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201. John the Baptist's Disappearance

Immediately after Christ had been baptised by John the Baptist at the river Jordan, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil for forty days and forty nights. Matthew, Mark and Luke all record this. In Matthew and Mark, we then read:

Matthew 4:12

Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee

Mark 1:14

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

It doesn't say He went to Galilee straight away after His return from the wilderness. He only went to Galilee *after* He had heard that John had been put in prison. There seems to have been a small amount of time between returning from the wilderness and His going back to Galilee. And to understand this, we need to read John's account. John seems to make a particular point of mentioning five consecutive days:

– **Day 0:** John gets a visit from the religious leaders, and has a dispute with them:

John 1:19

And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

– **Day 1:** Jesus Christ comes to see John.

John 1:29

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

– **Day 2:** Christ spends the day with some of John's disciples. These turn out to be Andrew, who fetches his brother Peter, and an unnamed disciple, probably John the writer:

John 1:35

Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples

– **Day 3:** Jesus returns to Galilee. According to Matthew and Mark, this must have been the point at which Christ heard that John had been put in prison:

John 1:43

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee....

– **Day 4:** “*The third day*” since Christ came to see John on Day 1, He’s now at a wedding in Galilee:

John 2:1

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee....

So, a total of five consecutive days are mentioned. The question here is, if that was the whole of Christ’s interaction with John the Baptist, where do the forty days and forty nights in the wilderness, mentioned in Matthew, Mark and Luke, fit in? They can’t. So John’s account cannot be describing Christ’s baptism at all.

We assume that Christ’s baptism was here on Day 1, the day Christ came to visit John. But I don’t think it is. Baptism is not mentioned at all. And I also believe John the writer doesn’t write of the Lord’s Supper either. The supper mentioned in chapter 13, where He washes the disciples’ feet, hands Judas the sop and Judas leaves early, is the same as the supper in Bethany mentioned in chapter 12. The writer John never speaks of either of the two ordinances in the church.

Day 1 is not Jesus visiting John for the first time for baptism. He is returning from His forty days in the wilderness. Otherwise we can’t fit those forty days in because the chronology in John’s gospel is so specific. After His return, John gets excited at seeing Him again, and points Him out to his hearers: That’s the One I baptised six weeks ago. That’s the One we should all follow. And he explains to them how he recognised Him by the Spirit coming on Him like a dove, and tells

them that He is the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

So, I suggest the chronology is like this:

- **Day 0:** John is visited by the authorities.
- **Day 1:** Christ returns from forty days in the wilderness to see John.
- **Day 2:** Christ spends the day with Andrew, Peter and (probably) John (the writer).
- **Day 3:** Three days after John had had a visit from the authorities, he “disappears.” He’s put in jail. That prompts Jesus to return to Galilee, meeting Philip and Nathanael on the way.
- **Day 4:** Three days after Christ’s return from the wilderness, Christ is in Cana of Galilee at a wedding, where He performs His first miracle.

John the Baptist’s ministry is almost over. He came as the forerunner of Christ, in the spirit and power of Elijah, bringing a baptism for the remission of sins. Many flocked to his ministry, causing a stir among the religious leaders. He baptised Christ Himself, not that He needed to repent, but to fulfil all righteousness, to set Him apart for His public ministry. And finally, after Christ’s return from the wilderness, he tells his followers:

John 1:29

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Then he disappears. His main ministry is over. John was in this world for one main purpose – to point us to Jesus Christ:

John 3:30

He must increase, but I must decrease.

He languished in jail for a while, after which he seems to have been later released and continued his ministry for a time in another location:

John 3:23,24

And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. For John was not yet cast into prison.

Before, he had been preaching in Bethabara:

John 1:28

These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

But he then criticised Herod for taking his brother's wife:

Matthew 14:3,4

For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.

He was imprisoned for a second time, during which, Herod often went to hear him:

Mark 6:20

For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

But Herod's new wife eventually managed to get him to get his head chopped off:

Matthew 14:10

And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

202. Christ in Colossians

In the book of Colossians, Jesus Christ is exalted above all, and shown to be truly God:

Colossians 1:14

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins

Colossians 1:15

Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature

Colossians 1:16

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him

Colossians 1:17

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Colossians 1:18

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Colossians 1:19

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell

Colossians 1:20

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

Colossians 2:3

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:9

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Colossians 2:10

....which is the head of all principality and power

Colossians 2:11

In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ

203. Prayers in Heaven in the Book of Revelation

Revelation 4:8

*And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.***

Revelation 4:10,11

*The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, **Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.***

Revelation 5:8-10

*And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, **Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.***

Revelation 5:11,12

*And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.***

Revelation 5:13

*And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, **Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.***

Revelation 7:9,10

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a

loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Revelation 7:11,12

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 11:15

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 11:16-18

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

Revelation 15:3

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Revelation 16:5,6

And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

Revelation 16:7

*And I heard another out of the altar say, **Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.***

Revelation 19:1-3

*And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, **Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.** And again they said, **Alleluia.** And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.*

Revelation 19:4

*And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, **Amen; Alleluia.***

Revelation 19:5

*And a voice came out of the throne, saying, **Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.***

Revelation 19:6,7

*And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, **Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.***

204. Lists of Signs and Wonders

The “*signs and wonders*” that Christ performed are NOT the “*gifts of the Spirit*” mentioned elsewhere. Those are for the church, and still with us today. These “*signs and wonders*” are altogether different. They were specifically given for the short period of time that Jesus Christ was on earth in His public ministry, and for a short time afterwards with the apostles, simply to prove who He was. Various lists of these “*signs and wonders*” are given in Scripture:

Matthew 4:24

And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Matthew 10:1,8

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.... Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 11:5

The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Matthew 15:30,31

And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

Luke 7:22

*Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that **the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised**, to the poor the gospel is preached.*

205. “Mikveh”

The Hebrew word “*mikveh*” seems to have various meanings:

Genesis 1:10

*And God called the dry land Earth; and the **gathering together [mikveh]** of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.*

Exodus 7:19

*And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their **pools [mikveh]** of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.*

Leviticus 11:36

*Nevertheless a fountain or pit, wherein there is **plenty [mikveh]** of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcase shall be unclean.*

1 Kings 10:28

*And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and **linen yarn [mikveh]**: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.*

1 Chronicles 29:15

*For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is **none abiding [mikveh]**.*

Ezra 10:2

*And Shechaniab the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: **yet now there is hope [mikveh]** in Israel concerning this thing.*

Isaiah 22:11

*Ye made also a **ditch [mikveh]** between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.*

Jeremiah 50:7

*All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the **hope [mikveh]** of their fathers.*

206. Veil of the Tabernacle / Temple

The Tabernacle had a veil:

Exodus 26:31-33

*And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made: And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver. And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest **bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.***

Exodus 27:20,21

*And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always. **In the tabernacle of the congregation without the veil, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.***

Exodus 30:1,6

*And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it.... And thou shalt put it **before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.***

Exodus 35:12

*The ark, and the staves thereof, with the mercy seat, and **the veil of the covering,***

Exodus 36:35

*And he made **a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubims made he it of cunning work.***

Exodus 39:34

*And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and **the veil of the covering,***

Exodus 40:3

*And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and **cover the ark with the veil.***

Exodus 40:21,22,26

*And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up **the veil of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony;** as the LORD commanded Moses. And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the veil.... And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation **before the veil.***

Leviticus 4:6

*And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before **the veil of the sanctuary.***

Leviticus 4:17

*And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, even **before the veil.***

Leviticus 16:2

*And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place **within the veil** before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.*

Leviticus 16:12

*And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it **within the veil***

Leviticus 16:15

*Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood **within the veil**, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat*

Leviticus 21:23

*Only he shall not go **in unto the veil**, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctify them.*

Leviticus 24:3

Without the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: it shall be a statute for ever in your generations.

Numbers 4:5

*And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down **the covering veil**, and cover the ark of testimony with it*

Numbers 18:7

*Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing of the altar, and **within the veil**; and ye shall serve: I have given your priest's office unto you as a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.*

The Temple had a veil:

2 Chronicles 3:14

*And he made **the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubims** thereon.*

This is the only place in the Old Testament where this is actually mentioned.

Matthew 27:51

*And, behold, **the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom**; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent*

Mark 15:38

*And **the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.***

Luke 23:45

*And the sun was darkened, and **the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.***

Hebrews 9:3

*And after **the second veil**, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all*

The real Temple in Heaven has a spiritual veil:

Hebrews 6:19,20

*Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which **entereth into that within the veil**; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*

Hebrews 10:19,20

*Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through **the veil, that is to say, his flesh***

207. Much Speaking / Silence

We are called to speak little:

Matthew 5:33-37

*Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But **let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.***

Proverbs 10:19

In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

Proverbs 13:3

He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

Proverbs 17:1

Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.

Proverbs 17:27

He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

Proverbs 17:28

Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

Proverbs 21:23

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

Ecclesiastes 5:1,2

Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be

not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

Isaiah 30:15

*For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; **in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:** and ye would not.*

Isaiah 41:1

***Keep silence before me,** O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.*

Jeremiah 8:14

*Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and **let us be silent there: for the LORD our God hath put us to silence,** and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD.*

Lamentations 2:10

***The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and keep silence:** they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.*

Lamentations 3:28

***He sitteth alone and keepeth silence,** because he hath borne it upon him.*

Amos 5:13

*Therefore **the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.***

Habakkuk 2:20

But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Zechariah 2:13

***Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD:** for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.*

Matthew 6:7,8

*But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for **they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.** Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.*

1 Corinthians 14:28

*But **if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.***

1 Corinthians 14:34

Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

1 Timothy 2:11,12

Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.** But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, **but to be in silence.

Our tongue is a fire:

James 3:1-10

*My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so **the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.** For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: **But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.** Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.*

But there is a time to speak:

Ecclesiastes 3:1,7

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.... A time to rend, and a time to sew; **a time to keep silence, and a time to speak***

Psalm 32:3-5

***When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.** For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. **I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.** Selah.*

Psalm 39:2-4

I was dumb with silence, I held my peace,** even from good; and my sorrow was stirred. My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: **then spake I with my tongue, LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Isaiah 62:6,7

*I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: **ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest,** till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*

208. “Natural” Talents

Passages mentioning “natural” talents, in which it does not say where they come from:

Genesis 4:19-22

*And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. And Adah bare Jabal: **he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.** And his brother's name was Jubal: **he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.** And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, **an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron:** and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.*

Genesis 25:27

*And the boys grew: and **Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.***

1 Samuel 16:16-18

*Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to **seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp:** and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, **I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him.***

1 Chronicles 5:18

*The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, **of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war,** were four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war.*

1 Chronicles 22:15

*Moreover **there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.***

1 Chronicles 25:1-8

*Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service **of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals:** and the number of the workmen according to their service was: Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, **which prophesied according to the order of the king.** Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, **who prophesied with a harp,** to give thanks and to praise the Lord. Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamtiezer, Joshbekashab, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth: All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, **to lift up the horn.** And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. All these were under the hands of their father **for song in the house of the Lord, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps,** for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman. So the number of them, with their brethren **that were instructed in the songs of the Lord, even all that were cunning,** was two hundred fourscore and eight. And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.*

1 Kings 7:13,14

*And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, **a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass.** And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.*

2 Chronicles 2:12-14

*Huram said moreover, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the Lord, and an house for his kingdom. And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father's, The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, **skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.***

2 Chronicles 26:15

And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

Daniel 1:3,4

*And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and **skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.***

All men have “natural” talents to some degree:

Ecclesiastes 9:11

*I returned, and saw under the sun, that **the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.***

But sometimes “natural” talents are especially given by the Lord to believers, for certain purposes:

Exodus 31:1-5

*And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: **And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.***

Exodus 35:30-35

*And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; **And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and***

in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aboliab, the son of Abisamach, of the tribe of Dan. Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

Daniel 9:22

And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

“Gifts of the Spirit” too, are only given to believers by the Lord, but these are **completely** different:

1 Corinthians 12:4,7-11

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.... But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

209. Potter

A “potter” and his work is used as a type in Scripture on many occasions:

1 Chronicles 4:23

*These were the **potters**, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.*

Psalms 2:9

*Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; **thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.***

Isaiah 29:16

*Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed **as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?***

Isaiah 30:14

*And he shall break it **as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces**; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water withal out of the pit.*

Isaiah 41:25

*I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and **as the potter treadeth clay.***

Isaiah 64:8

*But now, O LORD, thou art our father; **we are the clay, and thou our potter**; and we all are the work of thy hand.*

Jeremiah 18:1-6

*The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Arise, and **go down to the potter's house**, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, O*

house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah 19:1,11

Thus saith the LORD, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests.... And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury.

Lamentations 4:2

The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

Daniel 2:41

And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

Zechariah 11:12,13

And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

Matthew 27:6-10

And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

Romans 9:21

Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Revelation 2:27

And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

210. The World will Destroy the Visible Church

The whole of the Old Testament gives us the history of a visible church, namely the Israelites. Time and time again throughout this history, we see the bulk of the church against the Lord. All men over twenty had to be destroyed in the wilderness. They had to be taken into exile in Babylon. And after their Messiah came and they rejected Him, their city and Temple was destroyed, the Temple never to be rebuilt.

This is a warning to all of us in all ages. The visible church in the world has always been corrupt, and always will be. The true believers will always be a remnant within it, whom the Lord will keep.

It is prophesied in Scripture that the world coming in to the visible church will eventually be the means of its destruction:

Isaiah 5:25-30

Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly: None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken: Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind: Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it. And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

Revelation 17:16,17

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

211. Moses was a Priest

Aaron was not the only priest in the family, Moses was too:

Psalm 99:6

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

Notice it doesn't say Samuel was a priest, because he wasn't.

Exodus 24:6-8

And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.

Exodus 40:18-30

And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars..... And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal.

Leviticus 8:1-30

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread.... And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

212. The Gospel Demands Obedience

The gospel is not just a take-it-or-leave-it message. It is a command. It ***demand**s* obedience:

Romans 10:16

*But they have not all **obeyed the gospel**. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?*

2 Thessalonians 1:7,8

*And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and **that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ***

1 Peter 4:17

*For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of **them that obey not the gospel of God?***

213. Not Willing That Any Should Perish

Whenever we read of God “*not willing that any should perish,*” it is never speaking of everybody in the world. It is always speaking about His own elect people, who are indeed saved. Not one will be lost:

2 Peter 3:9

*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering **to us-ward** [i.e. towards His people], not willing that any [of us, His people] should perish, but that all [of us, His people] should come to repentance.*

Matthew 18:14

*Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that **one of these little ones** [i.e. His people] should perish.*

Matthew 23:37

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou [i.e. the leaders in Jerusalem] that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered **thy children** [i.e. His people] together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye [i.e. the leaders in Jerusalem] would not!*

Isaiah 30:18

*And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: **blessed are all they that wait for him.***

214. The Law Cannot Save

The Law was never a means of salvation. In all ages, the means of salvation was all by grace, putting one's trust in the promised Messiah. He has now come, we know who He is, Jesus Christ.

The purpose of the Law was to magnify sin, so we see our need of Christ more:

Isaiah 42:21

The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.

