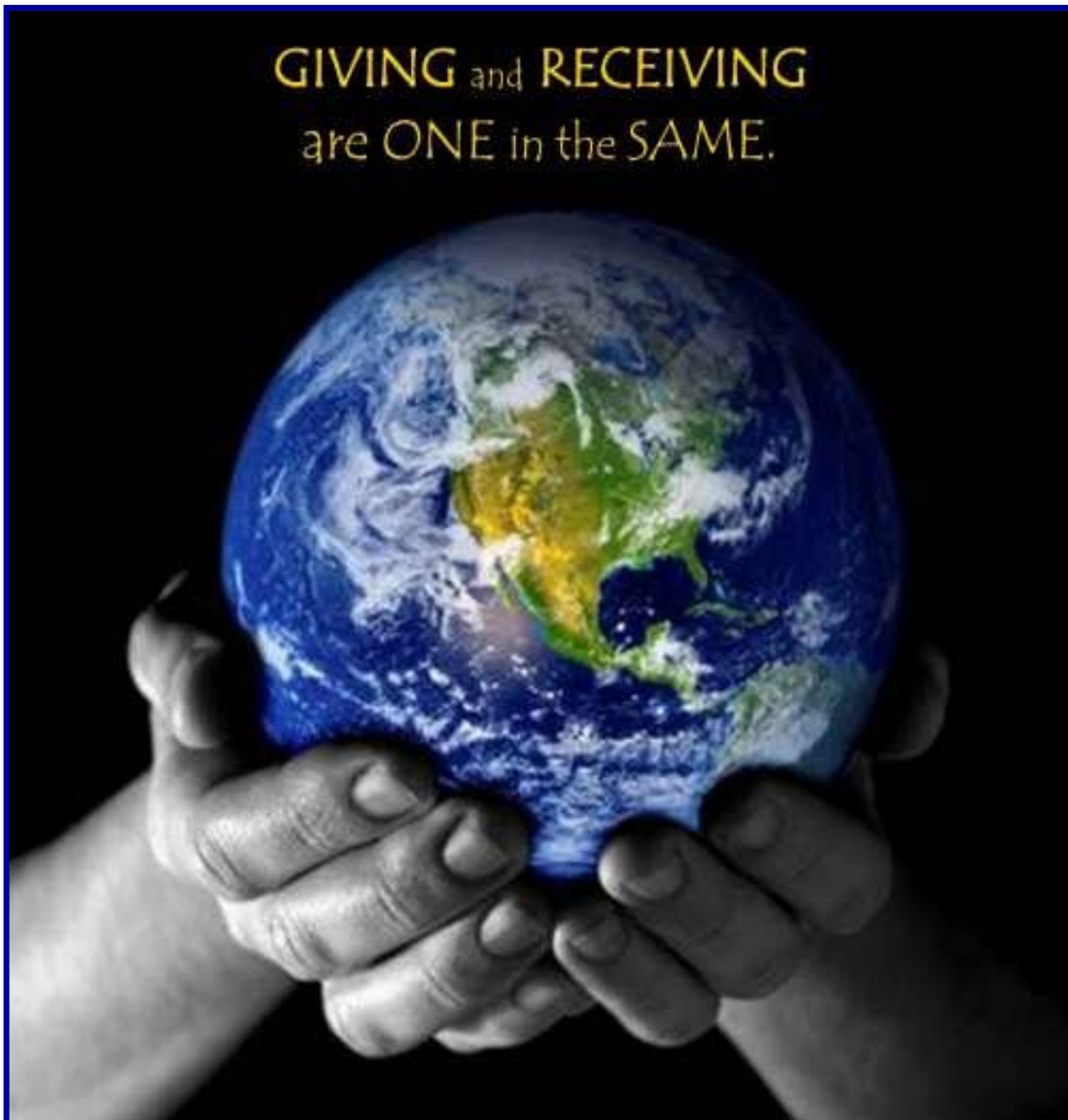
What this verse ([Deuteronomy 3:22](#)) neglects to inform us is that the only way to not fear another is to actively Care for them ... Indeed, Jesus' commandment to “[Love your enemies](#)” is pretty straightforward — and, at least for those who exude the courage required to actually follow through with it, it is incredibly effective as well ... **P.S.** And by the way -- as the ultimate Source of all pure Love (see [Matthew 5:48](#) + [1 John 4](#) + [John 14:12-26](#)), God takes no sides and God engages no conflicts. Indeed, the God of perfect Love and absolute Mercy (a la [Luke 6:36](#)) by His very nature has no enemies -- only Loved Ones, and as such He always refuses to [fight for](#) anyone over anyone else.



on trusting God ...

