

# Discipleship:

Are you born again ??? If you want to go to Heaven you must be! Many people are religious . They like to do religious things. The worlds is full of religions. It is very confusing Hinduism says come this way. Buddhist say this way, Mormons say this way, Islam says this way, 7th Day Adventist this way, there are hundreds of religions and denominations in England. They make men feel better, unfortunately and tragically, many religions deceive.

Religion and its dangers . Religion tries to change the man from the outside. It makes rules. Do not smoke, do not drink, do not take drugs . Go to church, give your money. Sadly, tragically, it is possible to do these things without being ” Born Again”!!

So religion is “rules”. Usually men’s rules. Jesus said “Come unto me” Not to a denomination or a doctrine of man. Jesus did not invite you to the Pentecostal, Baptist or Catholic Church nor to any charismatic group, however likeable or well meaning.

We either have religion or a relationship with Jesus Christ. Christ in our hearts by Faith.

Consider the thief on the cross

He could not be religious. He could not light a candle. He could not go to mass, he could not go to Mecca, he could not be baptised, he could not read a bible, he could not go on a pilgrimage.

He was crucified, hanging on a cross and he was dying. He was guilty. He deserved to die How could he be saved?

1/ He looked, a dying man looked,

What did he see? He saw Jesus, He saw the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the World. He actually saw the Blood. The precious blood of Jesus as he suffered on the cross as a sacrifice a substitute lamb, an innocent lamb slain for sinners.

2/ He believed. For he called Jesus Lord. “ No man can call Jesus Lord but by the Holy Spirit”

3/ He prayed, It was a desperate prayer. He cried out to God. “Lord when thou comest into thy kingdom remember me” It was a selfish prayer, but it was a dying man, A man without any hope.

Jesus answered the thief's hearts cry immediately. “Today thou shalt be with me in paradise”. This was a promise There were no rules, no conditions. A sinner cried out to God in repentance, looking to Jesus calling Him Lord and having Faith.

Read: Hebrews 11

**Sin. God Hates sin But God loves sinners**

Read: Jeremiah 17 v 9-10 Truly the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked .....

Sin is not always what we do? Sin is what we are. God is Holy . We are sinners.

What is sin? Some comfort themselves saying ”I have not committed murder, I am not a thief, or I have not committed

adultery” But Jesus says the heart is full of sin. That is your heart, my heart.

Mark 7 v 21 . For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within and defile the man."

A warning is given in the Bible. “But the fearful, and unbelieving and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death”. Revelation 21 v 8

“Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Romans 14 v 23 Actually the only barrier between you and a Holy God is your un confessed sin!!

All sin can be forgiven by God!!! If we truly.... Repent.

In the Old Testament Tabernacle a curtain separated the priests from the Holy of Holy's . The High Priest could only enter once a year after blood sacrifice. Yet when Jesus died on the cross of Calvary for sinners the curtain in the temple at Jerusalem was torn in two. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. Luke 23 v 45

God thus indicating that access was now made for all sinners to approach God through the shed blood of Jesus . All sin can be forgiven by God !!!

Except blasphemy against the Holy Ghost: Matthew 12 v 31  
Therefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be

forgiven unto men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven unto men.

That is not believing what the Holy Spirit (God) says in His word. The Holy Spirit, “Inspired” men to write the bible. The Holy Spirit wrote the Book.., Read 2 Timothy 3 v 16

So, not believing the Gospel, is sin, and is calling the Holy Spirit a liar!!! Revelation 21 v 8

No Liar shall enter heaven. One more warning about Sin.

If we sin wilfully there is no forgiveness..

This refers to apostasy. For if we sin wilfully after having received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation,

v 26-27 Hebrews 10

There are sins of Omission and sins of Commission

That is things we should have done but have not done = Omission.

Then sins that we have done that we should not have done = Commission.

Sinful wilfully is resisting the Holy Ghost. This is deliberately turning you back on God and though once you believed you deliberately reject God and His Christ.

Read about the Impossible.... Hebrews 6 v 4-6

“It is impossible to those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost and have tasted of the good Word of God, and of 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 open shame”.... This is known as apostasy .