Galatians 3:11

But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Galatians 3:21-25

Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Hebrews 7:19

For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Hebrews 10:1

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

215. Death

We Are But Dust:

The only thing that sets us apart from a piece of dirt on the ground is the fact that God breathed into us the breath of life:

Genesis 2:7

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

And after this life is over, we return to the ground again:

Genesis 3:19

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Ecclesiastes 3:20

All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

And, what's more, our time here as dust is so short:

1 Corinthians 7:29

But this I say, brethren, the time is short....

Job 8:9

For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow.

Job 14:1,2

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

Psalms 39:4-6

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah. Surely every

man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

Psalm 39:11

*When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, **thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.** Selah.*

Psalm 78:39

*For **he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.***

Psalm 89:47,48

***Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?** What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.*

Psalm 90:9,10

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.** The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for **it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

James 4:14

*Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For **what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.***

So, why on earth has God put us all in this position, made of mere dust, and here for such a short space of time? What's the point of it all?

Psalm 103:14-16

*For he knoweth our frame; **he remembereth that we are dust.** As for man, **his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.** For **the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.***

Surely, Solomon was absolutely right about everything under the sun, because if this is all there is, there really is no point in any of it:

Ecclesiastes 1:14

*I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, **all is vanity and vexation of spirit.***

But there *is* a purpose behind everything the Lord ordains. Nothing is for no reason:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven

These bodies will indeed return to the earth from whence they came soon enough. But that's not the end of us. These bodies are just temporary dwelling places. That "*living soul*" that God breathed into us will last forever:

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

We do have something that will outlive the death of this body – an immortal soul. That's the real us. And every soul that God creates will eventually inhabit another body, which will be eternal:

1 Corinthians 15:44

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

We All Die:

Hebrews 2:14,15

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

1 Corinthians 15:26

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment

The Wages of Sin is Death:

Genesis 2:17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Romans 5:12-15

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Giving up the Ghost:

At death, the soul departs from the body:

Genesis 35:18

And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

1 Kings 17:21,22

And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

Psalm 30:3

*O Lord, **thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.***

Luke 12:20

*But God said unto him, **Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?***

This is made clear by the common Biblical expression “*gave up the ghost*”:

Genesis 25:8

*Then **Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.***

Genesis 25:17

*And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and **he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.***

Genesis 35:29

*And **Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.***

Genesis 49:33

*And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, **he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.***

Job 3:11

*Why died I not from the womb? **why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?***

Job 10:18

*Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? **Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!***

Job 11:20

*But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and **their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.***

Job 13:19

*Who is he that will plead with me? for now, **if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.***

Job 14:10

*But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, **man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?***

Jeremiah 15:9

*She that hath borne seven languisheth: **she hath given up the ghost;** her sun is gone down while it was yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.*

Lamentations 1:19

*I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: **my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city,** while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.*

Matthew 27:50

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

Mark 15:37

And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

Mark 15:39

And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

Luke 23:46

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

John 19:30

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Acts 5:5

And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

Acts 5:10

Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

Acts 12:23

And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

After Death, There is a Judgment:

At death, the soul returns to God for judgment:

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment

Hell is For Ever:

Revelation 20:10,15

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.... And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Isaiah 33:14

*The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? **who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?***

2 Thessalonians 1:9

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power

Matthew 18:8

Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

Matthew 25:41

*Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, **Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels***

Jeremiah 20:11

*But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: **their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.***

Jeremiah 23:39,40

*Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence: **And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.***

216. Sun and Moon Darkened

[See also: 39. The Day of the Lord]

The sun and moon were made on the fourth day of Creation for lights, signs and seasons:

Genesis 1:14-18

*And God said, **Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:** And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And **God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.** And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.*

The sun and moon will be destroyed on the Last Day:

Isaiah 13:10

*For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: **the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.***

Isaiah 24:23

*Then **the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed,** when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.*

Isaiah 34:4

*And **all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.***

Ezekiel 32:7,8

*And when I shall put thee out, **I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.** All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God.*

Joel 2:10,11

*The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: **the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:** And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?*

Joel 2:30,31

*And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. **The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,** before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.*

Joel 3:15,16

***The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.** The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.*

Amos 8:9

*And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that **I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day***

Zechariah 14:6,7

*And it shall come to pass in that day, that **the light shall not be clear, nor dark:** But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.*

Matthew 24:29,30

*Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall **the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:** And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

Mark 13:24-26

*But in those days, after that tribulation, **the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.** And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.*

Luke 21:25-27

*And **there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars;** and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for **the powers of heaven shall be shaken.** And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

Acts 2:20 (quoting Joel 2:31)

***The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,** before that great and notable day of the Lord come*

Revelation 6:12-14

*And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and **the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth,** even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*

Revelation 8:12

*And the fourth angel sounded, and **the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.***

In the next world, the Lord alone will be our light:

Isaiah 30:26

*Moreover **the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days,** in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.*

Isaiah 60:19,20

The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

Revelation 21:23

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Sun Standing Still:

But there are occasions in time when the sun stood still:

Joshua 10:12-14

*Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. **And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.** Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So **the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel.***

Habakkuk 3:11

***The sun and moon stood still in their habitation:** at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.*

We also have one incident of a shadow on a sundial going backwards, but was this only the shadow moving, or the sun causing it to move? Isaiah tells us it was the sun moving:

2 Kings 20:8-11

*And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, **What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the Lord the third day?** And Isaiah said, **This sign shalt thou have of the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?** And Hezekiah answered, **It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.** And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord : and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.*

Isaiah 38:8

Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

217. Witnesses of Christ's Sinlessness

Judas:

Matthew 27:3,4

*Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, **I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.** And they said, *What is that to us? see thou to that.**

The Thief on the Cross:

Luke 23:40,41

*But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but **this man hath done nothing amiss.***

Pontius Pilate:

Matthew 27:23,24

*And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, **Let him be crucified.** When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, **I am innocent of the blood of this just person:** see ye to it.*

Luke 23:4

*Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, **I find no fault in this man.***

Luke 23:13,14

*And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, **I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man** touching those things whereof ye accuse him:*

Luke 23:22

*And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? **I have found no cause of death in him:** I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.*

John 18:38

*Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, **I find in him no fault at all.***

John 19:4

*Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that **I find no fault in him.***

Herod:

Luke 23:14,15

*[Pilate] Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: No, **nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.***

Pilate's Wife:

Matthew 27:19

*When he was set down on the judgment seat, **his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man:** for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.*

The Centurion at the Cross:

Matthew 27:54

*Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, **Truly this was the Son of God.***

Mark 15:39

*And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, **Truly this man was the Son of God.***

Luke 23:47

*Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, **Certainly this was a righteous man.***

218. Christ's Body "Broken"

Christ's legs were not to be broken to fulfil prophecy:

Psalm 34:19,20

*Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. **He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.***

John 19:31-37

*The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But **when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:** But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For **these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.** And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.*

But we often hear, especially in the Communion service, of His body being "broken" for us. But no bones were "broken." At the Last Supper, Christ actually said:

Luke 22:19

*And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is **given** for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

In the Communion service, we "break" the bread. It is "*the communion of the body of Christ.*" but Christ's body itself was never actually "broken" for us:

1 Corinthians 10:16,17

*The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? **The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?** For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.*

However, in 1 Corinthians 11:24, the Biblical word used is “*broken*”:

1 Corinthians 11:24

*And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.***

But this speaks of the bread being broken, not His body. We “break” the bread, but Christ’s body was never “*broken*.” So when we eat the bread, it is still bread. It hasn’t magically turned into the body of Christ, otherwise how dare we “break” it.

219. The Remission of Sins

John the Baptist came preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins:

Mark 1:4

*John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach **the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.***

Luke 1:77

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins

Luke 3:3

*And he came into all the country about Jordan, **preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins***

Christ's blood was shed to actually remit sins:

Matthew 26:28

*For **this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.***

Luke 24:46,47

*And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.***

Acts 2:38

*Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.***

Acts 10:43

*To him give all the prophets witness, that **through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.***

Romans 3:25

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God

220. Seek the Lord

If we seek the Lord with all our heart, He will be found:

Deuteronomy 4:29

But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

2 Chronicles 15:2

And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

1 Chronicles 16:10,11

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

1 Chronicles 22:19

Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

2 Chronicles 11:16

And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.

2 Chronicles 12:14

And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.

2 Chronicles 14:4

And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

2 Chronicles 15:12,13

And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; That whosoever

would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

2 Chronicles 20:3,4

And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

2 Chronicles 30:18,19

*For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, **The good LORD pardon every one That prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.***

Ezra 6:21

And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat

Ezra 7:10

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Ezra 8:22

*For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, **The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.***

Psalms 14:2,3

The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Psalm 22:26

*The meek shall eat and be satisfied: **they shall praise the LORD that seek him:** your heart shall live for ever*

Psalm 24:4-6

*He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. **This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.** Selah.*

Psalm 27:4

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Psalm 34:10

*The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but **they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.***

Psalm 40:16

***Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:** let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.*

Psalm 105:3,4

*Glory ye in his holy name: **let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.***

Psalm 119:2

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

Proverbs 28:5

*Evil men understand not judgment: but **they that seek the LORD understand all things.***

Isaiah 9:13

For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 31:1

*Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; **but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!***

Isaiah 45:19

*I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: **I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain:** I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.*

Isaiah 51:1

*Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, **ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.***

Isaiah 55:6,7

***Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Jeremiah 29:13

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 50:4,5

*In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: **they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.** They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.*

Lamentations 3:25

The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Daniel 9:3

And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes

Hosea 3:5

Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Hosea 5:6

They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them.

Hosea 7:10

And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this.

Hosea 10:12

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Amos 5:4-6

*For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, **Seek ye me, and ye shall live:** But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought. **Seek the LORD, and ye shall live;** lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel.*

Zephaniah 2:3

***Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth,** which have wrought his judgment; **seek righteousness, seek meekness:** it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.*

Zechariah 8:21,22

*And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, **Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts:** I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.*

Matthew 7:7

*Ask, and it shall be given you; **seek, and ye shall find;** knock, and it shall be opened unto you*

Acts 17:26,27

*And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; **That they should seek the Lord**, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us*

Hebrews 11:6

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for **he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.***

221. Sitting to Preach

Christ usually sat to preach:

Luke 4:16,20,21

*And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and **stood up for to read....** And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and **sat down.** And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*

Matthew 5:1,2

*And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and **when he was set,** his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying*

Matthew 13:2,3

*And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, **and sat;** and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow*

Matthew 26:55

***I sat daily** with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.*

Luke 2:46

*And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, **sitting in the midst of the doctors,** both hearing them, and asking them questions.*

John 8:2

*And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and **he sat down, and taught them.***

222. Meek

“Meekness” is a fruit of the Spirit, so unbelievers can never be “meek”:

Galatians 5:22,23

*But **the fruit of the Spirit is** love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **Meekness**, temperance: against such there is no law.*

Meek:

Numbers 12:3

*(Now the man **Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.**)*

Psalms 22:26

***The meek shall eat and be satisfied:** they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.*

Psalms 25:9

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

Psalms 37:11

*But **the meek shall inherit the earth;** and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.*

Psalms 76:9

*When **God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth.** Selah.*

Psalms 147:6

***The LORD lifteth up the meek:** he casteth the wicked down to the ground.*

Psalms 149:4

*For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: **he will beautify the meek with salvation.***

Isaiah 11:4

*But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and **reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:** and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*

Isaiah 29:19

***The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD,** and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*

Isaiah 61:1

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because **the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;** he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound*

Amos 2:7

*That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and **turn aside the way of the meek:** and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name*

Zephaniah 2:3

***Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth,** which have wrought his judgment; **seek righteousness, seek meekness:** it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.*

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 11:29

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for **I am meek and lowly in heart:** and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

Matthew 21:5

*Tell ye the daughter of Sion, **Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass,** and a colt the foal of an ass. ["lowly" in Zechariah 9:9]*

1 Peter 3:4

*But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even **the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.***

Meekness:

Psalm 45:4

*And **in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness;** and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.*

Zephaniah 2:3

***Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness:** it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.*

1 Corinthians 4:21

*What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or **in love, and in the spirit of meekness?***

Galatians 6:1

*Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, **ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness;** considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*

Ephesians 4:2

***With all lowliness and meekness,** with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love*

Colossians 3:12

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering

1 Timothy 6:11

*But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and **follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.***

2 Timothy 2:25

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth

Titus 3:2

*To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, **showing all meekness unto all men.***

James 1:21

*Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and **receive with meekness the engrafted word,** which is able to save your souls.*

James 3:13

*Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? **let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.***

1 Peter 3:15

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and **be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear***

223. Asking the Lord His Name

Several times, people have tried to ask the Lord His name, and have had various replies:

Genesis 32:29,30

And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

Exodus 3:13-15

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

Judges 13:17,18

And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour? And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?

224. Christ Using Spit

[See also: 194. Blind Men Healed]

On three recorded occasions, Christ used His own spit to heal people:

A deaf and dumb man:

Mark 7:31-35

*And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And **they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.***

Two blind people:

Mark 8:22-25

*And he cometh to Bethsaida; and **they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.***

John 9:6,7

*When he had thus spoken, **he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.***

In the first two examples, Christ takes the person aside from the multitude before using His spit. In the third, the blind man may have been on his own to begin with anyway.

From Christ's mouth comes the Word of God. His spit is a symbol of this. If we want spiritual light, we must come to Jesus Christ. And it *always* comes intimately, to the individual, apart from the crowds.

225. The Whole World

Phrases such as “*the whole world*,” “*all the world*” or “*the world*,” mean different things depending on the context:

The Whole World:

Job 34:13

*Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or **who hath disposed the whole world?***

Matthew 16:26

*For **what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?** or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

Matthew 26:13

*Verily I say unto you, **Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world**, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.*

Mark 8:36

*For **what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?***

Mark 14:9

*Verily I say unto you, **Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world**, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.*

Luke 9:25

*For **what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?***

Romans 1:8

*First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that **your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.***

1 John 2:2

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 5:19

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 16:14

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

All the World:

Luke 2:1

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

Acts 11:28

And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

Colossians 1:5,6

For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Revelation 13:3

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

World:

John 12:19

*The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, **the world is gone after him.***

226. Sons of the Prophets

The “*sons of the prophets*” were certain groups of prophets during the time of Elijah and Elisha:

1 Kings 20:35

And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

2 Kings 2:3

And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

2 Kings 2:5

And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

2 Kings 2:7

And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

2 Kings 2:15

And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

2 Kings 4:1

Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

[Note: the “*sons of the prophets*” were allowed to be married]

2 Kings 4:38

And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

2 Kings 5:22

*And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim **two young men of the sons of the prophets**: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.*

2 Kings 6:1,2

*And **the sons of the prophets** said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.*

2 Kings 9:1

*And Elisha the prophet called one of **the children of the prophets**, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead*

[In the Authorised Version of the Bible the word “*children*” is used here, but it is the same Hebrew word for “*sons*”, i.e. “*ben*”.]

In a totally different context, Amos refers to some of the sons of Israel in history having been raised up as prophets:

Amos 2:11

*And **I raised up of your sons for prophets**, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.*

And in the New Testament, the phrase “*children of the prophets*” refers to descendants of Israel, from whence came the Old Testament prophets:

Acts 3:25

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

[In the Authorised Version of the Bible the word “*children*” is used here, but it is the same Greek word for “*sons*”, i.e. “*uihos*”]

Company of the prophets

During Saul's time, prophets seem to have gone about in groups or companies:

1 Samuel 10:5

*After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet **a company of prophets** coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy*

1 Samuel 10:10,11

*And when they came thither to the hill, behold, **a company of prophets** met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?*

1 Samuel 19:20-24

*And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw **the company of the prophets** prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah. And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?*

227. Abomination to the Lord

[See also: 27. Abomination That Causes Desolation]

The Lord hates plenty of things. He calls them “*abomination*”:

Leviticus 7:18

And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity.