*“Trust in Me, and do good for others.
So shall you dwell in the land, and
verily you shall be fed.” ~ God*

Actually, whenever we are Caring fully for another, our doing good *becomes* our greatest sustenance. Yes, it is true that there are other sources of energy (aside from food and rest alluded to in this verse – [Psalm 37:3](#)) available to every conscious being. And yet choosing to *be kind when least inclined* is the most immediate way to tap into the endless well of Cosmic Energy that many call “God’s Will” ... So go ahead: Give it a whirl!



the Word & salvation ...

“For the Word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, and yet to you who are being saved it is the Power of Me, your God.” ~ God

Actually, the only way to “be saved” by [the Word of the Cross](#) mentioned in this verse ([1 Corinthians 1:18](#)) is for each of us to pick up our own cross of self-sacrificial Kindness (see [Matthew 16:24](#) et al) and literally follow The Way of Christ ... Of course, this Way has nothing at all to do with worshiping Jesus, and everything to do with joyfully offering up our own “best interests” to soothe the sufferings of another.



on prudence & Wisdom ...

***“The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks the same.” ~ God***

Actually, [the ear of the Wise](#) mentioned in this verse ([Proverbs 18:15](#)) can only hear the Truth of selfless Love ***while acting accordingly*** ... Indeed, if we seek only book knowledge, we will only find pretty words. And yet if we have the Courage to “[become again as a child](#)” (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#)); to recklessly leap into acts of bold Kindness, then — and only then — we will rediscover and once again clearly hear the Word of God.



“True prudence has two sets of eyes; one that looks into one's surroundings and knows where serve next, and another that examines each Leap of Love after the fact -- to then be able to better serve anew ... In this way, true prudence not only knows to do the Right Deed at the Right Time, it also knows to leave undone the wrong deed at its most tempting moment.” ~ inspired by St. Ignatius & Benjamin Franklin

on success and God's approval ...

***“That I, the Lord your God, might show you My approval
and make your efforts successful.” ~ God***

Actually, the **efforts** mentioned in this verse (Psalm 90:17) are only truly **Success**-full when they allow us to rejoice in the successes of others ...



"Real & potent Success does not come from making your life "successful" -- it comes from making your living Meaning-full. It comes from using the gifts and abilities you have already been given to immerse yourself completely in the lives of those in need where you already are ... It is being strong for others in those times when you feel weak, it is being brave for others in those times when you feel scared, and it is being humbly generous to others in those times when you feel victorious." ~ unknown

angels as Servants ...

***“Are not angels all ministering Spirits,
servants sent out in the service of Me for the help
of those who are to inherit salvation?” ~ God***

There is great Truth here as well — as long as we remember that ***all beings*** are destined to inherit the Salvation mentioned in this verse ([Hebrews 1:14](#)). Yes, some Souls do seem to “get there” sooner than others (who opt instead to live primarily selfish lives and wait until their deathbed to comprehend unconditional Love and our Calling to administer it to others -- see [John 13:17](#) + [Luke 17:20-21](#) vs [Matthew 23](#) et al), and yet “get there” every sentient being eventually does ... In essence, we are not to be merely thankful for the angels in our lives, but have actually been summoned to ***become angels for others*** as well.



the angels of Children ...

***“Don’t think these young children are worth nothing.
I tell you that they have angels in Heaven
who are always with Me.” ~ God***

Of course, what this verse fails to note is the great Truth that *we* are the ones actually mentioned herein ([Matthew 18:10](#)) – that *we* are these same children; and that *we* are these angels as well!



the Gift of Charity ...