## *2/ When we are saved it is a first step*

The seed of the Holy Spirit has quickened our Spirit and we become alive to the things of God. The parable of the sower sets out the 4 types of soil or four types of heart

1/ Way side= Hard ground = Hard heart The devil come immediately to snatch away the seed sown.

Result No fruit

2/ The stony ground= Word is received but when the sun gets hot= Persecution, the seedling dies=

Result no fruit

3/ Thorns and Thistles= This word is received with great Joy. But the cares of this life the deceitfulness of riches comes in and the word is choked and dies.

Result no Fruit

4/ Good ground. Heart open to receive all from God = Good soil/

Brings forth Fruit: 30 fold 60 Fold 100 Fold . Jesus said : Ye will know them by their fruits

Matthew 7 v 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?

Without fruit The branch ( a Christian) although it resembles a Christian is cut off and burnt in the fire.

Read John 15 v 1- 8

Note. The only way to bear fruit is to, “Abide in Jesus”....

Also: read Psalm 1 v 1-3 When we meditate in God’s Word blessings follow

### *Learn the lessons of the Seed*

Any farmer will tell you. All seed needs to be planted in good soil and nurtured. If the seed planted is neglected it will soon wither and die.

When a person accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, repenting of their sins they then have two natures. The old Adamic (Adam’s Nature) ruled by Satan and the New Spiritual nature ruled by the Spirit of God in Christ Jesus.

### *These two natures are at war....*

The person is now receiving two signals .

One from the old nature and one from the new nature.

Jeremiah 24 v 5- 7 Parable of the figs

Good fruit. Is Blessed of God . Evil Fruit Is cursed of God

Read all of Romans 6..... Then 2 Corinthians 2 v 14-16 .

Then Romans 8 v 35 to 39

Jesus expected fruit from the nation of Israel. When there was no fruit, He cursed it. Matthew 21 v 19 And when He saw a fig tree by the wayside, (The Fig Tree representing the nation of Israel)

He came to it and found nothing thereon, but leaves only. And He said unto it, "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever." And immediately the fig tree withered away.

v 20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, "How soon has the fig tree withered away!"

Lastly there is a gulf which separates and identifies those who are saved Born again and those who are Lost

The Saved have

Light

Joy

Hope

Assurance

Perfect Peace

The Lost are in

Darkness

Sadness

Despair

Confusion

Fear Doubt

They hear Jesus say

Well Done

Good and faithful servant

The rewards to Over comers!!!! Rev Chapter 2 and Chapter 3

Depart from me

Ye cursed

*3/ We cannot save ourselves.*

It is Jesus Christ who is the Shepherd of the sheep, who came to seek and save that which is lost... John 10 v 11 "I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep".

Salvation is the work of the Holy Spirit

1/ His work is to convict of sin. Read: John 16 v 8-13

Millions have no sense of their sins, the devil's lie is to convince them that they are fairly good, not so bad really, quite nice, they have a false sense of their own worth. They are not like others who commit murder, who steal and cheat!!! So they deceive themselves, not realising that sin is sin and all sin separates us from God. So anger, pride, false humility,

2/ Of Righteousness (Holiness) When we realise and accept that God is Holy we know the depravity of the Human heart lost deep in sin. Mark 7 v 20-23

3/ Of Judgment to come. When we realise how awful Judgment is we have good reason to repent. The fear of God comes into our heart and we seek to look for a Saviour Proverbs 9 v 10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

We must ask ourselves this question? Are we truly born again? Do we have the witness of the Spirit? That we are children of God?

A new Christian must understand the condition of all flesh.

That is, what is in the heart?

The heart is deceitful Mark 7 v 20-23 Read: Jeremiah 17 v 9-10

A new Believer must ask this question?

Are we still connected to the World???

When a baby is born it is still being fed from its mother. So it is in the Spirit. When a spiritual birth takes place all connection with



the old life must be cut. The umbilical chord with the world must be cut

**Ephesians 2 v 1-2** And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience.

How can we know we are saved?

**Romans 8 v 16** The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God;

## *A / A believer shines the Light*

A believes life should match up to what they believe. Read. **Acts 4 v 13**

**Isaiah 43 v 10** "Ye are My witnesses," saith the LORD,

**Acts 1 v 8** But ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

**Mark 5 v 19** But Jesus suffered him not, and said unto him, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee,

and how He hath had compassion on thee." v 20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him. And all men marvelled...