Leviticus 18:22

Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

Leviticus 20:13

If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Deuteronomy 7:25

The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God. Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

Deuteronomy 12:31

Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

Deuteronomy 13:13,14

*Certain men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, **Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known;** Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that **such abomination is wrought among you***

Deuteronomy 17:1

Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evilfavouredness: for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 17:2-4

*If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant, And **hath gone and served other gods**, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that **such abomination is wrought in Israel***

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

*There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For **all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.***

Deuteronomy 22:5

The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 23:18

*Thou shalt not bring **the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.***

Deuteronomy 24:4

Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

Deuteronomy 25:13-16

Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 27:15

Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

Proverbs 3:32

For the froward is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous.

Proverbs 6:16-19

These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 11:1

A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.

Proverbs 11:20

They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.

Proverbs 12:22

Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

Proverbs 15:8

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

Proverbs 15:9

The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

Proverbs 15:26

The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.

Proverbs 16:5

Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

Proverbs 17:15

He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.

Proverbs 20:10

Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.

Proverbs 20:23

Divers weights are an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance is not good.

Proverbs 21:27

The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

Proverbs 28:9

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Isaiah 1:13

Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

Isaiah 44:19

And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals

thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?

Isaiah 66:17

*They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and **the abomination**, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.*

Jeremiah 2:7

And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

Jeremiah 6:15

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 8:12

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 32:35

And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

Ezekiel 16:50

And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.

Ezekiel 18:12

*Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, **hath committed abomination***

Ezekiel 22:11

*And **one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter.***

Ezekiel 33:26

*Ye stand upon your sword, **ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?***

Ezekiel 44:6-8,13

*And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, **let it suffice you of all your abominations, In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.** And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.... And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place: but **they shall bear their shame, and their abominations** which they have committed.*

Daniel 11:31

*And arms shall stand on his part, and **they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.***

Daniel 12:11

*And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and **the abomination that maketh desolate set up**, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.*

Malachi 2:11

*Judah hath dealt treacherously, and **an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.***

Matthew 24:15

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)

Mark 13:14

But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains

Luke 16:15

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Revelation 21:27

*And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, **neither whatsoever worketh abomination**, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

Abomination Unto Men

Leviticus 11:10-13

*And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, **they shall be an abomination unto you: They shall be even an abomination unto you;** ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination. Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, **that shall be an abomination unto you. And these are they which ye shall have in abomination** among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, **they are an abomination:** the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray*

Leviticus 11:20

All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.

Leviticus 11:23

But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.

Leviticus 11:41,42

*And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an **abomination**; it shall not be eaten. Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for **they are an abomination**.*

Proverbs 24:9

*The thought of foolishness is sin: and **the scorner is an abomination to men**.*

Proverbs 29:27

An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

Isaiah 41:24

Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.

228. Merry

This word is used for eating and (especially) drinking, and usually has an evil connotation:

Judges 9:27

*And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and **made merry**, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech.*

Judges 16:25

*And it came to pass, **when their hearts were merry**, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.*

Judges 19:6

*And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and **let thine heart be merry**.*

Judges 19:9

*And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, **that thine heart may be merry**; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home.*

Judges 19:22

*Now as **they were making their hearts merry**, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.*

Ruth 3:7

*And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and **his heart was merry**, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.*

1 Samuel 25:36

*And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and **Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken**: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.*

2 Samuel 13:28

*Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, **Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine**, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.*

1 Kings 21:7

*And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and **let thine heart be merry**: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.*

Esther 1:10

*On the seventh day, **when the heart of the king was merry with wine**, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king*

Ecclesiastes 10:19

*A feast is made for laughter, and **wine maketh merry**: but money answereth all things.*

Isaiah 24:7

*The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, **all the merryhearted do sigh**.*

Luke 12:19

*And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; **take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry**.*

Revelation 11:10

*And **they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry**, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.*

The word “merry” is not used in the following verses, but it is assumed, as eating and drinking is:

Isaiah 22:13

*And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: **let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.***

1 Corinthians 15:32

*If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? **let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.***

But sometimes it is not a bad thing to be merry:

Genesis 43:34

*And he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. **And they drank, and were merry with him.***

1 Kings 4:20

*Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, **eating and drinking, and making merry.***

1 Chronicles 12:39

*And there they were with David **three days, eating and drinking:** for their brethren had prepared for them.*

2 Chronicles 7:10

*And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month **he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.***

Jeremiah 30:19

*And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and **the voice of them that make merry:** and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.*

Jeremiah 31:4

*Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and **shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.***

Luke 15:23,24

*And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and **let us eat, and be merry**: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And **they began to be merry**.*

Luke 15:29

*And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, **that I might make merry with my friends***

Luke 15:32

***It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad**: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.*

James 5:13

*Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. **Is any merry?** let him sing psalms.*

[Although this last one uses the Greek word for “be of good cheer.”]

And we have these proverbs about being merry:

Proverbs 15:13

***A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance**: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.*

Proverbs 15:15

*All the days of the afflicted are evil: but **he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast**.*

Proverbs 17:22

***A merry heart doeth good like a medicine**: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*

Ecclesiastes 8:15

*Then I commended mirth, because **a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry**: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.*

Ecclesiastes 9:7

*Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and **drink thy wine with a merry heart;**
for God now accepteth thy works.*

229. Verses That Could Mean the Opposite

In certain places, different Bible translations have opposite meanings:

Numbers 11:25

The Authorised Version of the Bible has this:

Numbers 11:25 (KJV)

*And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, **and did not cease.***

Most other translations have:

Numbers 11:25 (NKJV)

*Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, **although they never did so again.***

Deuteronomy 33:6

In the following translations, Reuben is to NOT be few in number:

Deuteronomy 33:6 (KJV)

*Let Reuben live, and not die; and **let not his men be few.***

Deuteronomy 33:6 (NKJV)

*Let Reuben live, and not die, **Nor let his men be few.***

[Note that in the above translations, “not” and “nor” are in italics, indicating they are not in the original language.]

Deuteronomy 33:6 (NIV)

*Let Reuben live and not die, **nor*** his people be few.*

[*Footnote: or “but let”]

But the following translations say Reuben IS to be few in number:

Deuteronomy 33:6 (ESV)

*Let Reuben live, and not die, but **let his men be few.***

Deuteronomy 33:6 (Wycliffe)

*Ruben lyue, and die not, and **be he litil in noumbre.***

Deuteronomy 33:6 (Tyndale)

*Ruben shall lyue and shall not dye: but **his people shalbe few in numbre.***

2 Samuel 5:6

2 Samuel 5:6 (KJV)

*And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, **Except thou take away** the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither.*

2 Samuel 5:6 (NKJV)

*And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, “You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame **will repel you,**” thinking, “David cannot come in here.”*

2 Samuel 14:1

2 Samuel 14:1 (KJV)

*Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king’s heart was **toward** Absalom.*

2 Samuel 14:1 (NKJV)

*So Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king’s heart was **concerned about** Absalom.*

The words may here be rendered: “And Joab the son of Zeruiah knew that the king’s heart was **against** Absalom.” In favour of this rendering it may be urged (a.) that the preposition generally means “*against*” not “*toward*”; (b.) that in the only other passage where the phrase occurs (Daniel 11:28), it unquestionably expresses hostility; (c.) that this meaning

agrees better with the whole course of the narrative, which leaves the impression that Absalom's recall was a concession extorted from David by Joab's cunning.

cf. Daniel 11:28

*Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be **against** the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.*

BUT: the previous verse seems to indicate **toward**:

2 Samuel 13:39

*And **the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom**: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.*

Ezra 10:15

Ezra 10:15 (KJV)

*Only Jonathan the son of Asabel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah **were employed about this matter**: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.*

Ezra 10:15 (NKJV)

*Only Jonathan the son of Asabel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah **opposed this**, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite gave them support.*

Job 22:30

Many translations have "innocent," or "island of the innocent":

Job 22:30 (KJV)

*He shall deliver the **island of the innocent**: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.*

Job 22:30 (Douay-Rheims)

*The **innocent** shall be saved, and he shall be saved by the cleanness of his hands.*

Job 22:30 (Wycliffe)

*An **innocent** schal be saued; sotheli he schal be saued in the clenness of hise hondis.*

Job 22:30 (Geneva)

*He shall deliver the **island of the innocent**¹: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.*

¹God will deliver a whole country from peril, even for the just man's sake.

Many other translations say “*not innocent*”:

Job 22:30 (NKJV)

*He will even deliver one who is **not innocent**; Yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands.*

Job 22:30 (NIV)

*He will deliver even one who is **not innocent**, who will be delivered through the cleanness of your hands.*

Job 22:30 (ESV)

*He delivers even the one who is **not innocent**, who will be delivered through the cleanness of your hands.*

Isaiah 9:3

Isaiah 9:3 (KJV)

*Thou hast multiplied the nation, **and not increased the joy**: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.*

Isaiah 9:3 (NKJV)

*You have multiplied the nation **and increased its joy**; They rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.*

Nahum 2:2

Nahum 2:2 (KJV)

*For the LORD **hath turned away** the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches.*

Nahum 2:2 (NKJV)

*For the LORD **will restore** the excellence of Jacob Like the excellence of Israel, For the emptiers have emptied them out And ruined their vine branches.*

Mark 11:3

Mark 11:3 (KJV)

*And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and **straightway he will send him hither.***

Mark 11:3 (ESV)

*If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” say, “The Lord has need of it and **will send it back here immediately.**”*

Mark 11:3 (NIV)

*If anyone asks you, “Why are you doing this?” say, “The Lord needs it and **will send it back here shortly.**”*

Curse / Blaspheme = Bless (Barak)

In these verses, “*barak*,” the usual Hebrew word for “*bless*,” is used for “*curse*” or “*blaspheme*”:

1 Kings 21:10

*And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst **blaspheme** God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.*

1 Kings 21:13

And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people,

saying, Naboth did **blaspheme** God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

Job 1:5

*And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and **cursed** God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.*

Job 1:11

*But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will **curse** thee to thy face.*

Job 2:5

*But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will **curse** thee to thy face.*

Job 2:9

*Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? **curse** God, and die.*

Purify from Sin = Sin (Chata)

In these verses, “*chata*,” the usual Hebrew word for “*sin*,” is used to mean “*purification from sin*”:

Cleanse:

Exodus 29:36

*And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt **cleanse** the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it.*

Leviticus 14:49,52

*And he shall take to **cleanse** the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop.... And he shall **cleanse** the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet*

Ezekiel 43:20,22,23

*And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou **cleanse** and purge it.... And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall **cleanse** the altar, as they did **cleanse** it with the bullock. When thou hast made an end of **cleansing** it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.*

Ezekiel 45:18

*Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and **cleanse** the sanctuary*

Purify:

Leviticus 8:15

*And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and **purified** the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.*

Numbers 8:21

*And the Levites were **purified**, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them as an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them.*

Numbers 19:12,13,19,20

*He shall **purify** himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he **purify** not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean. Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and **purifieth** not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.... And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall **purify** himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even. But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not **purify** himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean.*

Numbers 31:19,20,23

*And do ye abide without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, **purify** both yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on the seventh day. And **purify** all your raiment, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood.... Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make it go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be **purified** with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make go through the water.*

Job 41:25

*When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they **purify** themselves.*

Purge:

Psalms 51:7

***Purge** me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

Reconciliation:

2 Chronicles 29:24

*And the priests killed them, and they made **reconciliation** with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.*

230. Author

Hebrews 12:2

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

The same Greek word also occurs in:

Acts 3:15

*And killed the **Prince** [archegos] of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.*

Acts 5:31

*Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a **Prince** [archegos] and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.*

Hebrews 2:10

*For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the **captain** [archegos] of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

A different Greek word occurs in:

Hebrews 5:9

*And being made perfect, he became the **author** [aitios] of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*

The word is not in the Greek but supplied in:

1 Corinthians 14:33

*For God is not the **author** of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

231. Going Naked

Genesis 2:25

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3:7

*And the eyes of them both were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

Genesis 3:10,11

*And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and **I was afraid, because I was naked**; and I hid myself. And he said, **Who told thee that thou wast naked?** Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?*

Genesis 9:22,23

*And **Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father**, and told his two brethren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and **covered the nakedness of their father**; and their faces were backward, and **they saw not their father's nakedness.***

Exodus 32:25

*And when **Moses saw that the people were naked**; (for Aaron had made **them naked** unto their shame among their enemies)*

1 Samuel 19:23,24

*And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. **And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night.** Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?*

Job 1:21

*And said, **Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither**: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.*

Ecclesiastes 5:15

As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

Isaiah 20:2-4

*At the same time spake the LORD by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, **walking naked and barefoot**. And the LORD said, **Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia; So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.***

Lamentations 4:21

*Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through unto thee: **thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.***

Ezekiel 16:7

*I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, **whereas thou wast naked and bare.***

Ezekiel 16:22

*And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered **the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood.***

Ezekiel 16:36,37

*Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because **thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them; Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.***

Hosea 2:2,3

*Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: **let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts; Lest I strip her naked,** and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.*

Amos 2:16

*And **he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day,** saith the LORD.*

Micah 1:8

*Therefore **I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked:** I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.*

Mark 14:51,52

*And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: And **he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.***

John 21:7

*Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (**for he was naked,**) and did cast himself into the sea.*

Acts 19:16

*And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that **they fled out of that house naked and wounded.***

Spiritually Naked

2 Corinthians 5:3

If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

Hebrews 4:13

*Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but **all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.***

Revelation 3:17

*Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that **thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked***

Revelation 16:15

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Revelation 17:16

*And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, **these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.***

Nakedness

Exodus 20:26

Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

Exodus 28:42

And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach

Leviticus 18:6-19

None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD. The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness. The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness. The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's

sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness. Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time. Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

Leviticus 20:11

And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Leviticus 20:17-21

And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people. And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity. And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

1 Samuel 20:30

Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

Isaiah 47:3

***Thy nakedness shall be uncovered**, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.*

Nahum 3:5

*Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts; and **I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.***

Habakkuk 2:15,16

***Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!** Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD'S right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory.*

Revelation 3:18

*I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and **that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear**; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*

Buttocks Uncovered

2 Samuel 10:4

*Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, **even to their buttocks [shethah]**, and sent them away.*

1 Chronicles 19:4

*Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments **in the midst hard by their buttocks [miphsa'ah]**, and sent them away.*

Isaiah 20:4

*So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, **even with their buttocks [shethah] uncovered**, to the shame of Egypt.*

232. Casting Lots

Casting lots (with prayer) is a legitimate way of knowing the Lord's will. Unlike a "vote," nobody can argue with it:

Proverbs 16:33

The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.

Proverbs 18:18

The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

Biblical examples of a right use of casting lots:

Leviticus 16:8

And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

Numbers 26:55,56

Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided between many and few.

Numbers 33:54

And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.