*“And above all these things put on charity,
which is the bond of perfection.” ~ God*

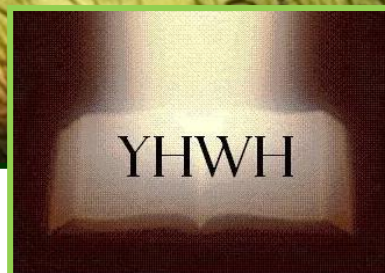
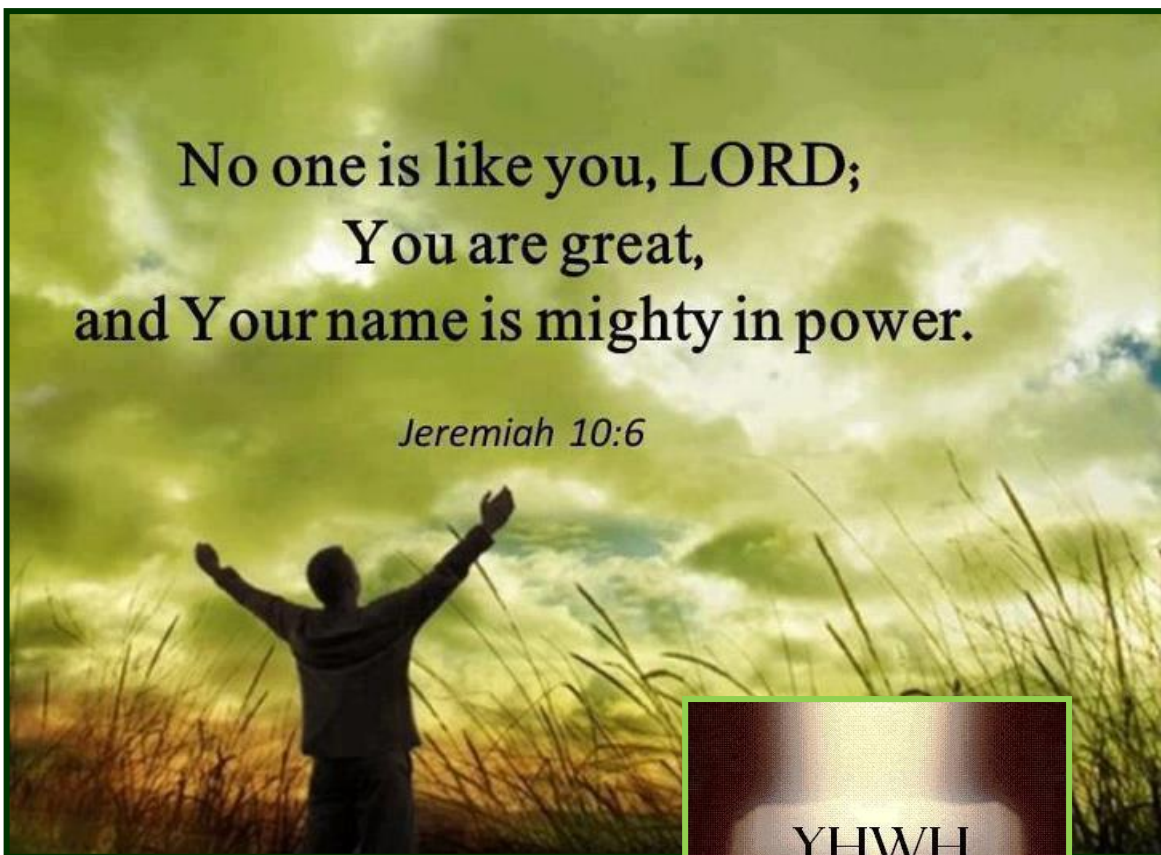
Actually, the **bond of perfection** mentioned in this verse (Colossians 3:14) is a *liberation from* striving for perfectness – a perfection that is fluidly known in every moment of willingly enlivened self-sacrificial Kindness ...



on God's glorious Name ...

*“Stand up and praise Me, the Lord your God;
I, who am from everlasting to everlasting.
Blessed be My glorious name, and may it be
exalted above all blessing and praise.” ~ God*

Let us all remember a few things related to this verse ([Nehemiah 9:5](#)) – **01**) that Jesus' heavenly Father is a God of limitless Love who treasures humility above all else (see [Matthew 5:40-48](#), [Matthew 18:3-4](#) et al), and as such would never desire the praise & adorations herein demanded, and **02**) that [God's glorious name](#) mentioned herein is actually the very same Oneness that connects our own “[Spirit of Truth within](#)” (see [John 14:20-26](#)) with everything external in our lives (see [Acts 17:28-29](#)), and finally **03**) that we can only [bless](#) such Oneness when we *act accordingly* — with courageous acts of self-sacrificially radical Kindness.



on Divine Forgiveness ...