1 Timothy 6 v Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Read all of a blind man's testimony John 9 v 24

The neighbours therefore, and those who before had seen that he was blind, said, "Is not this he that sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." But he said, "I am he!" Therefore they said unto him, "How were thine eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' And I went and washed, and I received sight." v 25 He is of age; ask him. He shall speak for himself."

22 These words spoke his parents, because they feared the Jews; for the Jews had agreed already that if any man confessed that He was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, "He is of age; ask him." Then they again called the man who was blind and said unto him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether he be a sinner or not, I know not. One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see."

## *5 / We are saved to serve.*

God has a plan for our lives : Service.

God rescued his chosen people Israel from slavery in Egypt that they might serve him Exodus 10 v 7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, "How long shall this man be a snare unto us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God.

Jesus said, **John 12 v 26** If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be. If any man serve Me, him will My Father honour.

We are not saved to continue in sin!

**Romans 6 v 6** knowing this: that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

### **A reward for serving Christ.**

**Colossians 3 v 24** knowing that from the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance, for ye serve the Lord Christ.

**Hebrews 12 v 28** Therefore, we receiving a Kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.

In Glory . In Heaven

**Revelation 22 v 3** And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

**James 2 v 20** But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

God has a plan for our lives Ha'gar cast away her baby dying for lack of water... God had a plan for her baby: Read **Genesis 21 v 17**

Gods plans include "Good Works "

**Eph 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath beforehand ordained, that we should walk in them.

**2 Timothy 3:17** that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly equipped for all good works.

**Titus 2:7** in all things showing thyself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing un corruptness, seriousness, sincerity,

**Titus 3:8** This is a faithful saying, and these things I enjoin that thou affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Moses

**Heb 3:9** “when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years”.

**Jas 2:17** Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

**Jas 2:18** Yea, a man may say, "Thou hast faith, and I have works." Show me thy faith apart from thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

**James 2:21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

Do you see how faith wrought with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

**James 2 v 22**

Ye see then how by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

James 2 v 24

Revelation 3 v 8 I know thy works and didst keep my word, and didst not deny my name

Our works will be tried in the fire to see what sort they are?

1 Corinthians 3 v 13-15

every man's work shall be made manifest; for the Day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall test every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereon, 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 fire.

The works of the flesh are sins

Galatians 5 v 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, and they are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Greater Works than Jesus

Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the very works' sake. John 14:11

Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth in Me, the works that I do he shall do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father. John 14:12

You will know it is God speaking, Because it is based on " His Word" God will never ask you to do anything that is not in "His Word".

## *6/ God requires total sacrifice,*

Paul said.. I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2 v 20

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

And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

The question is? ARE YOU WILLING ? ? ?

To renounce: The world? The flesh? The devil ?

The analogy of driving a car. Being a Christian is like

1/ Letting someone take hold of the steering wheel

2/ Totally surrendering all decisions and plans into His hands.

Example

God did not spare His only Son “ Jesus Christ” from sacrifice on the cross.

Hebrews 10 v 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down at the right hand of God

All through the Old Testament: The sacrificial Lamb points to the “Lamb of God” of the New Testament. Jesus did not flinch in the garden of Gethsemane as He faced the cruel cross. He prayed: “Nevertheless not my will be done but thine”

Ephesians 5 v 2 and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savor.

Abraham did not flinch when God asked him to sacrifice his son. God was testing Abraham but Abraham had faith to believe that God would raise up his son even if he were to sacrifice him. Genesis 22 v 12

**Isaac** was willing to obey his father and lay on the altar. Ready and willing to die. Trusting His father, He did not fight or resist when his father Abraham tied him to the altar and raised the knife. Genesis 22 v 7-9

The disciples left their nets, their families, their village, to follow Jesus .

### **A Sacrificial Life**

Pauls sufferings 2 Corinthians 6 v 4-10

Paul again Read 2 Corinthians 11 v 26-27

One evangelist promised God in prayer. Anything! Anytime! Anywhere!

God answered that prayer of dedication and used that man to gather in a harvest of souls!!

Matthew 16 v 24-26 Let a man take up his cross and follow me

## 7 / *Works*

Serving God with Good Works .