Numbers 34:13

And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe

Numbers 36:2,3

And they said, The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daughters. And if they be married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of

*Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: **so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.***

Deuteronomy 32:9

*For the LORD's portion is his people; **Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.***

Joshua 7:16-18

*So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and **the tribe of Judah was taken:** And he brought the family of Judah; and **he took the family of the Zarahites:** and he brought the family of the Zarahites man by man; and **Zabdi was taken:** And he brought his household man by man; and **Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.***

Joshua 13:6

*All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Misrephothmaim, and all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only **divide thou it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.***

Joshua 14:2

By lot was their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe.

Joshua 18:6,8,10

*Ye shall therefore describe the land into seven parts, and bring the description hither to me, **that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God....** And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, **that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh....** And **Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD:** and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.*

Joshua 23:4

*Behold, **I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.***

1 Samuel 14:41,42

*Therefore **Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect lot. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped. And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.***

1 Chronicles 24:5

Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar

1 Chronicles 24:31

***These likewise cast lots over against their brethren** the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Abimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.*

1 Chronicles 25:8

And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.

1 Chronicles 26:13,14

And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate. And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward.

Nehemiah 10:34

And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law

Nehemiah 11:1

And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

Psalms 105:11

*Saying, **Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance***

Isaiah 34:17

*And **he hath cast the lot for them**, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.*

Ezekiel 45:1

*Moreover, **when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance**, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, an holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.*

Ezekiel 47:22

*And it shall come to pass, that **ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you**, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.*

Ezekiel 48:29

***This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance**, and these are their portions, saith the Lord GOD.*

Jonah 1:7

*And they said every one to his fellow, **Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us**. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.*

Micah 2:5

Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

Luke 1:9

*According to the custom of the priest's office, **his lot was to burn incense** when he went into the temple of the Lord.*

Acts 1:26

*And **they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias**; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.*

Acts 13:19

*And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, **he divided their land to them by lot.***

Casting lots can also be used in an evil manner:

Judges 20:9

*But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Gibeah; **we will go up by lot against it***

Esther 3:7

*In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, **they cast Pur, that is, the lot,** before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.*

Esther 9:24

*Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, **and had cast Pur, that is, the lot,** to consume them, and to destroy them*

Psalms 22:18

*They part my garments among them, and **cast lots upon my vesture.***

Joel 3:3

*And **they have cast lots for my people;** and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.*

Obadiah 1:11

*In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, **and cast lots upon Jerusalem,** even thou wast as one of them.*

Nahum 3:10

*Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and **they cast lots for her honourable men,** and all her great men were bound in chains.*

Matthew 27:35

*And **they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.***

Mark 15:24

*And **when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.***

Luke 23:34

*Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. **And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.***

John 19:24

*They said therefore among themselves, **Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots.** These things therefore the soldiers did.*

233. Godhead

The word “**Godhead**” in the Authorised Version of the Bible, is a translation of three different (but similar) words:

Theios:

Acts 17:29

*Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the **Godhead** is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.*

Other translations:

NKJV Divine Nature

ESV divine being

NIV divine being

Theiotes:

Romans 1:20

*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse*

Other translations:

NKJV Godhead

ESV divine nature

NIV divine nature

Theotes:

Colossians 2:9

*For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.*

Other translations:

NKJV Godhead

ESV deity

NIV Deity

234. Mystery

A “*mystery*” is something we would never have known if God had not revealed it to us:

Mark 4:11

*And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know **the mystery of the kingdom of God**: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables*

Romans 11:25

*For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of **this mystery**, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

Romans 16:25

*Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to **the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began***

1 Corinthians 2:7

*But **we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery**, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory*

1 Corinthians 15:51

*Behold, **I shew you a mystery**; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed*

Ephesians 1:9

*Having made known unto us **the mystery of his will**, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself*

Ephesians 3:3

*How that by revelation **he made known unto me the mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words*

Ephesians 3:4

*Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand **my knowledge in the mystery of Christ***

Ephesians 3:9

*And to make all men see what is **the fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ*

Ephesians 5:32

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Ephesians 6:19

*And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known **the mystery of the gospel***

Colossians 1:26,27

*Even **the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory***

Colossians 2:2

*That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of **the mystery of God**, and of the Father, and of Christ*

Colossians 4:3

*Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak **the mystery of Christ**, for which I am also in bonds*

2 Thessalonians 2:7

*For **the mystery of iniquity** doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.*

1 Timothy 3:9

*Holding **the mystery of the faith** in a pure conscience.*

1 Timothy 3:16

*And without controversy great is **the mystery of godliness**: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*

Revelation 1:20

*The **mystery of the seven stars** which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.*

Revelation 10:7

*But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God** should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.*

Revelation 17:5

*And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.***

Revelation 17:7

*And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee **the mystery of the woman**, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.*

Mysteries

Matthew 13:11

*He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know **the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it is not given.*

Luke 8:10

*And he said, Unto you it is given to know **the mysteries of the kingdom of God**: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.*

1 Corinthians 4:1

*Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and **stewards of the mysteries of God.***

1 Corinthians 13:2

*And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand **all mysteries**, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*

1 Corinthians 14:2

*For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit **in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.***

235. Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13-16

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

From these words of Christ, the Christian is told that he is “*the salt of the earth*” and “*the light of the world.*” These words say far more than the simple fact that in Jesus Christ we have a jolly good teacher. Yes, Christ was the best teacher that ever lived. If we want to know how we should all be living our lives, we can do no better than go to Him. But many other teachers throughout history have given good advice, telling us we should love one another, be kind to one another, forgive one another, even that we should love our enemies. These things aren’t unique to Christianity.

We’re told here that Christians “*are*” the salt of the earth and the light of the world. So it’s not merely to do with having good teaching, it’s to do with a state that we’re in. We “*are*” these things. The Christian is fundamentally different from the rest of humanity. No other religion can understand this. They’re only concerned with teaching. Teaching us, supposedly, how we are to please God, or how we are to live, or how we can get to heaven, as though with a bit of effort we can do these things for ourselves. But Christianity is altogether different. It tells us that we can’t please God, no matter how hard we try. We’ll always fall short of what God requires. We’ll never be good enough. So we should stop working at trying to be. Christianity is all about God coming to us, and transforming His people from the inside, giving them a fundamental change in the heart and soul, so they can now begin to live the way He wants us to live. That means that those who have become Christians are now different. We’re no longer like everybody else. We *were* like them, we were born just like them, we used to do the same things as they still do, but God has changed us in the heart, and

we don't have a taste for those things any more. We've become new creatures in Christ:

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

This is the most important doctrine of the Christian faith. If we don't understand this, then, if we call ourselves Christians at all, we've gone off at a tangent, and need to come back to this fundamental principle:

John 3:3

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Galatians 6:15

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

So, the way the world operates, and the way Christians ought to be operating, are fundamentally opposed to one another:

1 John 2:15-17

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of

the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Salt and light, of course, are metaphors. We are to be spiritual salt and light in the midst of this wicked and untoward generation we see all around us. And to understand how we are to be the salt and light of this world, just imagine what the world would be like without these elements.

Being without light is total darkness. And that's what Scripture tells us about the state of the world:

1 John 5:19

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

Jesus Christ made a great claim about Himself:

John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

And we are also told that God is light, and only light:

1 John 1:5

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

So Jesus Christ must be God. And there can be no spiritual light found anywhere else, in any other religion, but only in Him:

John 1:5

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 3:19

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

And the wonderful, good news of Jesus Christ is that this light can abide within each one of us personally. But we must forsake the wicked ways of darkness and call on Jesus Christ Himself to change us:

John 12:46

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Ephesians 5:8

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light

Colossians 1:13

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son

In our text, we are told:

Matthew 5:14

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Once we've received the light of Christ into our lives, it cannot be hid. We've been fundamentally changed from within, and even though we might on occasions want to hide the light under a bushel for whatever reason, it can never be extinguished altogether. Once changed, we can never go back to our old way of life. Or, put it this way, if we do, we'll be miserable. It won't be the same as it was before. Anyone who does go back to his old way of life and is truly content there, was never born-again by the Spirit of God in the first place. But if we have been born-again by the Spirit of God, we are forever changed. Once we have the light, we cannot lose our salvation. We cannot be un-born again:

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ

Romans 8:38,39

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

Matthew 5:15

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

We're not meant to hide the light that we've been given by Christ. We're meant to put to death the remaining darkness within us, to get rid of anything that will hide the light, so that the light of Christ can fully shine through us:

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:5

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

1 Peter 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light

And then we've got the metaphor of salt:

Matthew 5:13

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Mark 9:49,50

For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

Luke 14:34,35

Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Salt has two effects. Being without salt renders food bland and tasteless. And salt is also a preservative, without it food would decay.

With regards the world, just think what it would be like without the influence of Christianity. What a dead, dark, bland, tasteless, God-forsaken place it would be. This world without the preserving influence of Christianity, would be a chaotic, decaying place. Newton's Second Law of Thermodynamics tells us the the entropy of the universe is always increasing. That's interesting isn't it. In other words, if left to itself, it naturally becomes more and more chaotic, as opposed to ordered. Without the preserving influence of Christianity, this world would be even more of a mess than it is already.

And then we can apply this to ourselves as individuals. Salt refers to our fruitfulness in this world. For example, it is used as a metaphor for our speech:

Colossians 4:6

Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

What's the difference between salt and light? We can never get rid of the light. But salt can lose its saltiness.

The light represents

Colossians 1:27

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

This can never go out. Salt represents our outward influence, which, sadly, can go missing. We can lose our savour. A Christian can backslide. And when he is in that state, he is “*good for nothing.*” His Christian witness and influence have gone.

And it is “*cast out*” and “*trodden underfoot of men.*” Notice, it’s not God that casts us out or treads us underfoot. Although we grieve Him whenever we backslide like this, He never casts His own away altogether, and will always order circumstances in His providence to try to bring us back to Himself:

Hebrews 13:5

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

John 6:37

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

But it’s *men* who will cast us out. They’ll laugh at us. A Christian trying to behave like the world is one of the most pathetic things we can ever come across. He’ll just appear stupid, and quite understandably be ridiculed. It’s a terrible witness for the cause of Christ, and no good can ever come of it.

But if, instead of hiding our light under a bushel, we set it on a candlestick, it will give “*light unto all that are in the house.*” That’s the witness we all need to be.

And then we come to one of the most challenging verses in the Bible:

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

We are told to *“let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works.”* This is fairly straightforward. This is the duty of every Christian. We understand this.

But, at the same time, those good works must be done in such a way as to *“glorify your Father which is in heaven.”* How on earth do we do that?

Every time somebody does a good work, those who don't know God will always ascribe that good work to the person doing it. For example, let's say I help a little old lady across the road. Anyone who sees me do that, will say what a kind person I am. I will get all the praise and all the glory from doing that good work. But here we're told that's NOT how we are supposed to be. The last thing we are ever to do is glorify self:

1 Corinthians 1:31

He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

In our every action, we are to crucify self and glorify God. And this is the challenge we face. We are to do good works by all means, but make sure they always point to Christ and never to us:

Galatians 6:14

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

236. Prayer

Prayer is never for God's benefit. He knows what we need long before we do. Prayer is always, and only, for our benefit:

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Ephesians 6:12-18

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints***

Philippians 4:6,7

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

Romans 12:12

*Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; **continuing instant in prayer***

Colossians 4:2

***Continue in prayer**, and watch in the same with thanksgiving*

James 5:15-18

*And **the prayer of faith shall save the sick**, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and **pray one for another**, that ye may be healed. **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much**. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and **he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months**. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.*

1 Peter 4:7

*But the end of all things is at hand: **be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer**.*

1 Samuel 1:12,13

*And it came to pass, as **she continued praying before the Lord**, that Eli marked her mouth. Now **Hannah, she spake in her heart**; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.*

Paul prayed always for many churches:

Romans 1:9

*For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that **without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers***

Ephesians 1:15,16

*Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, **Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers***

Philippians 1:3,4

*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, **Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy***

Colossians 1:3,9

*We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **praying always for you**,.... For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, **do not cease to pray for you**, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding*

1 Thessalonians 1:2,3

*We give thanks to God **always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers**; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father*

2 Thessalonians 1:11

*Wherefore also **we pray always for you**, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power*

2 Timothy 1:3

*I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that **without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day***

Public prayer is to include:

Confession of sin:

Nehemiah 9:2

*And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and **confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.***

Worship:

Nehemiah 9:3

*And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and **worshipped the LORD their God.***

Thanksgiving:

Nehemiah 11:17

*And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin **the thanksgiving in prayer**: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.*

Supplication:

2 Chronicles 6:21

***Hearken therefore unto the supplications** of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.*

237. Fellowship

Various Hebrew and Greek words are translated “*fellowship*” in the Authorised Version of the Bible:

Fellowship with one another:

Leviticus 6:2

*If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in **fellowship** [tesumith = **pledge**], or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour*

Acts 2:42

*And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and **fellowship** [koinonia], and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

2 Corinthians 6:14

*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what **fellowship** [metoche = **sharing**] hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what **communion** [koinonia] hath light with darkness?*

2 Corinthians 8:4

*Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the **fellowship** [koinonia] of the ministering to the saints.*

Galatians 2:9

*And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of **fellowship** [koinonia]; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.*

Ephesians 3:9

*And to make all men see what is the **fellowship** [koinonia] of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:*

Ephesians 5:11

*And have no **fellowship** [sugkoinonio = **partaker together with**] with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*

Philippians 1:5

*For your **fellowship** [koinonia] in the gospel from the first day until now;*

1 John 1:3(a)

*That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have **fellowship** [koinonia] with us....*

1 John 1:7

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship** [koinonia] one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

Fellowship with God:

Psalm 94:20

*Shall the throne of iniquity have **fellowship** [chabar = to couple] with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?*

1 Corinthians 1:9

*God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the **fellowship** [koinonia] of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Philippians 2:1

*If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any **fellowship** [koinonia] of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,*

Philippians 3:10

*That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the **fellowship** [koinonia] of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death*

1 John 1:3(b)

*....and truly our **fellowship** [koinonia] is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

1 John 1:6

*If we say that we have **fellowship** [koinonia] with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth*

Fellowship with devils:

1 Corinthians 10:20

*But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have **fellowship** [koinonos = partner] with devils.*

Communion:

1 Corinthians 10:16

*The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the **communion** [koinonia] of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the **communion** [koinonia] of the body of Christ?*

2 Corinthians 6:14

*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what **fellowship** [metoche = sharing] hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what **communion** [koinonia] hath light with darkness?*

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the **communion** [koinonia] of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.*

With Whom We Should Not Fellowship:

Romans 16:17,18

*Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.** For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*

1 Corinthians 5:11

*But now I have written unto you **not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.***

2 Thessalonians 3:6,14,15

*Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye **withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us....** And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.*

1 Timothy 6:3-5

*If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: **from such withdraw thyself***

2 Timothy 3:2-5

*For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away.***

2 John 1:9-11

*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. **If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:** For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*

238. Belial

The Hebrew word “*belial*” means “*worthless*.” It is often personified:

Deuteronomy 13:13

*Certain men, **the children of Belial**, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known*

Judges 19:22

*Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, **certain sons of Belial**, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.*

Judges 20:13

*Now therefore deliver us the men, **the children of Belial**, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel*

1 Samuel 1:16

*Count not thine handmaid for **a daughter of Belial**: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.*

1 Samuel 2:12

*Now the sons of Eli were **sons of Belial**; they knew not the LORD.*

1 Samuel 10:27

*But **the children of Belial** said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.*

