

# FIVE SMOOTH STONES

And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

*1 Samuel 17 v 40*

God gave a shepherd boy a great victory. The giant Goliath had challenged Israel with

***“Give me a man” and for forty days and nights Israel quaked in their boots. And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.***

When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

*The Lord sent David a shepherd boy.*

And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

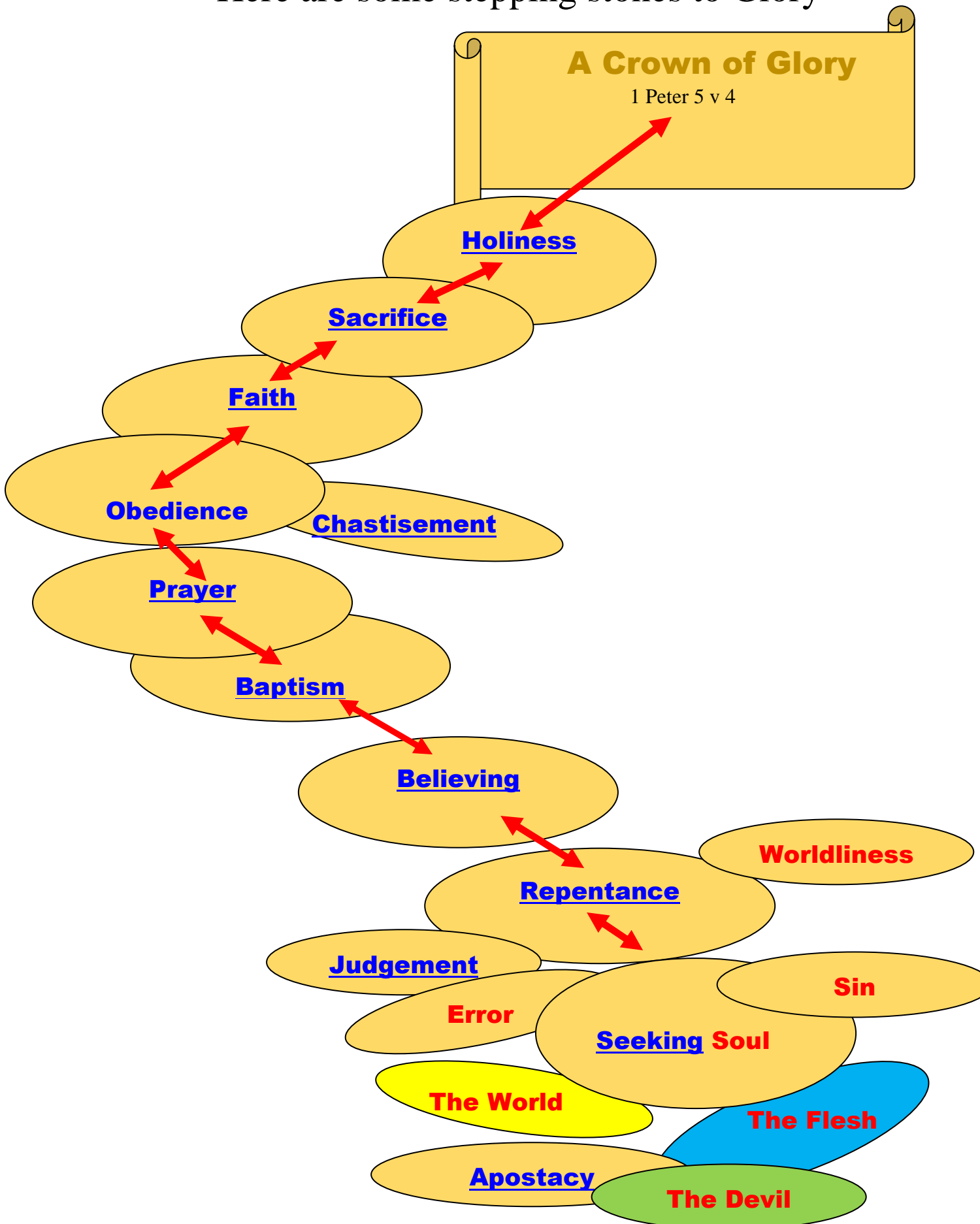
Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. David slew the giant with one stone from his shepherds bag.