Good works do not save a soul but after a soul is saved God has a plan for their lives which he reveals in prayer and through His Word

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The circumstance of your life will also be in accord with the Word.

You will have peace in your heart.

You will have the "witness of the Spirit ". The Spirit witnesses with our Spirit that we are children of God.

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## *8 / Gods plan for our lives !*

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1 Chronicles 15 v 2 Then David said, "None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites, for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God and to minister unto Him for ever."

John 15 v 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Acts 15 v 25 it seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

God has a plan for our lives. He will show us this plan if we wait in prayer. We must seek to do the Lords will.

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- The Spirit witnesses with our Spirit that we are children of God.
- These are works of guided and prompted by the Holy Spirit

For Paul Gods had planned suffering!!!

Acts 9 v 16 For I will show him what great things he must suffer for My name's sake."

Acts 22 v 10 And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said unto me, 'Arise and go into Damascus, and there it shall be told thee of all the things which are appointed for thee to do.'

For David a shepherd boy. God had planned to make him King

God shows Samuel the prophet that "This is He" 1 Samuel 16v 12-13

Jeremiah 1 v 5 . Chosen of God In the womb he was ordained as a Prophet.

For Christians

We are chosen in Christ before the Worlds began

Ephesians 1 v 4 He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

Jesus; for Thou loved Me before the foundation of the world. John 17 v 24

*9/ Faith is tested.* 1 Peter 4 v 12

Job 1 v 8 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one who feared God and eschewed evil. And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters

Job 2 v 3 And the LORD said unto Satan, " Read the story

*Hast thou considered My servant Job,* that there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one who feareth God and escheweth evil? And still he holds fast his integrity, although thou move Me against him to destroy him without cause."

For Christians. The Lord test their faith.... Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Genesis 22 v 1 And it came to pass after these things, that God tested Abraham and said unto him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Behold, here I am." 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."

Romans 4 v 3 For what saith the Scripture? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted unto him for righteousness." And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, nor yet the deadness of Sarah's womb. He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully

persuaded that what He had promised, He was able also to perform. And therefore "it was imputed to him for righteousness."

All faith must be tested to see what sort it is? Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you but rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 1 Peter 4 v 12

Jesus commended the Roman soldier for his Faith

Matthew 8 v 10 When Jesus heard it, He marvelled and said to those who followed, "Verily I say unto you, I have not found such great faith, no, not in Israel.

The disciples who had travelled with Jesus and had witnessed His power and the miracles He did, were rebuked when a storm arose and they feared for their lives. Matthew 8 v 26 And He said unto them, "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11 v 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 those who diligently seek Him.

Peter walked on the water but started to sink when he took his eyes off of Jesus Matthew 14 v 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand and caught him and said unto him, "O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt?"

All that is not of faith is sin!!! Romans 14 v 23

Jesus illustrates the “Power of Faith”

Matthew 17 v 20 And Jesus said unto them, "Because of your unbelief; for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, ‘Remove hence to yonder place,’ and it shall remove. And nothing shall be impossible unto you.

The woman who touched Jesus

Mark 5 v 34 And He said unto her, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole. Go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."

*10/ Every Day... you must put on,#*

The Whole armour of God. Read: Ephesians 6 v 10–18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.<sup>1</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

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.

13 Therefore, 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.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.

16 Above all, take the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Why ? because we are in a battle. A spiritual battle

The devil "Satan" wants to and will ( If you let Him)

1/ Deflect you from your course

2/ Discourage you

3/ Divert you from your purpose

4/ And if possible destroy your faith ( It is possible)

He is a thief, a liar and a murderer John 10 v 10 John 8 v 44

Do not be afraid of him.

For the Word of God is: Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4 v 7

Perfect love cast out fear

1 John 4 v 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

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Put on put on that new man,

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

Galatians 3 v 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.

Col 3 v 10 and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him,

Put on charity, Col 3 v 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Col 3 v 12 Therefore, holy and beloved, as the elect of God.....

Put on hearts of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering,

Put Off

Ephesians 4 v 22 that ye put off, concerning your former manner of living, the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

Colossians 3 v 8 But now ye also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Colossians 3 v 9 Do not lie one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds,

2 Peter 1 v 14 knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shown me.



## *11 / The Fallen Angel*

Luke 22 v 3 Then entered Satan into Judas, surnamed Iscariot, being one of the twelve.