1 Samuel 25:17

*Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such **a son of Belial**, that a man cannot speak to him.*

1 Samuel 25:25

*Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this **man of Belial**, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.*

1 Samuel 30:22

*Then answered all the wicked men and **men of Belial**, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.*

2 Samuel 16:7

*And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and **thou man of Belial***

2 Samuel 20:1

*And there happened to be there **a man of Belial**, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel.*

2 Samuel 23:6

*But **the sons of Belial** shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands*

1 Kings 21:10

*And set two men, **sons of Belial**, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.*

1 Kings 21:13

*And there came in two men, **children of Belial**, and sat before him: and **the men of Belial** witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.*

2 Chronicles 13:7

*And there are gathered unto him vain men, **the children of Belial**, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.*

Occurrences where it is not personified:

Deuteronomy 15:9

*Beware that there be not a thought in thy **wicked [belial]** heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.*

2 Samuel 22:5

*When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of **ungodly men [belial]** made me afraid*

Job 34:18

*Is it fit to say to a king, **Thou art wicked [belial]?** and to princes, Ye are ungodly?*

Psalms 18:4

*The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of **ungodly men [belial]** made me afraid.*

Psalms 41:8

*An **evil [belial]** disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.*

Psalms 101:3

*I will set no **wicked [belial]** thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.*

Proverbs 6:12

*A **naughty [belial]** person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.*

Proverbs 16:27

*An **ungodly [belial]** man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.*

Proverbs 19:28

*An **ungodly [belial]** witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.*

Nahum 1:11

*There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, a **wicked [belial]** counsellor.*

Nahum 1:15

*Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for **the wicked [belial]** shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.*

The word occurs once in the New Testament where it seems to be equated with Satan:

2 Corinthians 6:14,15

*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And **what concord hath Christ with Belial?** or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*

239. Barabbas' Crimes

Barabbas was a notable prisoner, with a string of crimes against him:

Matthew 27:16

*And they had then **a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.***

Mark 15:7

*And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that **had made insurrection** with him, who **had committed murder** in the insurrection.*

Luke 23:18,19

*And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: (Who **for a certain sedition** made in the city, and **for murder**, was cast into prison.)*

Luke 23:25

*And he released unto them him that **for sedition and murder** was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.*

John 18:40

*Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was **a robber.***

Acts 3:14

*But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a **murderer** to be granted unto you*

It is popular to use Barabbas as an illustration of a Christian whose punishment for sin has been put on Christ instead and has been set free – an example of substitution. Although this may be an interesting comparison, it is not useful, because, as far as we are told, Barabbas never repented.

240. Simon of Cyrene

Simon of Cyrene was forced to carry Christ's cross on the way to His crucifixion:

Matthew 27:31,32

*And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And **as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.***

Mark 15:20,21

*And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. **And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.***

Luke 23:26,27

*And as they led him away, **they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.** And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.*

John tells us that Christ carried the cross Himself, so it seems to be that Christ carried it to start with, but became too weak, so they forced one from the crowd, Simon, to carry it the rest of the way instead:

John 19:16,17

*Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And **he bearing his cross** went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha*

241. Hiding Oneself

The wicked certainly will try to hide themselves in the day of the Lord's anger:

Isaiah 2:10

Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

Isaiah 2:19

And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

Hosea 10:8

The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

Luke 23:29,30

For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

Revelation 6:15-17

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Before that time, it is often good for believers to hide themselves:

Proverbs 22:3

A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Isaiah 26:20

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

242. Fire Burning Within

Some Scriptures speak of a fire burning within us:

Psalm 39:3

My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue

Jeremiah 20:9

Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

Jeremiah 23:29

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Hosea 7:6,7

For they have made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire. They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me.

Luke 24:32

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

1 Corinthians 7:9

But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

243. Called by A New Name

The Lord's people are not the Jews or any other nation. They are those who are chosen of the Lord out of the mass of humanity:

Isaiah 62:2

*And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and **thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.***

Isaiah 65:15

*And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for **the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name***

Zephaniah 3:9

*For **then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.***

1 Corinthians 12:13

*For **by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.***

Revelation 2:17

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.***

244. Painting The Face

2 Kings 9:30

*And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and **she painted her face, and tired her head**, and looked out at a window.*

Jeremiah 4:30

*And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though **thou rentest thy face with painting**, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.*

Ezekiel 23:40

*And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, **paintedst thy eyes**, and deckedst thyself with ornaments*

245. The Reward of Iniquity / Aceldama

Zechariah gave a prophecy about the price of a man being cast to the potter:

Zechariah 11:12,13

*And I said unto them, If ye think good, **give me my price**; and if not, forbear. **So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.***

This was fulfilled in the events which happened to Judas after he had betrayed Christ:

Matthew 27:3-10

*Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and **brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders**, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, **What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.***

Judas threw back the money to the chief priests and elders. They couldn't put the money into the treasury (where it would have conveniently disappeared from view), because their conscience was telling them "because it is the price of blood." So, instead, they bought "the potter's field" with the money (unwittingly fulfilling Zechariah's prophecy) to use as a burying place for strangers. By this means they still thought it would never be known where the money had actually come from.

We are given more information later:

Acts 1:18,19

*Now **this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity**; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. And **it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem**; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, **Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.***

Judas did not actually purchase the field himself, the chief priests and elders did. But it became known as Judas' field, because he went and hung himself there.

As a result the field became "*known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem*" as "*The field of blood,*" or "*Aceldama*" from that time on. The chief priests and elders would never themselves have called the place by that name. So, despite the chief priests and elders trying to hide the truth from view, the real truth about its purchase had now become forever known by its name.

246. Assurance

Isaiah 32:17

*And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and **the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.***

Acts 17:31

*Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof **he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.***

Colossians 2:2

*That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the **full assurance of understanding**, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ*

1 Thessalonians 1:5

*For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and **in much assurance**; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.*

Hebrews 6:11

*And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to **the full assurance of hope unto the end***

Hebrews 10:22

*Let us draw near with a true heart in **full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

247. Baalzebub / Beelzebub

Baalzebub was a god of Ekron:

2 Kings 1:2,3

*And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of **Baalzebub the god of Ekron** whether I shall recover of this disease. But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of **Baalzebub the god of Ekron**?*

2 Kings 1:6

*And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of **Baalzebub the god of Ekron**? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.*

2 Kings 1:16

*And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of **Baalzebub the god of Ekron**, is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.*

Beelzebub is mentioned in the New Testament as the “*prince of the devils*”:

Matthew 10:25

*It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house **Beelzebub**, how much more shall they call them of his household?*

Matthew 12:24

*But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by **Beelzebub the prince of the devils**.*

Matthew 12:27

*And if **I by Beelzebub cast out devils**, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.*

Mark 3:22,23

*And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, **He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.** And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?*

Luke 11:15

*But some of them said, He casteth out devils through **Beelzebub the chief of the devils.***

Luke 11:18,19

*If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because **ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.** And if **I by Beelzebub cast out devils**, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.*

248. Backsliding

Proverbs 14:14

*The **backslider in heart** shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.*

Jeremiah 2:19

*Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy **backslidings** shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.*

Jeremiah 3:6-14

*The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which **backsliding Israel** hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby **backsliding Israel** committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD. And the LORD said unto me, The **backsliding Israel** hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou **backsliding Israel**, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. Turn, O **backsliding children**, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.*

Jeremiah 3:22

*Return, ye **backsliding children**, and I will heal your **backslidings**. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.*

Jeremiah 5:6

*Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, and a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their **backslidings** are increased.*

Jeremiah 8:5

*Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual **backsliding**? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.*

Jeremiah 14:7

*O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our **backslidings** are many; we have sinned against thee.*

Jeremiah 31:22

*How long wilt thou go about, O thou **backsliding daughter**? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.*

Jeremiah 49:4

*Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O **backsliding daughter**? that trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come unto me?*

Hosea 4:16

*For Israel slideth back as a **backsliding heifer**: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.*

Hosea 11:7

*And my people are bent to **backsliding** from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him.*

Hosea 14:4

*I will heal their **backsliding**, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.*

249. Dip

Old Testament

Tvilah:

“*Tvilah*” means to dip:

Genesis 37:31

*And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and **dipped** the coat in the blood;*

Exodus 12:22

*And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and **dip** it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.*

Leviticus 4:6

*And the priest shall **dip** his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary.*

Leviticus 4:17

*And the priest shall **dip** his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, even before the vail.*

Leviticus 9:9

*And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he **dipped** his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar:*

Leviticus 14:6

*As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall **dip** them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water*

Leviticus 14:16

*And the priest shall **dip** his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD*

Leviticus 14:51

*And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and **dip** them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times*

Numbers 19:18

*And a clean person shall take hyssop, and **dip** it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave*

Deuteronomy 33:24

*And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him **dip** his foot in oil.*

Joshua 3:15

*And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were **dipped** in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest)*

Ruth 2:14

*And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and **dip** thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.*

1 Samuel 14:27

*But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and **dipped** it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.*

2 Kings 5:14

*Then went he down, and **dipped** himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.*

2 Kings 8:15

*And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and **dipped** it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.*

Machats

“*Machats*” means to smite through or shatter:

Psalm 68:23

*That thy foot may be **dipped** in the blood of thine enemies, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.*

New Testament

Bapto:

“*Bapto*” means to baptise:

Luke 16:24

*And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may **dip** the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*

John 13:26

*Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have **dipped** [bapto] it. And when he had **dipped** [embapto] the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.*

Revelation 19:13

*And he was clothed with a vesture **dipped** in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

250. Remember / Forget

Remember / Forget Not:

There are plenty of things in the Scriptures about remembering and not forgetting:

Exodus 13:3

*And Moses said unto the people, **Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage;** for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.*

Exodus 20:8

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exodus 32:13

***Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants,** to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.*

Numbers 11:5

***We remember** the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick*

Numbers 15:38-40

*Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: And it shall be unto you for a fringe, **that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them;** and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: **That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.***

Deuteronomy 4:23

***Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you,** and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee.*

Deuteronomy 5:15

And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

Deuteronomy 8:2

And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

Deuteronomy 8:11-14

Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage

Deuteronomy 9:7

Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst the Lord thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the Lord.

Deuteronomy 15:15

And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to day.

Deuteronomy 16:3

Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

Deuteronomy 16:12

And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

Deuteronomy 24:9

Remember what the Lord thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 24:18

But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

Deuteronomy 24:22

And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

Deuteronomy 25:17

Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt;

Deuteronomy 32:7

Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

2 Kings 17:38

And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods.

1 Chronicles 16:12

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth

Job 36:24

Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.

Job 41:8

Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more.

Psalms 20:7

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 22:27

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

Psalm 25:7

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Psalm 42:3,4

*My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? **When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me:** for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.*

Psalm 63:5-7

*My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: **When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.** Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.*

Psalm 77:10,11

*And I said, This is my infirmity: but **I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.***

Psalm 78:7

*That they might set their hope in God, and **not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments***

Psalm 103:2

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and **forget not all his benefits***

Psalm 103:17,18

*But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to **those that remember his commandments to do them.***

Psalm 105:5

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth

Psalm 119:16

*I will delight myself in thy statutes: **I will not forget thy word.***

Psalm 119:93

***I will never forget thy precepts:** for with them thou hast quickened me.*

Psalm 119:176

*I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for **I do not forget thy commandments.***

Psalm 143:5

***I remember the days of old;** I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.*

Proverbs 3:1

*My son, **forget not my law;** but let thine heart keep my commandments*

Proverbs 4:5

***Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not;** neither decline from the words of my mouth.*

Ecclesiastes 11:8

*But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet **let him remember the days of darkness;** for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.*

Ecclesiastes 12:1

***Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,** while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them*

Isaiah 44:21

***Remember these, O Jacob and Israel;** for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.*

Isaiah 46:8-10

***Remember this, and shew yourselves men:** bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. **Remember the former things of old:** for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure*

Isaiah 64:5

*Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, **those that remember thee in thy ways**: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.*

Jeremiah 51:50

*Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: **remember the Lord afar off**, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.*

Ezekiel 6:9

*And **they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives**, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall lothe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.*

Ezekiel 16:60-63

*Nevertheless **I will remember my covenant** with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant. **Then thou shalt remember thy ways**, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant. And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: **That thou mayest remember, and be confounded**, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord GOD.*

Ezekiel 20:43

*And **there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings**, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.*

Ezekiel 36:31

***Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good**, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.*

Micah 6:5

*O my people, **remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal**; that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord.*

Malachi 4:4

Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

Luke 17:31,32

*In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. **Remember Lot's wife.***

John 15:20

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

John 16:4

*But these things have I told you, **that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.** And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.*

Acts 20:35

*I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to **remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.***

Galatians 2:10

*Only **they would that we should remember the poor;** the same which I also was forward to do.*

Ephesians 2:11

*Wherefore **remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands***

2 Timothy 2:8

Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel

Hebrews 13:3

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

Hebrews 13:16

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Jude 1:17,18

But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

Revelation 2:5

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Revelation 3:3

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Forget / Remember Not:

There are also plenty of things in the Scriptures about forgetting and not remembering:

Deuteronomy 4:9

Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons

Deuteronomy 6:12

Then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Deuteronomy 8:19

And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

Job 8:13

So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish

Psalm 9:17

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Psalm 25:7

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Psalm 45:10

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house

Psalm 50:22

Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

Psalm 59:11

Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

Psalm 137:5,6

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

Isaiah 43:18

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

Isaiah 65:11

But ye are they that forsake the Lord, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.

Jeremiah 2:32

Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

Jeremiah 23:26,27

*How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; **Which think to cause my people to forget my name** by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.*

Matthew 16:9

***Do ye not yet understand, neither remember** the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?*

Mark 8:18

*Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and **do ye not remember?***

2 Thessalonians 2:5

Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

251. The Pearl of Great Price

Christ spoke to the multitudes in parables, and explained them to His disciples:

Matthew 13:10,11

*And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.***

But there are two parables that He gave only to His disciples, which He never explained:

Matthew 13:44-46

*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto **treasure hid in a field**; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one **pearl of great price**, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.*

How do we explain these, when we don't have an inspired interpretation?

The usual explanation is that the man, or merchant, is ourselves and the "treasure," or "pearl of great price," is Christ. Well, He is of great price and we ought to give up everything for Him.

However, the problem with that interpretation is that we don't find Christ, He finds us:

John 10:26

But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

John 15:16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you....

So, consequently, we must conclude that Christ must be the man, or merchant, and we are the "treasure," or "pearl of great price."

But, I'm not a "treasure" or a "pearl of great price." I'm a sinner who can do no good whatsoever:

Psalm 14:3

*They are all gone aside, **they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.***

However, those who belong to Christ, whom Christ has changed, are said to be beautiful:

Psalm 49:8

*For **the redemption of their soul is precious**, and it ceaseth for ever*

Psalm 72:14

*He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and **precious shall their blood be in his sight.***

Proverbs 3:13-15

*Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. **For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.***

Proverbs 20:15

*There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but **the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.***

See also the Song of Solomon throughout.