*One stone was sufficient.*

The Lord has guided me to five smooth stones which are stepping stones to victory

Here are some stepping stones to Glory



# Seeking

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. **Matthew 6 v 33**

The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD **Lamentations 3 v 25-26**

Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; **1 Chronicles 22 v 19**

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; **Psalms 63 v 1**

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: **Deuteronomy 4 v 9**

And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; **2 Chronicle 15 v 12**

# Repentance

Jesus Said;

And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

**Matthew 3 v 2**

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent,

**Revelation 2 v 5**

Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. **Jeremiah 26 v 13**

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 2 v 38**

Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

**Job 42 v 6**

## *Chasten*

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As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. **Revelation 3 v 19**

The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death. **Psalms 118 v 18**

But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. **1 Corinthians 11 v 32**

As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; **2 Corinthians 6 v 9**

For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

**Hebrews 12 v 10**

## *Believing Salvation*

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

**1 Peter 1 v 23**

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

**Mark 8 v 35**

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

**Romans 5 v 9-10**

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

**Mark 13 v 13**

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

**Romans 6 v 23**

But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

**John 5 v 34**

### **Paul said**

If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

**Romans 11 v 14**

# Baptism

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **Mark 16 v 16**

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Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. **Colossians 2 v 12**

And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. **Matthew 3 v 6**

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? **Matthew 3 v 13-14**

## **Paul, said;**

John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. **Acts 19 v 4**

# Sin

## **Jesus said;**

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. **Luke 15 v 10**

**Solomon said**

Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

**Ecclesiastes 9 v 18**

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

**Romans 6 v 23**

**God said;**

If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

**Genesis 4 v 7**

**The LORD said,**

Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

**Genesis 18 v 20**

**John said;**

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

**1 John 2 v 1- 2**

**The publican said;** God be merciful to me a sinner.

**Luke 18 v 13**

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.

**Ezekiel 3 v 20**

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 3 v 21**

## *Obedience*

Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. **Genesis 26 v 5**

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? **Romans 6 v 16**

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. **Hebrews 11 v 8**

Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. **1 Peter 3 v 6**

### **Samuel**

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. **1 Samuel 15 v 22**

## *Prayer*

**Jesus Taught;** When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. **Luke 11 v 2**



### **Solomon's Prayer;**

Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. **1 Kings 8 v 45**

### **Joshua Prayed;**

**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. **Joshua 10 v 12**

### **The Prophet Samuel;**

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. **I Samuel 15 v 22**

### **Cornelius.**

And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. **Acts 10 v 4**

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

**1 Timothy 2 v 1**

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; **Romans 15 v 30**

Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; **Ephesians 1 v 16**

And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

**Revelation. 8 v 4**

# Judgement

A most neglected subject in  
Christianity today

## *Adam and Eve*

Walked and talked with God in paradise Yet when they sinned they were cast out and the ground was cursed.

**Genesis 3 v 17**

## *Egyptians*

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

**Exodus 12 v 12**

## *Nadab and Ahabu*

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

**Leviticus 10 v 2**

If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

**Deuteronomy 32 v 41**

## ***Solomon***

And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment.

*1 Kings 3 v 11*

## ***Job***

Had a long talk with God regarding judgment. For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

*Job 9 v 32*

## ***Judgement in the New Testament***

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

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 5 v 5-10*

### ***King Herod***

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 12 v 23*

### ***Christians not discerning the Lord's body***

For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

*1 Corinthians 11 v 30*

### ***Works are Judged***

If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

*1 Corinthians 3 v 15*

## *Defile the Temple*

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

*1 Corinthians 3 v*

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## *Saints shall judge*

Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

**1 Corinthians 6 v 3**

## *Apostasy*

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

**Hebrew 6 v 5**

For the earth which drinks in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and brings forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receives blessing from God: But that which bears

thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing;  
whose end is to be burned.

Hebrews 6 v

### *Those who once walked well*

For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. *2 Peter 2 v 20*

For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

*2 Peter 2 v 20*

### *Misuse of God's Word*

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Revelation 22 v 19

### *Jesus to the Lukewarm Church*

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Revelation 3 v 16

*For if we would judge ourselves,*

*we should not be judged.*

1 Corinthians 11 v 3

# SACRIFICE

A most neglected subject in Christianity today

## *The first sacrifice*

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaks.