2 Corinthians 11 v 14 And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Paul wrote : 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.

2 Corinthians 12 v 7

Therefore we would have come unto you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us. 1 Thess 2 v 18

even him, whose coming is according to the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, 2 Thess 2 v 9

1 Timothy 1 v 20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Chronicles 21 v 1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. Job 1 v 6

Zec 3 v 1 And he showed 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 who hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee! Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?"

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out—that serpent of old called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world

Rev 20 v 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

Rev 20 v 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, who didst weaken the nations! Isaiah 14 v 12 – 16

**16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee and consider thee, saying, 'Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms,**

Matthew 4 v 10 Then said Jesus unto him, "Get thee hence, Satan! For it is written: 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.'"

Matthew 12 v 26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand? Matthew 16 v 23 But He turned and said unto Peter, "Get thee behind Me, Satan! Thou art an offense unto Me; for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

Greater is He that is within me.

1 John 4 v 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.

## *12 / Conditional promises of God*

If we fulfil the conditions the Lord adds his blessing

What are the conditions in the following verses of Scripture?

Exodus 15:26 And said, 1/ If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and 2/ wilt do that which is right in his sight, and 3/ wilt give ear to his commandments, and 4/ keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that heals thee...

2 Chronicles 7 v 14 If my people, which are called by my name, 1/ shall humble themselves, and 2/pray, 3/and seek my face, 4/ and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, 1/ If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

Colossians 1:23 1/ If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, 2/ and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature

John 15 v 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

1 John 1 v 7 But 1/ if we walk in the light, as 2/ he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

## *Two conditions for Joshua Three Promises of Blessing*

Joshua the high priest stood before God and was given a change of clothes. His filthy rags were taken from him. Salvation is a gift of God. Zechariah 3 v 7

Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

4 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,

7 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.

## *13 / Lessons to learn in a life of Prayer*

Jesus: Strong crying and tears Hebrews 5 v 7

Prayer of Jesus. John 17 He went up the mountain to pray!!

In the garden where he sweated as it were drops of blood...!!!

If it be possible .Let this hour pass from him Mark 14 v

Abraham: A righteous man prayed. Gen 18 v 19 v 20

God reveals to Abraham His plans to destroy Sodom and Gomorah

1/ Because He trust Abraham Gen 18 v 19

He will command His children to keep justice and judgment..

2/ Because the cry of Sodom is great ? Gen 18 v 20

What cry? The cry was very great also very grievous to the Lord v 20

Does sin cry out?

Able's blood crieth out from the ground...Gen 4 v 10 What have you done. The voice of your brothers blood crieth out from the ground.. Though dead yet speaketh...

3/ Abraham stood yet before the Lord Gen 18 v 22

In His presence is fullness of joy at his right hand are pleasures for evermore Psalm 16 v 11

4/Abraham drew near, Gen 18 v 23

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. James 4:8

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.

John in the bosom of Jesus: John 13:23

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

5/ Before God revealed that He would indeed destroy Sodom Abraham interceded for the city Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked, be it far from thee.. Perhaps there are 50 righteous within the city . will you also destroy and spare not for the fifty righteous within

6/ Abrahams plea. Accrediting God with righteous actions... To slay the righteous with the wicked Shall not the judge of all the earth do right..

7/ Perseverance. Abraham Prayer. "Lord do not be angry but if there be ten"? Gen 18 v 32

Prayer of Habakkuk

Habakkuk 2 v 1 I will stand upon my watch and set me upon my tower and will watch to say what he will say to me and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd...

Prayer of Jabez.

Oh that thou would bless me indeed...1 Chron 4 v 10

And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.

And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

Ask and it shall be given unto thee Jer 33 v 1

Elijah: 1 Kings 18 36/37

That they may know that I do these things at your command..

The fire fell

The Dying Thief: Luke 18 v 13

Lord when thou comest into thy Kingdom

He believed

He saw the blood, he could not be religious, get baptised or go to church. But he prayed...

The prayer of a dying Man: Stephen: Acts 7 v 20

Being full of the Holy Ghost.. “ Lord lay not this sin to their charge”

General Conditions for Prayer

Iniquity: If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me.