Isaiah 13:12

*I will make **a man more precious than fine gold**; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.*

Isaiah 61:10

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, **as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.***

Malachi 3:17

*And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, **in that day when I make up my jewels**; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.*

Revelation 21:2

*And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.***

Revelation 21:11

*Having the glory of God: and **her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal***

Revelation 21:19

*And **the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones.** The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald*

252. Durst/Durst Not [Dare/Dare Not]

Old Testament

Two different Hebrew words are translated “*durst*” in the Authorised Version of the Bible:

Esther 7:5

*Then the king Abasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that **durst presume [male]** in his heart to do so?*

Job 32:6

*And Elibu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and **durst [yare]** not shew you mine opinion.*

New Testament

The Greek word for “*durst*” is “*tolmao*”:

Matthew 22:46

*And no man was able to answer him a word, neither **durst [tolmao]** any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.*

Mark 12:34

*And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that **durst** ask him any question.*

Luke 20:40

*And after that they **durst** not ask him any question at all.*

John 21:12

*Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples **durst** ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.*

Acts 5:13

*And of the rest **durst** no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.*

Acts 7:32

*Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and **durst** not behold.*

Jude 1:9

*Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, **durst** not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

253. Calling Good Evil and Evil Good

Isaiah 5:20

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Malachi 2:17

*Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, **Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD**, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?*

254. How We Should Live In Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 2:24

*There is nothing better for a man, than that he should **eat and drink**, and that he should **make his soul enjoy good in his labour**. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.*

Ecclesiastes 3:12,13

*I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to **rejoice, and to do good in his life**. And also that every man should **eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour**, it is the gift of God.*

Ecclesiastes 3:22

*Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should **rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion**: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?*

Ecclesiastes 5:18,19

*Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to **eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour** that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion. Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to **eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour**; this is the gift of God.*

Ecclesiastes 8:15

*Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to **eat, and to drink, and to be merry**: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.*

Ecclesiastes 9:7-9

*Go thy way, **eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart**; for God now accepteth thy works. **Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment**. **Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest** all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.*

255. Fruit of the Spirit

2 Corinthians 6:6

By **pureness**, by **knowledge**, by **longsuffering**, by **kindness**, by the Holy Ghost, by **love unfeigned**

Galatians 5:22,23

But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance**: against such there is no law.

Ephesians 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in **righteousness** and true **holiness**.

Colossians 3:10

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in **knowledge** after the image of him that created him

1 Timothy 6:11

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after **righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness**.

2 Timothy 2:22,24,25

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow **righteousness, faith, charity, peace**, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart..... And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but **be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves**; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth

2 Peter 1:5-8

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith **virtue**; and to virtue **knowledge**; And to knowledge **temperance**; and to temperance **patience**; and to patience **godliness**; And to godliness **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **charity**. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

256. Apt to Teach

All of us, not just leaders, ought to be “*apt to teach*”:

1 Timothy 3:2

*A **bishop** then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, **apt to teach***

2 Timothy 2:24

*And **the servant [doulos] of the Lord** must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, **apt to teach**, patient*

[Note the word for “*servant*” here is “*doulos*” i.e. slave, so we cannot interpret this as referring to deacons, which would be “*diakonos*,”]

257. Love Not the World

We are not to love the world:

Colossians 3:1-4

*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

James 4:4

*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.***

1 John 2:15-17

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

258. Preaching Should be Serious

Nehemiah 8:8

So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

1 Corinthians 2:4

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power

1 Peter 4:11

If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God... that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

259. Babylon is Fallen

Isaiah 21:9

*And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen;** and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.*

Jeremiah 51:8

***Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed:** howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.*

Jeremiah 51:63,64

*And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: And thou shalt say, **Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her:** and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.*

Revelation 14:8

*And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen,** that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.*

Revelation 18:2

*And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,** and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*

260. A Royal Priesthood

1 Peter 2:9

*But ye are a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light*

Revelation 1:6

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

Revelation 5:10

*And **hast made us unto our God kings and priests**: and we shall reign on the earth.*

Revelation 20:6

*Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be **priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign** with him a thousand years.*

261. Tabernacle of David

The Old Testament speaks of a future rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David:

Isaiah 16:5

*And in mercy shall the throne be established: and **he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David**, judging, and seeking judgment, and hastening righteousness.*

Amos 9:11,12

***In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen**, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.*

In the New Testament this is referred directly to the Gentiles coming in to the church:

Acts 15:13-17

*And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how **God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.***

262. Not Consumed

Exodus 3:2

*And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, **the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.***

Lamentations 3:22

***It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed,** because his compassions fail not.*

Ezekiel 47:12

*And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, **neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed:** it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.*

Malachi 3:6

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Galatians 5:15

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

263. Heifer

Genesis 15:9

*And he said unto him, Take me an **heifer of three years old**, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.*

Numbers 19:2-19

*This is the ordinance of the law which the Lord hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a **red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke**: And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face: And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times: And one shall burn the **heifer** in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the **heifer**. Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even. And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even. And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the **heifer**, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin. And he that gathereth the ashes of the **heifer** shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever. He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days. He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean. Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him. This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean. And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt **heifer** of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and*

upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave: And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

Deuteronomy 21:1-7

*If one be found slain in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath slain him: Then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about him that is slain: And it shall be, that the city which is next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take **an heifer, which hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in the yoke**; And the elders of that city shall bring down the **heifer** unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor sown, and shall strike off the **heifer's** neck there in the valley: And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the Lord thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the Lord ; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried: And all the elders of that city, that are next unto the slain man, shall wash their hands over the **heifer** that is beheaded in the valley: And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it.*

Judges 14:18

*And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my **heifer**, ye had not found out my riddle.*

1 Samuel 16:2

*And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an **heifer** with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.*

Isaiah 15:5

*My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee unto Zoar, **an heifer of three years old**: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.*

Jeremiah 46:20

*Egypt is like **a very fair heifer**, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north.*

Jeremiah 48:34

*From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh, and even unto Jabaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even unto Horonaim, as **an heifer of three years old**: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.*

Jeremiah 50:11

*Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as **the heifer at grass**, and bellow as bulls*

Hosea 4:16

*For Israel slideth back as **a backsliding heifer**: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.*

Hosea 10:11

*And Ephraim is as **an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn**; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods.*

Hebrews 9:13

*For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and **the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean**, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh*

264. Zeal of the Lord

2 Kings 19:30,31

*And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: **the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.***

Isaiah 9:7

*Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.***

Isaiah 37:32

*For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: **the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.***

Isaiah 59:17

*For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and **was clad with zeal as a cloke.***

Ezekiel 5:13

*Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that **I the LORD have spoken it in my zeal,** when I have accomplished my fury in them.*

Zeal of Thine House

Psalms 69:9

*For **the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up;** and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.*

John 2:17

*And his disciples remembered that it was written, **The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.***

265. Abraham the Father of All that Believe

Romans 4:11

*And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: **that he might be the father of all them that believe**, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also*

Galatians 3:7

*Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.***

266. Shinar

Genesis 10:8-12

*And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, **in the land of Shinar**. Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.*

Genesis 11:1,2

*And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found **a plain in the land of Shinar**; and they dwelt there.*

Genesis 14:1,8,9

*And it came to pass in the days of **Amraphel king of Shinar**, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations.... And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and **Amraphel king of Shinar**, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.*

Isaiah 11:11

*And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, **and from Shinar**, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.*

Daniel 1:1,2

*In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: **which he carried into the land of Shinar** to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.*

Zechariah 5:6-11

And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth. And, behold, there was

*lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof. Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? And he said unto me, **To build it an house in the land of Shinar:** and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.*

267. Rebuking the Devil

Zechariah 3:2

And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

Jude 1:9

Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

2 Peter 2:10,11

But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

268. Seek Peace Not Politics

Jeremiah 29:7

And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

1 Timothy 2:1,2

*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; **that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.***

269. Exclamations about Christ

Mark 2:12

*And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, **We never saw it on this fashion.***

Mark 7:37

*And were beyond measure astonished, saying, **He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.***

Luke 5:26

*And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, **We have seen strange things to day.***

Luke 7:16

*And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, **That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.***

Luke 8:25

*And he said unto them, **Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.***

John 6:14

*Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, **This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.***

John 7:31

*And many of the people believed on him, and said, **When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?***

John 7:45,46

*Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, **Why have ye not brought him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.***

John 10:41

*And many resorted unto him, and said, **John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.***

270. Times Christ was Wanted to be Put to Death

Matthew 26:3-5

*Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, **And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.** But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.*

Matthew 27:1

*When the morning was come, **all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death***

Matthew 27:20

*But **the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.***

Matthew 27:22,23

*Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, **Let him be crucified.** And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, **Let him be crucified.***

Mark 14:1,2

*After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and **the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.** But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people.*

Mark 14:55

*And **the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.***

Mark 14:63,64

*Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And **they all condemned him to be guilty of death.***

Luke 6:10,11

*And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other. And **they***

were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

Luke 19:47,48

*And he taught daily in the temple. But **the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him**, And could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.*

Luke 20:19,20

*And **the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him**; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them. And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that **so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.***

Luke 22:1,2

*Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. And **the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him**; for they feared the people.*

Luke 23:21,23,24

*But **they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him....** And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.*

John 5:16-18

*And **therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him**, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. **Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him**, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.*

John 7:1

*After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for **he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.***

John 7:25

*Then said some of them of Jerusalem, **Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?***

John 7:30

*Then **they sought to take him**: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.*

John 7:32

*The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and **the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him**.*

John 7:44

*And **some of them would have taken him**; but no man laid hands on him.*

John 8:37

*I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but **ye seek to kill me**, because my word hath no place in you.*

John 8:39,40

*They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now **ye seek to kill me**, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.*

John 8:59

***Then took they up stones to cast at him**: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

John 11:49-53

*And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that **it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not**. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then **from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death**.*

John 18:31,32

*Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, **It is not lawful for us to put any man to death**: That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.*

John 19:7

*The Jews answered him, **We have a law, and by our law he ought to die,** because he made himself the Son of God.*

John 19:15

*But they cried out, **Away with him, away with him, crucify him.** Pilate saith unto them, *Shall I crucify your King?* The chief priests answered, *We have no king but Caesar.**

271. The Giving of the Holy Spirit

The gospel was the same in Old Testament times as it is in New Testament times:

Hebrews 4:2

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

But did Old Testament saints have the Holy Spirit within them in the same way that all believers do now? Some verses suggest that:

Psalms 51:11

*Cast me not away from thy presence; and **take not thy holy spirit from me.***

Isaiah 63:10,11

*But they rebelled, and **vexed his holy Spirit**: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? **where is he that put his holy Spirit within him?***

But in the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is said to only have been given after Christ had been glorified:

John 7:37-39

*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for **the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.**)*

John 14:16,17

*And I will pray the Father, and **he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.***

John 14:26

*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father **will send** in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

John 16:12,13

*I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit **when he, the Spirit of truth, is come**, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

But when was this exactly? After His resurrection Christ breathed on the eleven disciples:

John 20:22

*And when he had said this, **he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost***

Just Before His ascension, Christ told the eleven disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit to come. This may refer not to an initial coming, but to a particular infilling:

Acts 1:4

*And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise of the Father**, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

Acts 1:8

*But ye shall receive power, **after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you**: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

This presumably took place for the disciples at Pentecost:

Acts 2:1-4

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them

*cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

Acts 2:33

*Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and **having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.***

Acts 2:38,39

*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and **ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

Only the Apostles spoke in Tongues on the Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4

*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were **all** with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and **it sat upon each of them.** And they were **all** filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Acts 2:16,17

*But **this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon **all flesh:** and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams*

Who are the “all”? Only the twelve apostles:

Acts 2:7

*And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, **are not all these which speak Galilaeans?***

Acts 2:32

*This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we **all are witnesses.***

272. Vile

Old Testament

Several words in Hebrew are translated “vile” in the Authorised Version of the Bible:

Deuteronomy 25:3

*Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem **vile** [qalah = dishonoured] unto thee.*

Judges 19:24

*Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so **vile** [nebalah = disgraceful] a thing.*

1 Samuel 3:13

*For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves **vile** [qalal = light], and he restrained them not.*

1 Samuel 15:9

*But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was **vile** [nemibzeh = despised] and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.*

2 Samuel 1:21

*Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is **vilely cast away** [ga'al = abhorred], the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.*

2 Samuel 6:22

And I will yet be more vile [qalal = light] than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

Job 18:3

*Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed **vile** [tamah = defiled] in your sight?*

Job 30:8

*They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were **viler** [naka = to drive away] than the earth.*

Job 40:4*

Behold, I am vile [qalal = light]; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

Psalms 12:8

*The wicked walk on every side, when the **vilest** [zuluth = vilest] men are exalted.*

Psalms 15:4

*In whose eyes a **vile person** [ma'as = despised] is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.*

Isaiah 32:5

*The **vile person** [nabal = fool] shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.*

Isaiah 32:6

*For the **vile person** [nabal = fool] will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.*

Jeremiah 15:19

*Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the **vile** [zalal = worthless], thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.*

Jeremiah 29:17

*Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like **vile** [sho'ar = horrid] figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.*

Lamentations 1:11

*All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become **vile** [zalal = worthless].*

Daniel 11:21

*And in his estate shall stand up a **vile person** [bazah = contemptible], to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.*

Nahum 1:14

And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile [qalal = light].

Nahum 3:6

*And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee **vile** [nabel = foolish], and will set thee as a gazingstock.*

New Testament

Several words in Greek are translated “vile” in the Authorised Version of the Bible:

Romans 1:26

*For this cause God gave them up unto **vile** [atimia = dishonourable] affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:*

Philippians 3:21

*Who shall change our **vile** [tapeinosis = low] body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*

James 2:2

*For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in **vile** [rhuparos = dirty] raiment*

*This is “vile” in the King James Version and New King James Version, but it has been watered down in all modern translations:

New International Version

I am unworthy....

English Standard Version

Behold, I am of small account....

New American Standard Version

Behold, I am insignificant....

New Living Translation

I am nothing....

Good News Bible

I am unworthy....

Darby

Behold, I am nought....

Amplified Bible

Behold, I am of little importance and contemptible....

Aramaic Bible in Plain English (and Peshitta)

I have come short to myself....

Contemporary English Version

MISSING ALTOGETHER

Douai-Rheims Version

MISSING ALTOGETHER

Jerusalem Bible

My words have been frivolous.....

New World Translation

Look! I am unworthy....

273. Hypocrisy

[See also: 20. The Unforgivable Sin]

If hypocrisy is left alone to flourish, it becomes the unforgivable sin *[See: 20. The Unforgivable Sin]*. Therefore we must be very, very careful to avoid it in our lives. We must never put on a show, but be genuine and sincere in all we say and do:

2 Corinthians 1:12

*For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that **in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.***

Hypocrisy is *always* condemned in the Scriptures:

Job 8:13

*So are the paths of all that forget God; and **the hypocrite's hope shall perish***

Job 13:16

*He also shall be my salvation: for **an hypocrite shall not come before him.***

Job 15:34

*For **the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.***

Job 17:8

*Upright men shall be astonished at this, and **the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.***

Job 20:5

*That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and **the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?***

Job 27:8

*For **what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?***

Job 34:30

That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.

Job 36:13

But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them.