Hebrews 11 v 4

## *Christians*

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12 v 1

## *Disciples*

God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Psalms 118 v 27

## *Jesus*

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.

Hebrews 9 v 26

*Then Jacob* offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

Genesis 31 v 54

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 with devils.

**1 Corinthians 10 v 20**

But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof:

**1 Corinthians 10 v 28**

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

**Ephesians 5 v 2**

Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

**hilippians 2 v 17**

But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God..

**Philippians 4 v 18**

Who needs not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

**Hebrews 7 v 27**

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.

**Hebrews 9 v 26**

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he said, Sacrifice and offering thou would not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

**Hebrews 10 v 5**

Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou would not, neither had pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

**Hebrews 10 v 8**

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

**Hebrews 10 v 12**



By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaks. **Hebrews 11 v 4**

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. **Hebrews 13 v 15**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. **Romans 12 v 1**

As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. **1 Corinthians 8 v 4**

What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? **1 Corinthians 10 v 19**

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, **Hebrews 10 v 26**

And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. **Daniel 12 v 11**

They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

**Hosea 4 v13**

For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:

Hosea 3 v 4

# HOLINESS

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Luke 1 v 75

## *The purpose in Chastening?*

For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

Hebrews 12 v 10

## *The aged women*

The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

Titus 2 v 3

Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Exodus 15 v 11

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Hebrews 12 v 14

## *Yield your members*

I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

Romans 6 v 19

## *Israel was Holiness*

Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the first fruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 2 v 32

## *As Romans n the High Priest*

And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

Exodus 28 v 36

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. **Ephesians 4 v 24**

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Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. **Exodus 20 v 8**

### ***Instructed to Praise***

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever. **2 Chronicles 20 v**

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### ***His throne***

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. **Psalm 47 v 8**

### ***Holy Ground***

And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. **Exodus 3 v**

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### ***The four beast***

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 v 8**

### ***Worship the Lord***

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. **Psalm 29 v 2**

### ***A highway***

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. **Isaiah 35 v**

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### ***Judah and Israel commit adultery***

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.  
**Malachi 2 v 11**

### *Fruit is required*

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

**Romans 6 v 22**

*Perfecting* Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.  
**2 Corinthians 7 v 1**

### *Called by God*

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

**1 Thessalonians 4 v 7**

### *Every Pot No Canaanite*

Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

**Zechariah 14 v 21**

### *The city is Holy*

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

**Revelation 22 v 19**

### *Our Spiritual state*

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still

**Revelation 22 v 11**

### *The first resurrection*

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.

**Revelation 20 v 6**

## *Holy Angels*

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: Revelation 14 v 10

# CHASTENING

## *The purpose of Chastening*

“Those whom I love I rebuke. So be earnest and repent. Revelation 3 v 19

These are word of Jesus when addressing the seven churches.

*In India* a man stole a bicycle from a Christian organisation. The Christians started to pray. Several weeks later the leader received a letter from a man confessing his sin and asking for prayer. He stated his hand was paralysed

During my upbringing through the Second World War discipline was common both at school and at home and I would often get a clip round the ear .

If I disobeyed my parents. This was painful but effective but it was done in love to protect me from harm and I knew I had to ask my parents forgiveness.

## *God's Word teaches us*

Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. Deuteronomy 8 v 5

In these days of liberalism and human rights; discipline has been neglected, leaving a trail of destruction by vandals and hoodlums, whose lives are wrecked.

## ***What is its purpose ? Endurance***

If ye endure hardship as, discipline God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his Father.

**Hebrews 12 v**

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Though our salvation God has a perfect plan for our lives and He demands perfection .

Be ye therefore perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**Matthew 5 v 48**

## ***Beneficial effects.***

But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? **Hebrews 12 v 8**

***Parental Discipline*** For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

**Hebrews 12 v 10**

## ***Fruit of Righteousness***

Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

## ***Lift up your hands***

Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

**Hebrews 12 v 12**

Some prerequisites of God's chastening are

## ***Sonship***

For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

## ***Happiness***

Behold, happy is the man whom God corrected: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

**Job 5 v 17**

## ***Patience***

My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

**Proverbs 3 v 11**

### ***Are you blessed***

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law; That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

**Psalm 94 v 12**

Israel murmured in the wilderness journey on leaving Egypt. Many Christians sin against God with murmurings Why am I suffering?