Psalm 66 v 18

Not vain repetitions. Math 6 v 7 Not long public prayers...

Math 23 v 14

For those afflicted: Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray: 1 Peter 5 v 13

The prayer of faith shall save the sick : 1 Peter 5 v 15

An evil man prayed: Mannasah 2 Chron 33. He humbled himself

Hezekiah: Prayed. Isaiah 38. He was dying

God sent the prophet Isaiah to warn him. He turned his face to the wall

He repented. He humbled himself. He touched God's heart:

He was given 15 years more life..

The prayers for the dead.

Elisha: 12 Kings 4 v 33. An impossible situation

Lays on the dead boy. He revives...v 33. He walks too and fro v 34

Some Amazing prayers

Joshua 10 v 13 The sun stood still

Hezekiah: The sundial went back 10 degrees Isaiah 38 v 8

Caleb: Joshua 14 v 12

Caleb's high aspirations.. Give me this mountain.....

Joshua Prays: Joshua 10 v 13. And the sun stood still

The Lord's Victory

The battle is not yours Stand ye still 2 Chronicles 20 v 17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem:



fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

Jacob: I will not let thee go unless thou bless me...

Ruth Esther For such a time as this

Widow Woman: 2 Kings 4 v 30

Her husbands was dead the creditors had come

Elisha tells her borrow vessels not a few...##

## *14/ Our Fellowship is with the Father. (God)*

John 1 v 3 that which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ

John 1 v 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.

Fellowship with one another

John 1 v 7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

### *What do Christians do? Explain !!!*

Acts 2 v 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread and in prayers.

And fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

## They shared everything!!!

1/And all who believed were together and had all things in common, and they sold their possessions and goods and divided them among all men, as every man had need.

2/ And continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and

3/ breaking bread from house to house, they ate their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

4/ Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Word of God is quick and powerful: Hebrews 4 v 14

Dividing asunder: Soul Spirit

Discerner of thoughts and intents of the heart

Read all

Matthew 4 v 4 But He answered and said, "It is written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'"

Luke 4 v 4 And Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

Now we exhort you brethren: Go through the list I Thess 5 v 14 – 24

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man, but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and with all men.

16 ¶ Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks....

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesying.

21 Test all things; hold fast to that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 ¶ 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

## *15 / Gifts* 1 Corinthians 12 v 28

And God hath set some in the church: first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracle workers, then those with gifts of healing, helpers, administrators, and those with diversity of tongues.

This is not mans methods this is what God has set up in the church.

29 Are all apostles? No. Are all prophets? No. Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? No

30 Have all the gifts of healing? No Do all speak with tongues? No Do all interpret? No

31 But covet earnestly the best gifts,

Body Ministry.... **When you come together**

**1 Cor 14 v 26-30** How is it then, brethren? When ye come together every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

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. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home, for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

### **Glorify God in your Body**

1 Cor 6 v 14-17 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you and which ye have from God, and that ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

### **Walk in the Spirit .....**

**Galatians 5 v**

**16 – 25**

This I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye are led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

### **Works of the flesh!!**

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, and they are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, quarrelling, rivalry, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, revelling, and such like. About these things I tell you again, as I have also told you in times

past: that those who do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

### Fruit of Spirit

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

### *Reading Exhortation Doctrine; 1 Timothy 4 v 13*

What we are urged to do....

Until I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and those who hear thee.

### *16 / The awfulness of Apostasy.*

That is falling away and growing cold.

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,

1 Timothy 4 v 1

Please study the following and realise that the only answer to apostasy is Judgment.....

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom therefore it make healthy Christians as they realise that neglecting prayer and fellowship with Jesus means the fire of love in their hearts goes out, they grow cold, lose their testimony and are like the virgins in the parable.

The door will be shut because they have no oil  
25 v 6-10

Matthew

They in the Words of Scripture a form of Godliness ( they go to church reads their Bible and pray ( formally) but they do not have any relationship with Jesus Christ They are just religious.