Psalms 35:16

With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

Proverbs 11:9

An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

Isaiah 9:17

Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Isaiah 10:6

I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

Isaiah 32:6

*For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise **hypocrisy**, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.*

Isaiah 33:14

*The sinners in Zion are afraid; **fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites**. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?*

Matthew 6:2

Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:5

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:16

Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 7:5

Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Matthew 15:7,8

Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

Matthew 16:3

And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

Matthew 22:18

But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

Matthew 23:13

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Matthew 23:14

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Matthew 23:15

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Matthew 23:23

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Matthew 23:25

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Matthew 23:27,28

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Matthew 23:29

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous

Matthew 24:51

And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mark 7:6

He answered and said unto them, **Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.**

Mark 12:15

Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, **knowing their hypocrisy**, said unto them, **Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it.**

Luke 6:42

*Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? **Thou hypocrite**, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.*

Luke 11:44

***Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.*

Luke 12:1

*In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, **Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.***

Luke 12:56

Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

Luke 13:15

*The Lord then answered him, and said, **Thou hypocrite**, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?*

1 Timothy 4:2

***Speaking lies in hypocrisy;** having their conscience seared with a hot iron*

James 3:17

*But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and **without hypocrisy.***

1 Peter 2:1

*Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, **and hypocrisies**, and envies, and all evil speakings,*

274. Feigned

1 Samuel 21:13

*And he changed his behaviour before them, and **feigned himself mad in their hands**, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.*

2 Samuel 14:2

*And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, **feign thyself to be a mourner**, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead*

1 Kings 14:5,6

*And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that **she shall feign herself to be another woman**. And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; **why feignest thou thyself to be another?** for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings.*

Nehemiah 6:8

*Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but **thou feignest them out of thine own heart**.*

Psalms 17:1

*Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, **give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips**.*

Jeremiah 3:10

*And yet for all this her treacherous sister **Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly**, saith the LORD.*

Luke 20:20

*And they watched him, and sent forth spies, **which should feign themselves just men**, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.*

2 Peter 2:3

And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

275. The Power of God

Matthew 22:29

*Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor **the power of God.***

Mark 9:1

*And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen **the kingdom of God come with power.***

Mark 12:24

*And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither **the power of God?***

Luke 1:35

*And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and **the power of the Highest** shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

Luke 9:43

*And they were all amazed at **the mighty power of God.** But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples*

Luke 22:69

*Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of **the power of God.***

Acts 1:8

*But ye shall **receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Acts 8:10

*To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is **the great power of God.***

Acts 10:38

*How **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power:** who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

Romans 1:16

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is **the power of God** unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

Romans 15:13

*Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through **the power of the Holy Ghost.***

1 Corinthians 1:18

*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is **the power of God.***

1 Corinthians 1:24

*But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ **the power of God, and the wisdom of God.***

1 Corinthians 2:5

*That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in **the power of God.***

1 Corinthians 4:19,20

*But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. For **the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.***

1 Corinthians 5:4,5

*In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, **with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,** To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*

2 Corinthians 4:7

*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of **the power** may be **of God,** and not of us.*

2 Corinthians 6:7

*By the word of truth, by **the power of God,** by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,*

2 Corinthians 13:4

*For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by **the power of God**. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by **the power of God** toward you.*

1 Thessalonians 1:5

*For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also **in power**, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.*

1 Peter 1:5

*Who are kept by **the power of God** through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

276. Rahab

Apart from “*Rahab*” the harlot in Joshua 2 and 6, other references using the name “*Rahab*”:

Psalm 87:4

*I will make mention of **Rahab** and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.*

Psalm 89:10

*Thou hast broken **Rahab** in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.*

Isaiah 51:9

*Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. **Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?***

Other references to “*Rahab*,” translated as other words in the Authorised Version of the Bible:

Job 9:13

*If God will not withdraw his anger, the **proud [Rahab]** helpers do stoop under him.*

Job 26:12

*He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the **proud [Rahab]**.*

Psalm 40:4

*Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the **proud [Rahab]**, nor such as turn aside to lies.*

Psalm 90:10

*The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their **strength [Rahab]** labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*

Proverbs 6:3

*Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and **make sure [Rahab]** thy friend.*

Isaiah 3:5

*And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall **behave himself proudly [Rahab]** against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.*

Isaiah 30:7

*For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their **strength [Rahab]** is to sit still.*

277. Spiritual Milk

We are called to grow in the faith and wean ourselves off spiritual milk and onto spiritual meat:

1 Corinthians 3:2-4

***I have fed you with milk, and not with meat:** for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?*

Hebrews 5:11-14

*Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and **are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.***

But in one sense, we are all as newborn babes:

1 Peter 2:1-3

*Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, **As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:** If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*

278. Separatism

We are to be a separate people from the world:

Leviticus 20:24,25

*But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: **I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.** Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.*

1 Kings 8:53

*For **thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance,** as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.*

Nehemiah 10:28-30

*And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and **all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God,** their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding; They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes; And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons*

Acts 19:9

*But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, **and separated the disciples,** disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.*

Romans 1:1

*Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, **separated unto the gospel of God***

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing;** and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

Galatians 1:15

*But when it pleased **God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace***

But we are not to separate ourselves from one another to form sects, but stay in one church:

Proverbs 18:1

*Through desire a man, **having separated himself,** seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.*

1 Corinthians 3:3-7

*For ye are yet carnal: for **whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?** For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.*

Galatians 2:11,12

*But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but **when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself,** fearing them which were of the circumcision.*

Jude 1:18,19

*How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. **These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.***

279. God's View of The Nations

To God, the nations are nothing:

Psalm 2:1-4

*Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. **He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.***

Isaiah 40:15-17

*Behold, **the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.** And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. **All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.***

Isaiah 40:22,23

*It is **he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers;** that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.*

God is in control of the nations:

Job 12:23

He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again.

Acts 14:16

Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

280. I Said in my Haste

Psalm 31:22

For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

Psalm 116:11

I said in my haste, All men are liars.

281. Contention

Proverbs 13:10

*Only **by pride cometh contention**: but with the well advised is wisdom.*

Proverbs 17:14

*The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore **leave off contention, before it be meddled with.***

Proverbs 18:6

A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

Proverbs 18:19

*A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and **their contentions are like the bars of a castle.***

Proverbs 22:10

***Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out;** yea, strife and reproach shall cease.*

Proverbs 23:29,30

*Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? **who hath contentions?** who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? **They that tarry long at the wine;** they that go to seek mixed wine.*

Proverbs 26:21

As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

Jeremiah 15:10

*Woe is me, my mother, that **thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth!** I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them doth curse me.*

Habakkuk 1:3

*Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and **there are that raise up strife and contention.***

Acts 15:39

And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus

Romans 2:8

But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath

1 Corinthians 1:11

*For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that **there are contentions among you.***

1 Corinthians 11:16

*But **if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.***

Philippians 1:16

*The **one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds***

1 Thessalonians 2:2

*But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to **speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.***

Titus 3:9

*But **avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.***

Contentious Wife

Proverbs 19:13

*A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and **the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.***

Proverbs 21:9

It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

Proverbs 21:19

It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

Proverbs 25:24

It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

Proverbs 27:15

A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Proverbs 30:21-23

*For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear: For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat; For **an odious woman when she is married**; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.*

What Causes Contentions?

Words of man's wisdom create contentions:

1 Corinthians 1:11

*For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are **contentions** among you.*

1 Corinthians 1:17

*For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with **wisdom of words**, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.*

1 Corinthians 2:4

*And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing **words of man's wisdom**, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power*

What Causes Contentions to Cease?

Proverbs 18:18

The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

282. Raising the Dead

The twelve disciples were given the power to raise the dead for one particular campaign:

Matthew 10:8

*Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, **raise the dead**, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*

Christ was risen from the dead:

Acts 26:8

*Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should **raise the dead**? [speaking of Christ].*

Abraham accounted that God would raise Isaac from the dead, although it never became necessary:

Hebrews 11:18,19

*Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to **raise him up, even from the dead**; from whence also he received him in a figure.*

Raising the dead in the Old Testament:

1 Kings 17:17-21

*And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that **there was no breath left in him**. And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, **let this child's soul come into him again.***

2 Kings 4:32-37

*And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, **the child was dead**, and laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and **the child opened his eyes**. And he called Gebazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.*

2 Kings 13:20,21

*And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. And it came to pass, **as they were burying a man**, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and **they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.***

Christ raising the dead:

Luke 7:11-15

*And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, **there was a dead man carried out**, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And **he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak.** And he delivered him to his mother.*

Luke 8:49-55 (Also Matthew 9:23-25; Mark 5:35-43)

*While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, **Thy daughter is dead**; trouble not the Master. But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her by*

*the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. **And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway:** and he commanded to give her meat.*

John 11:14,39-44

*Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead....** Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. **And he that was dead came forth,** bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.*

The Apostles raising the dead:

Acts 9:36-41

*Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that **she was sick, and died:** whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. **And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.** And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.*

Raising the Dead as Euphemism for being Born Again:

John 5:21

*For as the Father **raiseth up the dead,** and quickeneth them ; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.*

283. The Will of God and the One Will of Christ

There are three “Persons” in the Godhead. Each “Person” has a separate will. An entity with a “will” is indeed the definition of a “Person.” However, in God, we must immediately understand that the three “Persons” are never at any time in conflict with each other, but all three **always** “will” the same thing (i.e. the Divine “will”). Christ never sought His own will apart from that of the Father.

Christ has two natures, a divine nature and a human nature. But only ONE “will” in Himself, because He is only ONE “Person.” He must have a “will” of His own, apart from the “will” of the Father, in order for His sacrifice to be truly voluntary. But He could not possibly have had two “wills” within Himself, because that would have made Him a schizophrenic.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council held in Constantinople in 680-681 condemned Monothelitism, which is this concept of Christ having only one “will.” It decreed that this was a heresy and defined Jesus Christ as having two “wills,” a human and a divine. But that cannot be right.

The verses which are used to try to show He had two “wills,” really all show simply that He had a separate “will” from the Father. None of the following verses show He had two “wills” within Himself:

Matthew 26:39

*And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless **not as I will, but as thou wilt.***

Mark 14:36

*And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless **not what I will, but what thou wilt.***

Luke 22:42

*Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless **not my will, but thine, be done.***

[Note, Christ is not “wobbling” here, wondering what to do with Himself. We see that although He has a separate “will” from the Father.

He seeks for the cup to be taken away from Him **only** if the Father is willing (Luke), and **only** if there was any other way to redeem His people (Matthew, Mark), which there was not.]

John 5:30

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 6:38

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

John 10:17,18

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

Hebrews 10:7

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Psalms 40:7,8

Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

284. Plowshares and Pruninghooks

Isaiah and Micah both speak of a time when God will “judge” and “rebuke” and “many” people will beat their swords into plowshares and spears into pruninghooks:

Isaiah 2:4

*And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and **they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks:** nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

Micah 4:3

*And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and **they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks:** nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

But Joel speaks of a time of war when plowshares and pruninghooks will be turned into swords and spears:

Joel 3:9,10

*Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: **Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears:** let the weak say, I am strong.*

Other Occurrences of Pruninghooks:

Isaiah 18:5

*For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs **with pruning hooks**, and take away and cut down the branches.*

285. Sect and Heresy

The words “*sect*” and “*heresy*” only occur in the New Testament. Both are the same Greek word “*hairesis*.” It is a derogatory term to describe enemies. It usually refers to false religions:

Acts 5:17

*Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the **sect of the Sadducees,**) and were filled with indignation*

Acts 15:5

*But there rose up certain of the **sect of the Pharisees** which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.*

Acts 26:5

*Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest **sect** of our religion I lived **a Pharisee.***

1 Corinthians 11:19

*For there must be also **heresies** among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.*

Galatians 5:20

*Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, **heresies***

2 Peter 2:1

*But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable **heresies**, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*

Unbelievers can use it to refer derogatorily to Christians:

Acts 24:5

*For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the **sect of the Nazarenes***

Acts 24:14

*But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call **heresy**, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets*

Acts 28:22

*But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this **sect**, we know that every where it is spoken against.*

286. Anathema

An “*anathema*” is a Greek word for a curse, or religious ban:

Anathema:

Acts 23:14

*And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great **curse**, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.*

Romans 9:3

*For I could wish that myself were **accursed** from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh*

1 Corinthians 12:3

*Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus **accursed**: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.*

1 Corinthians 16:22

*If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be **Anathema** Maran-atha.*

Galatians 1:8

*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be **accursed**.*

Galatians 1:9

*As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be **accursed**.*

Anathematizo:

Mark 14:71

*But he began to **curse** and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.*

Acts 23:12

*And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and **bound** themselves under a **curse**, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.*

Acts 23:14

*And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have **bound** ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.*

Acts 23:21

*But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have **bound** themselves with an **oath**, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.*

Old Testament

In the Old Testament, the word “*accursed*” in the Authorised Version of the Bible is a translation of several different Hebrew words:

Cherem:

Joshua 6:17

*And the city shall be **accursed**, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.*

Joshua 6:18

*And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the **accursed thing**, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.*

Joshua 7:1

*But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the **accursed thing**: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the **accursed thing**: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.*

Joshua 7:11

*Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the **accursed thing**, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.*

Joshua 7:12

*Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were **accursed**: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the **accursed** from among you.*

Joshua 7:13

*Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an **accursed thing** in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the **accursed thing** from among you.*

Joshua 7:15

*And it shall be, that he that is taken with the **accursed thing** shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.*

Joshua 22:20

*Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the **accursed thing**, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.*

1 Chronicles 2:7

*And the sons of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the **thing accursed**.*

Qelalah:

Deuteronomy 21:23

*His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is **accursed** of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.*

Qalal:

Isaiah 65:20

*There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be **accursed** [qalal = light].*

287. None Shall Make Them Afraid

Isaiah 17:2

*The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and **none shall make them afraid.***

Ezekiel 34:28

*And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and **none shall make them afraid.***

Micah 4:4

*But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and **none shall make them afraid:** for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.*

Zephaniah 3:13

*The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and **none shall make them afraid.***

288. To and Fro

Genesis 8:7

*And he sent forth a raven, which went forth **to and fro**, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.*

2 Kings 4:35

*Then he returned, and walked in the house **to and fro**; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.*

2 Chronicles 16:9

*For the eyes of the LORD run **to and fro** throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.*

Job 1:7

*And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going **to and fro** in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*

Job 2:2

*And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going **to and fro** in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*

Job 7:4

*When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings **to and fro** unto the dawning of the day.*

Job 13:25

*Wilt thou break a leaf driven **to and fro**? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?*

Psalm 107:27

*They reel **to and fro**, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.*

Proverbs 21:6

*The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed **to and fro** of them that seek death.*

Isaiah 24:20

*The earth shall reel **to and fro** like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.*

Isaiah 33:4

*And your spoil shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running **to and fro** of locusts shall he run upon them.*

Jeremiah 5:1

*Run ye **to and fro** through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.*

Jeremiah 49:3

*Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run **to and fro** by the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, and his priests and his princes together.*

Ezekiel 27:19

*Dan also and Javan going **to and fro** occupied in thy fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market.*

Daniel 12:4

*But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run **to and fro**, and knowledge shall be increased.*

Joel 2:9

*They shall run **to and fro** in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.*

Amos 8:12

*And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run **to and fro** to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.*

Zechariah 1:10,11

*And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk **to and fro** through the earth. And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We*

*have walked **to and fro** through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.*

Zechariah 4:10

*For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run **to and fro** through the whole earth.*

Zechariah 6:7

*And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk **to and fro** through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk **to and fro** through the earth. So they walked **to and fro** through the earth.*

Ephesians 4:14

*That we henceforth be no more children, tossed **to and fro**, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive*

289. The Angel of the Lord

“*The angel of the Lord*” is often thought of as Jesus Christ in a pre-incarnate state. But this is not true for several reasons:

(1.) There is no definite article in Hebrew or Greek, so it could equally be translated “**An** *angel of the Lord*.” In fact different Bible translations translate it differently, depending on what the translators think it should be.