**Proverbs 3 v 11**

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaks unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

**Hebrews 12 v 5**

### ***Be healed***

And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

**Hebrews 12 v**

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LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

**Isaiah 26 v 16**

### ***It brings forth its own fruit!!***

When King David had sinned in murdering Uriah the Hittite Nathan the prophet came to tell him thou art the man.

**2 Samuel 12 v 7**

Although the King prayed earnestly , the baby died. David had to learn the lesson

**1 Chronicles 21**

Again when King David disobeyed God and numbered the people ( a matter of pride) he the prophet Gad came to David and he was given was given a choice of punishments

Three years war!!
Three months Famine!!
Three days of Pestilence!!.

David chose to be punished by the Lord

1 Chronicles 21 v 15

God deals with Israel.

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not:

Zechariah 8 v 14

### *The Devil*

In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

Isaiah 27 v 1

And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

Leviticus 26 v 18

**The LORD** hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

Hosea 12 v 2

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

James 1 v 12

### *A light affliction*

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal **A weight of Glory**

2 Corinthians 4 v



# *Faith* **Impossible**

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. **Hebrews 11 v 6**

## **Abraham**

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. **Hebrews 11 v 8-10**

Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, **1 Thessalonians 1 v 3**

## **Noah**

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. **Hebrews 11 v 7**

My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. **Numbers 12 v 7**

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;  
**Deuteronomy 7 v 8**

# *Apostasy*

Bible notes by Tony Daly

## *What does the Spirit say?*

Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils. Many mature Christians believe that we are living in the last days with all the signs of the times evident around us.

**2 Timothy 4 v 1**

The Lord Jesus (speaking to the churches") said, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot out his name from the book of life.

**Revelation 3 v 5**

This shows us clearly that it is possible for names to be deleted. Names that have already been written in the Lambs book of Life

## *The danger of sinning wilfully!*

For if we sin wilfully, after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

**Hebrews 10 v 26.**

After we have received indicates that these are believers.

"Wherewith he was sanctified".

Can there be an un sanctified believer?

**Hebrews 10 V 29**

Teaches us that there are some

"Who will draw back unto perdition".

**Hebrews 10 V 39**

## *Jesus said*

No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God

Luke 9 v 62.

## *The Impossibility*

This scripture tells of the impossibility, of those who were

1/once enlightened

2/ and have tasted the heavenly gift,

3/ and were partakers of the Holy Ghost

4/ who have tasted the good word of God

5/ and the powers of the world to come, if they should fall away....

Hebrews 6 v 4

It is impossible to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to open shame.

### *How awful apostasy is!!*

"For if, after they have escaped the pollution's of this world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they had know it, to turn from the Holy Commandments delivered unto them.

2 Peter 2 v 20

The branch that beareth not fruit is gathered and burned.

Christians are those branches abiding in the vine! God requires fruit!

John 15 v 5

For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs, meet for them buy whom it is dressed receiveth blessing from God... But them which beareth thorns and briers is rejected and is nigh unto cursing, who's end is to be burned.

In the parable of the Sower, the Lord Jesus tells us that some seed falls among thorns and thistles and it chokes the Word.. The cares and deceitfulness of riches choke the Word and it becomes unfruitful.

**Hebrews 6 v 7/8.**

The wheat and tares look alike, and grow together until the harvest. The tares are gathered and burned.

**Matthew 13 v 22**

The test of Christianity is fruit, for by their fruits ye shall know them..

**Matthew 7 v16**

### ***The Danger of Falling***

Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.

**1 Corinthians 10 v 12**

Let us (Christians) therefore labour to enter into that rest, Lest any man fall, after the same example of unbelief.

**Hebrews 4 v 11**

### ***The Need for Total Obedience***

Not everyone that sayeth to me Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father...

**Mathew 7 v 21**

He that saith I know him and keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him.

**1 John 2 v 4**

When the Lord Jesus comes in flaming fire he will take vengeance on them that know not God and obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of our Lord.

**2 Thessalonians 1 v 8**

And every one that hears these words of mine and doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand and the rain came and the wind blew and beat upon the house and great was the fall of it.