“But if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither can I forgive you your trespasses.” ~ God

This verse ([Matthew 6:15](#)) is correct, of course, and yet it doesn't delineate the deeper Truth therein – namely, that we cannot truly **forgive another their trespasses** if we are doing so to gain reward or recompense of any kind. Note as well that this spiritual law is as true & binding for God as it is true & binding for each of us ...



rewarding the Pure Heart ...

*“He who loves a pure Heart and whose speech is gracious
will have the King for his friend.” ~ God*

Actually, the only way to purely “love a pure Heart” as noted in this verse (Proverbs 22:11) is to **exhibit** a pure Heart. In addition, the only way **speak graciously** is with our deeds more than our words -- via bold acts of selfless Kindness more than mere words of appreciation.

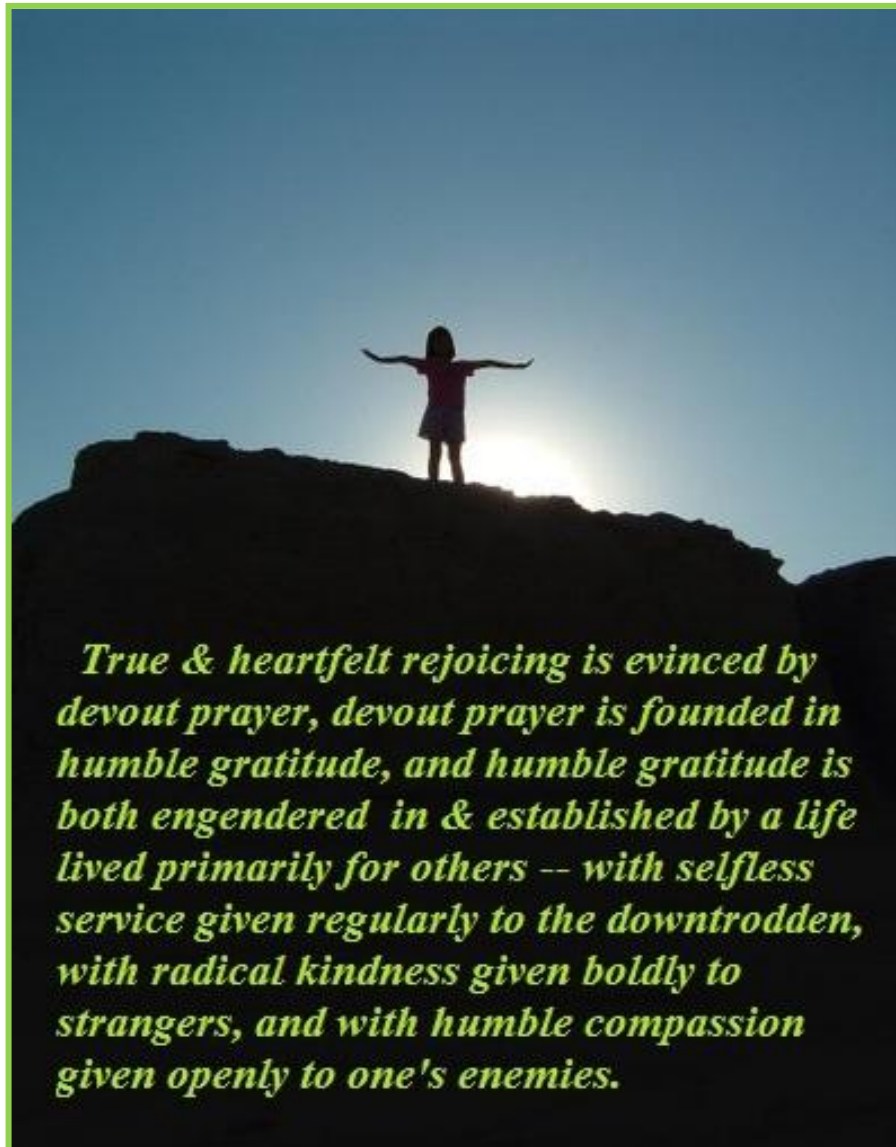


*The pure Heart -- the Heart that is
humbly open to the Light of perfect Love
-- has no choice but to become filled with
the Truth of our innate Oneness, and the
body that is carrying that Heart has no
choice thereafter but to act accordingly.*

rejoicing always ...