(2.) The word “*angel*” [“**malak**” in Hebrew, “**angelos**” in Greek] simply means “*messenger*,” and so “*the angel of the Lord*” is simply an angel from God giving a message directly from Him.

(3.) The phrase “*the angel of the Lord*” also occurs in the New Testament, not just in the Old, and so it cannot be Christ.

(4.) It is often said that “*the angel of the Lord*” when he appears, allows himself to be worshipped, so he therefore must be the Son of God. But that’s not true. Nowhere in Scripture is he actually worshipped. Sometimes men fall on their faces, other times the angel tells them specifically not to worship him. In every case, when “*the angel of the Lord*” appears, reverence is always given because he represents God and speaks for Him.

Here are all the occurrences of the phrase “*the angel of the Lord*” in the Authorised Version of the Bible:

Old Testament

Genesis 16:7-13

*And **the angel of the Lord** found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. And he said, Hagar, Sarai’s maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. And **the angel of the Lord** said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. And **the angel of the Lord** said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. And **the angel of the Lord** said unto her, Behold, thou art with*

*child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. And **she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me:** for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?*

[Note in v.13 Hagar realises it is the Lord God who spake to her through the angel.]

Genesis 21:17,18

*And God heard the voice of the lad; and **the angel of God** called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.*

Genesis 22:11-15

*And **the angel of the LORD** called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen. And **the angel of the LORD** called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time*

Genesis 24:7,40

*The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send **his angel** before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.... And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send **his angel** with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house*

Genesis 31:11-13

*And **the angel of God** spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grised: for I have seen all that Laban*

doeth unto thee. **I am the God of Beth-el**, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

Exodus 3:2-4

And **the angel of the LORD** appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, **God called unto him** out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

[Note in Acts 7:30, this is referred to as “an” angel of the Lord]

Exodus 14:19

And **the angel of God**, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them

Numbers 22:22-35

And God's anger was kindled because he went: and **the angel of the Lord** stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. And the ass saw **the angel of the Lord** standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. But **the angel of the Lord** stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. And when the ass saw **the angel of the Lord**, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. And **the angel of the Lord** went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. And when the ass saw **the angel of the Lord**, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff. And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee. And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay. Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw **the angel of the Lord** standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face. And **the angel of the**

Lord said unto him, *Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me: And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive. And Balaam said unto **the angel of the Lord**, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. And **the angel of the Lord** said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.*

Judges 2:1-4

*And **an angel of the Lord** came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. And it came to pass, when **the angel of the Lord** spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.*

Judges 5:23

*Curse ye Meroz, said **the angel of the LORD**, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.*

Judges 6:11,12

*And there came **an angel of the Lord**, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abi-ezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. And **the angel of the Lord** appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.*

Judges 6:20-22

*And **the angel of God** said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. Then **the angel of the Lord** put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then **the angel of the Lord** departed out of his sight. And when Gideon perceived that he was **an angel of***

*the Lord, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God ! for because I have seen **an angel of the Lord** face to face.*

Judges 13:3,6,9-22

*And **the angel of the LORD** appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.... Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, **A man of God** came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of **an angel of God**, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name.... And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and **the angel of God** came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, **the man** hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day. And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to **the man**, and said unto him, Art thou **the man** that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him? And **the angel of the Lord** said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe. And Manoah said unto **the angel of the Lord**, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee. And **the angel of the Lord** said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the Lord. For Manoah knew not that he was **an angel of the Lord**. And Manoah said unto **the angel of the Lord**, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour? And **the angel of the Lord** said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret? So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the Lord : and **the angel** did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that **the angel of the Lord** ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground. But **the angel of the Lord** did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was **an angel of the Lord**. And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because **we have seen God**.*

2 Samuel 24:15-17

*So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men. And when **the angel** stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to*

destroy it, the Lord repented him of the evil, and said to **the angel** that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And **the angel of the Lord** was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. And David spake unto the Lord when he saw **the angel** that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

1 Kings 19:5-7

And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then **an angel** touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And **the angel of the Lord** came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

2 Kings 1:3

But **the angel of the Lord** said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?

2 Kings 1:15

And **the angel of the Lord** said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

2 Kings 19:35

And it came to pass that night, that **the angel of the Lord** went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

c.f.: 2 Chronicles 32:20,21

And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven. And the Lord sent **an angel**, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.

c.f.: Isaiah 37:36

*Then **the angel of the Lord** went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.*

1 Chronicles 21:12-18

*Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days **the sword of the Lord**, even the pestilence, in the land, and **the angel of the Lord** destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me. And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the Lord; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man. So the Lord sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. And God sent **an angel** unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the Lord beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to **the angel that destroyed**, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And **the angel of the Lord** stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David lifted up his eyes, and saw **the angel of the Lord** stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O Lord my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued. Then **the angel of the Lord** commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the Lord in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.*

1 Chronicles 21:29,30

*For the tabernacle of the Lord, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon. But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of **the angel of the Lord**.*

Psalms 34:7

***The angel of the Lord** encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.*

Psalm 35:5,6

*Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let **the angel of the Lord** chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery: and let **the angel of the Lord** persecute them.*

Ecclesiastes 5:6

*Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before **the angel**, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?*

Daniel 3:25,28

*He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is **like the Son of God**.... Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent **his angel**, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.*

Daniel 6:22

*My God hath sent **his angel**, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.*

Zechariah 1:10-14

*And **the man that stood among the myrtle trees** answered and said, These are they whom the Lord hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. And they answered **the angel of the Lord that stood among the myrtle trees**, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. Then **the angel of the Lord** answered and said, O Lord of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? And the Lord answered **the angel that talked with me** with good words and comfortable words. So **the angel that communed with me** said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.*

Zechariah 3:1-8

*And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before **the angel of the Lord**, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke*

*thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before **the angel**. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And **the angel of the Lord** stood by. And **the angel of the Lord** protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, **I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.***

[Note the angel of the Lord here speaks of Christ in the third person.]

Malachi 2:7

*For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is **the messenger of the LORD of hosts.***

[Note the priest here is called the “messenger” or “angel” of the Lord]

New Testament

Matthew 1:20-24

*But while he thought on these things, behold, **the angel of the Lord** appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as **the angel of the Lord** had bidden him, and took unto him his wife*

Matthew 2:13,19,20

*And when they were departed, behold, **the angel of the Lord** appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.... But when Herod was dead, behold, **an angel of the***

Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

Matthew 28:2

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for **the angel of the Lord** descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

Luke 1:11-13

And there appeared unto him **an angel of the Lord** standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But **the angel** said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luke 2:9-14

And, lo, **the angel of the Lord** came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And **the angel** said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with **the angel** a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Acts 5:19,20

But **the angel of the Lord** by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Acts 7:30,35

And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina **an angel of the Lord** in a flame of fire in a bush.... This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of **the angel** which appeared to him in the bush.

Acts 8:26

And **the angel of the Lord** spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

Acts 12:7-11

*And, behold, **the angel of the Lord** came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And **the angel** said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by **the angel**; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith **the angel** departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent **his angel**, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.*

Acts 12:21-23

*And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately **the angel of the Lord** smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.*

Acts 27:23,24

*For there stood by me this night **the angel of God**, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.*

Revelation 1:1

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by **his angel** unto his servant John*

Men “as an Angel of God”

Sometimes men are said to be “as an angel of God”:

1 Samuel 29:9

*And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, **as an angel of God**: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.*

2 Samuel 14:17

*Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for **as an angel of God, so is my lord the king** to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.*

2 Samuel 14:20

*To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and **my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God**, to know all things that are in the earth.*

2 Samuel 19:27

*And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but **my lord the king is as an angel of God**: do therefore what is good in thine eyes.*

Zechariah 12:8

*In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, **as the angel of the Lord** before them.*

Galatians 4:14

*And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me **as an angel of God**, even as Christ Jesus.*

290. Unspeakable

True spiritual things are so great, they cannot be spoken about. All three different Greek words below only occur only once each in Scripture, and can all be defined as “*unspeakable*”:

2 Corinthians 9:15

*Thanks be unto God for his **unspeakable** [anekdiagetos] gift.*

2 Corinthians 12:4

*How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard **unspeakable** [arrhetos] words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*

1 Peter 1:8

*Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy **unspeakable** [aneklaletos] and full of glory*

Sealing / Shutting up words

Sometimes people who have had a particularly great view of eternal things are told specifically not to speak or write about them:

Daniel 12:4

*But thou, O **Daniel**, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*

Daniel 12:9

*And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for **the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.***

2 Corinthians 12:4

*How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, **which it is not lawful for a man to utter.***

Revelation 10:4

*And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, **I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.***

291. Only Child

Old Testament

Isaac:

Isaac is spoken of as Abraham's "*only son*," even though Ishmael was very much alive at this time. Isaac was the covenant child the Lord had given Abraham, whereas Ishmael was not:

Genesis 22:2

*And he said, Take now thy son, thine **only son** Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.*

Genesis 22:12

*And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine **only son** from me.*

Genesis 22:16

*And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine **only son***

Hebrews 11:17

*By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his **only begotten son***

Jephthah's Daughter:

Judges 11:34

*And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his **only child**; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.*

Jesus Christ:

Psalm 2:7 (quoted in Acts 13:33, Hebrews 1:5 and Hebrews 5:5)

*I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my **Son**; this day have I **begotten** thee.*

Solomon:

Proverbs 4:3

*For I was my father's **son**, tender and **only beloved** in the sight of my mother.*

Solomon had brothers:

1 Chronicles 3:5

*And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; **Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel***

Solomon was not the “*only son*” of his mother, but is said here to have been the “*only beloved*” out of all of them in the sight of his mother.

Mourning as for an only son:

Jeremiah 6:26

*O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, **as for an only son**, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.*

Amos 8:10

*And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it **as the mourning of an only son**, and the end thereof as a bitter day.*

Zechariah 12:10

*And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, **as one mourneth for his only son**, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

New Testament

Widow of Nain's Son:

Luke 7:12

*Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the **only son** of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.*

Lunatick after the Transfiguration:

Luke 9:38

*And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine **only child**.*

Jesus Christ:

John 1:14

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

John 1:18

*No man hath seen God at any time; the **only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his **only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

John 3:18

*He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the **only begotten Son** of God.*

Acts 13:33 (quoting from Psalm 2:7)

*God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my **Son**, this day have I **begotten** thee.*

Hebrews 1:5,6 (quoting from Psalm 2:7 and other passages)

*For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my **Son**, this day have I **begotten** thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a **Son**? And again, when he bringeth in the **firstbegotten** into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.*

Hebrews 5:5 (quoting from Psalm 2:7)

*So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my **Son**, to day have I **begotten** thee.*

1 John 4:9

*In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his **only begotten Son** into the world, that we might live through him.*

292. The Golden Pot

Exodus 16:33,34

*And Moses said unto Aaron, **Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD**, to be kept for your generations. As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.*

We find out in Hebrews that this was made of gold:

Hebrews 9:4

*Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, **wherein was the golden pot that had manna**, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant*

293. Where the Disciples Came From

All Twelve (including Matthias, not necessarily Judas) were from Galilee:

Acts 2:7

*And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, **Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?***

Philip, Andrew and Peter:

John 1:44

*Now **Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.***

John 12:20-22

*And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to **Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee**, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.*

Nathanael:

Nathanael knew Philip, but himself was from Cana:

John 21:2

*There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and **Nathanael of Cana in Galilee**, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.*

John 1:45-2:1

***Philip findeth Nathanael**, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee,*

*I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man. And the third day **there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee**; and the mother of Jesus was there*

294. The Lord will Perform All His Pleasure

Job 23:13

But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.

Psalm 115:3

But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Psalm 135:6

Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

Isaiah 14:27

For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Isaiah 46:9,10

*Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, **My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure***

295. The End of the World

Psalm 19:4

*Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words **to the end of the world**. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun*

Isaiah 62:11

*Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed **unto the end of the world**, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.*

Matthew 13:38-40,49

*The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world**; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be **in the end of this world**.... So shall it be **at the end of the world**: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just*

Matthew 24:14

*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached **in all the world** for a witness unto all nations; **and then shall the end come**.*

Matthew 28:20

*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even **unto the end of the world**. Amen.*

Hebrews 9:26

*For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once **in the end of the world** hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*

296. Speak No More

Sometimes we are told not to carry on speaking about things:

Deuteronomy 3:26

*But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; **speak no more unto me of this matter.***

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

*And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing **I besought the Lord thrice**, that it might depart from me. **And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee:** for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

Titus 3:10,11

*A man that is an heretick **after the first and second admonition reject;** Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.*

297. Glorifying

Glorifying in Men:

Isaiah 2:22

Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

1 Corinthians 1:28,29

*And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That **no flesh should glory in his presence.***

1 Corinthians 3:21

*Therefore **let no man glory in men.** For all things are yours*

1 Corinthians 4:6,7

*And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now **if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?***

Philippians 2:3

***Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory;** but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*

Glorifying in the Lord:

Jeremiah 9:23,24

*Thus saith the Lord, **Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.***

1 Corinthians 1:28-31

*And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, **He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.***

2 Corinthians 10:17,18

*But **he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.** For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.*

Galatians 6:14

*But **God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,** by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.*

298. Bethlehem

Joseph and Mary Planned to Stay in Bethlehem Permanently:

Matthew 2:11

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:22,23

But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Nobody Knew Jesus had been born in Bethlehem:

John 1:46

And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

John 7:40-43

Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of him.

John 7:52

They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

The Wise Men Disobeyed the Civil Magistrate:

Ordinarily, we are taught to obey the civil magistrate (unless he tries to force us to sin). The wise men were indeed planning to return to Herod, but God told them not to:

Matthew 2:8,12

*And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.... And **being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.***

299. Who Pierced Christ?

The Romans “pierced” Christ, but they are an example of all of us:

Psalm 22:16

*For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: **they pierced my hands and my feet.***

Zechariah 12:10

*And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and **they shall look upon me whom they have pierced,** and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

John 19:34-37

*But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, **They shall look on him whom they pierced.***

Revelation 1:7

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

300. What Does God Require of Us?

The Lord requires something of us:

Psalm 10:13

Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

How then shall we live?

Genesis 9:5

*And surely **your blood of your lives will I require**; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.*

Deuteronomy 10:12,13

*And now, Israel, **what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?***

Deuteronomy 18:19

*And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.***

Deuteronomy 23:21

*When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for **the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee**; and it would be sin in thee.*

Ezekiel 3:18-21

*When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; **but his blood will I require at thine hand.** Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not*

*given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but **his blood will I require at thine hand.** Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.*

Ezekiel 20:40

*For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and **there will I require your offerings,** and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.*

Ezekiel 33:1-9

*Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, **his blood shall be upon his own head.** He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but **his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.** So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but **his blood will I require at thine hand.** Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, **he shall die in his iniquity;** but thou hast delivered thy soul.*

Ezekiel 34:9-11

*Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and **I will require my flock at their hand,** and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them. For thus saith the Lord God ; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.*

Micah 6:8

*He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and **what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?***

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