**Matthew 7 v 29**

### ***A warning to preachers***

The Apostle Paul said, I keep my body under and bring it unto subjection, lest by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be cast away. **1 Corinthians 9 v 27**

### ***A warning to the righteous man;***

When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die,  
**Ezekiel 3 v 20**

Be not high minded but fear, for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee; **Romans 11 v 21**

### ***A warning to liars!***

If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.

**1 John 1 v 6**

He that says he is in the light and hates his brother is in darkness even till now;

**1 John 1 v 9**

### ***Some disciples who walked away***

And from that time many of the disciples went back and walked no more with Him....

**John 6 v 66**

"For many walk of whom I have told you often and tell you now even weeping that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ

**Philippians 3 v 18**

Jesus plainly stated, "That no man, having put his hand to the plough looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.

**Luke 9 v 62**

"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how the Lord having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterwards destroyed them that believed not

**Jude 1 v 5**

That they could not enter because of unbelief...

**Hebrews 3 v 19**

### ***Danger of false apostles and deceitful workers***

Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name cast out devils, and in thy name done

many wonderful works, and then I will profess to them, I never knew you, depart from me ye that work iniquity. **Matthew 7 v 22**

And no marvel; for Satan is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. **2 Corinthians 11 v 14**

And many false prophets shall arise and deceive many. **Mathew 24 v 11**

Beloved believe not every spirit whether they are of God because many false prophets are gone out into the world **1 John 4 v 1**

### ***Last days- Endurance required***

Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall grow cold but he that endures to the end shall be saved. **Matthew 24 v 12**

In the last days, if it were possible, "Even the very elect would be deceived **Matthew 24 v 24**

### ***Faith required***

Now the just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back, my souls shall have no pleasure in him. **Hebrews 10 v 8**

Holding faith and a good conscience, which some having put away concerning faith, have made shipwreck. **1 Timothy 7 1 v 19**

Folk's, who are ever learning and never come to knowledge of the truth, are reprobate concerning the faith. **2 Timothy 3 v 8**

But Christ as a son over his own house, whose house are we, "If we hold fast, the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm, unto the end. **Hebrews 3 v 6**

For we are made then partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence, steadfast unto the end. **Hebrews 3 v 14**

See that you refuse him not that speaks, for if they escaped not who refused him that spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape, if we turn away from him that speaks from heaven.

**Hebrews 12 v 25**

But with many of them God was not well pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

**1 Corinthians 10 v 5**

When an unclean spirit is gone out of a man and he walks in dry places seeking rest and finds none. Then said he, "I will return to my house from whence he is come, and finds it empty swept and garnished. Then goes he and taketh with him seven, more spirits wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there, and the last state of that man is worst than the first.

**Mathew 12 v 43/45**

### ***God's warning to the brethren.***

Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

**Hebrews 3 v 12**

Ye therefore beloved seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also be away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

**2 Peter 3 v 17**

### ***Lessons from Esau***

Who sold his birthright for a morsels of meat. For ye know that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Serious warnings in God's Word for believers

If any man defile the temple him God will destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are!

**1 Corinthians 3 v 17**

Also; **Hebrews 12 v 14.**

### ***Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.***

Paul prays that our bodies would be preserved blameless

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

Also addressed to the beloved! Wherefore beloved seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless. **2 Peter 3 v 14**

***We must hold fast to our faith***

Seeing then, that we have not a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God let us hold fast our profession.

**Hebrews 4 v 14**

Jesus said. Behold I come quickly; hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown

**Revelation 3 v 11**

Therefore brethren, Stand fast hold fast the traditions which ye have been taught whether by word or by our epistle. **2 Thessalonians 2 v 15**

***Paul declared.***

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

**2 Timothy 4 v 7**

God promises to rewards those who are faithful in a few things. The lesson of the parable of the talents is surely that we must bring forth fruit. Without fruit the servant is cast out and there shall be a weeping and a wailing and a gnashing of teeth.

**Matthew 13 v 42**

***To those who overcome?***

Why must we overcome if there is no danger of losing our salvation!

No we must press on towards the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus

**Philippians 3 v 14**

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

**2 Corinthians 13 v 11**

The only perfect man, was and is Jesus Christ..

Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.



**Philippians 3 v 15**

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

**2 Timothy 3 v 17**

God has a perfect plan for our lives...

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endures for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

**Psalms 138 v 8**

**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace who's mind is stayed upon thee, because he trusts in thee,,..**

**Isaiah 26 v 3**

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