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is My will in Jesus Christ for you.” ~ God

We can only truly rejoice in harmony with the Will of God as mentioned in this verse (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) when we gently yet boldly serve the downtrodden ... We can only truly pray in harmony with that same Will of God when we forgive our trespassers ... We can only truly give thanks in harmony with that one Will of God when we actively Care for those who are “least deserving” of the same.



re-membering true Joy ...

“So sing for Joy over the works of My hands.” ~ God

What this verse ([Psalm 92:4](#)) fails to note is a far more important Truth – namely, that God sings much more Joy-fully over the actualized works of *our Hearts* than we could ever hope to sing over the works of His “[hands](#).”



“I have told you these things so that my Joy might become enlivened by your caring deeds -- and that your own Joy might become fulfilled thereby.”

~ Jesus Christ (John 15:11)

children & the Kingdom ...

“Let the young children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such as they belongs the Kingdom of Heaven.” ~ God

When reveling in the beauties of any moment (as alluded to in this verse – [Mathew 19:4](#)), or when expressing our gratitude for being alive, or when humbly & courageously caring for our enemies — these are the times when we are *all* fully reborn as the “[young children](#)” we have innately been from the start ... (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#), [John 3:3-8](#), [Matthew 7:21](#), [Matthew 5:40-48](#), [John 13:15-17](#) et al)



"The Kingdom of God is not coming someday in the future with events that can be observed. For indeed, the Kingdom of God is already within you ... And anyone who refuses to receive this Kingdom of God in the same way all very young children do will never be able to enter it." ~ Jesus Christ (Luke 17:20-21 & Mark 10:15)

casting our fears on God ...

*“Cast all your anxieties on Me,
because I care for you.” ~ God*

Despite what this verse (1 Peter 5:7) seems to say to the contrary, it is impossible to maintain any **anxiety** at all while fulfilling the will of God via actively Caring for another. Indeed, such selflessness is what it means to reside in “**the Kingdom of Heaven**” (see Luke 13:17 & John 13:17 et al) – a perfectly blissful State of Being that by its very nature cannot harbor even the slightest vestige of angst or fear ... (see John 15:12, Matthew 16:24, Matthew 5:40-48, Matthew 24:12-14 et al)



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

Loving your neighbor ...

***“If you truly fulfill the law according to the Scriptures,
especially the law ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’
then you are truly doing more than well.” ~ God***

True enough, though this verse ([James 2:8](#)) neglects to mention one of the most important facts in the entire Bible – namely, that Jesus only defines “neighbor” once in the Scriptures, and that he does so using the Parable of the Good Samaritan (see [Luke 10:29-37](#)); a tale that makes a Samaritan the hero of the tale (the Samaritans were the primary cultural enemies of the Jews in Jesus’ day) – not only that; a Samaritan who had the wherewithal to “show mercy” to another (something we can only do for someone who has wronged us). That’s right, in the only place Jesus defines “neighbor” in the entire Bible, he turned the Judaic traditions of his day on their heads by redefining “neighbor” as “enemy,” and thereby dramatically shifting the focus of his lone Divine Commandment – demanding not that we merely “Love our neighbors” but rather that we have the courage to reach out and actively “Love our enemies” instead!

Loving your neighbor
is easy when he’s nice,
or when she’s the same
as you. But the rule is
“love thy neighbor.”

Even if he is different.
Even if she is a bit mean.
Even if they don’t believe
in the same things you do.

~ Doe Zantamata

"HEY, YOU KNOW THAT WHOLE
'LOVE THY NEIGHBOR' THING?
WELL, LET ME TELL YA ...

I REALLY MEANT THAT!"

~ GOD



“I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with common sense, reason, logic, and intellect has also intended for us to fully forgo their use in favor of following a blinded faith ... Sometimes the Bible in the hand of one man is worse than a whisky bottle in the hand of another. Some men are so busy worrying about the next life that they've forgotten how to gracefully live in this one.” ~ via Galileo & Harper Lee



*“And I will take one from a thousand
and two from ten thousand,
and they shall Become a single One.”
~ Jesus (Gospel of Thomas 23)*