## *References to Apostasy If any man*

Sins wilfully.  
Hebrews 10 v 26

Draw's back...  
Hebrews 10 v 38

Make shipwreck.  
Timothy 1 v 19

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Is reprobate Timothy 3 v 18	2
Departs from the faith. Timothy 4 v 1	1
Shall not inherit…. Galatians 5 16/19	
No inheritance Ephesians 5 v 5	
Wrath on disobedience… Ephesians 5 v 5	
I myself am cast away Corinthians 9 v 27	1
lest he fall. Corinthians 10 v 12	1
but fear lest he spare not thee. Romans 11 v 21	
Righteous man he shall die in his sins. Ezekiel. 3 v 17	
is a Liar ( No liar shall enter) 1 John 2 v 4	….
If we say we have no sin We lie 1 John 1 v 6	
walk in darkness . we lie 1 John 1 v 9	
Israel carcasses fell in wilderness. Hebrews 3 v 17	
Enemies who walk. Philippians 3 v 18	

Who's end is to be burned.

Hebrews 6 v 7/8

Impossible to renew.

Hebrews 6 v 4

Not blot out his name from book.

Revelation 3 v 5

latter end is worse.

2 Peter 2 v 20

branch with no fruit burned

John 15 v 6

Temple defiled God will destroy

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Timothy 3 v 17

They were not of us.....

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John 2 v 19

Seven other spirits worse.....

Matthew

11 v 43/45

Destroyed believed not.....

Jude 1 v 5

No man looking back is fit for the Kingdom...

Luke 9 v 62

Iniquity abounds love of many will grow cold.

Matthew 24 v 12

Not every Lord, Lord, depart from me.....

Matthew 7 v 21

Those who did not obey Gospel

2

Thessalonians 1 v 8

lest any man fall.....

Hebrews 4 v 11



## *On Judgement day there will be a division !!!*

Between the

The Saved and the Lost

The Light and Darkness

The Wheat and the Tares

The Good fish and the Bad fish

The Sheep and the Goats

Some will be invited to enter into the Joy of the Lord

Others will be Cursed and Cast out into everlasting Torment

### *17 / Death of a Believer* Asleep with the Lord

Body is dead buried in the grave and awaits the resurrection

The Spirit and soul are alive

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5 v 1-8 .

2 Corinthians 5 v 8

Consider Lazarus and Dives.

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.'

Luke 16 v 24

The man is dead and in torment yet he can feel the heat and is thirsty for water. He can speak . He is still in his old corrupt body....

So also is the resurrection of the dead: It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written: "The first man Adam was made a living soul." The last Adam was made a quickening Spirit. `

1 Corinthians 15 v 42-44

Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance, knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shown me. Moreover I will endeavour that you may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

2 Peter 1 v 13-15

Paul

For I am in a strait between the two, having a desire to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better; nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you

. Philippians 1 v 23

Thief on the cross Luke 23 v 43

And Jesus said unto him, "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."

Ps 116 v 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Other references

But some man will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" Thou fool, that which thou sow is not quickened, unless it die.

1 Corinthians 15 v 34 -45

37 And that which thou sow is not that body which shall be, but bare grain, by chance of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star is different from another star in glory.

Hebrews 2 v 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 those who all their lifetime were subject to bondage through fear of death.

Romans 6 v 8-11

Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *18/ Our Glorious future*

Hagar abandoned her baby to die in the wilderness from lack of water. But God heard the babies cry

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."

What we shall be like in the resurrection ?  
As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

Psalm 17 v 5

What we will be ?

Eye hath not seen nor ear hear neither hath it entered into the heart of man

1 Corinthians 2 v 9

We shall be changed . Chorus.

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Corinthians 15 v 51

- **Changed in a twinkling of an eye, Repeat**
- **When the trump shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise**
- **We shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye**

Our bodies will be raised in glory .

1 Cor 15 v 43

Who shall change our vile body like unto His glorious body. Phil 3 v 21	
We are partakers of the Divine Glory.	2 Peter 1 v 4
Partakers of His Holiness.	Heb 12 v 10.
We shall be conformed to His image.	Rom 8 v 29
Changed from glory unto glory.	2 Cor 3 v 18.
Saints will judge the World.	1 Cor 6 v 3
We shall judge angels.	1 Cor 6 v 2
We shall be like the angels.	Luke 20 v 36
Read: How are the dead raised up?.....	1 Cor 15 v 35
But then we shall know as we are known....	1 Cor 13 v 12
We shall be presented perfect...	Jude 24
.Now unto that is able to keep you from falling and present you perfect.	
He will perfect that which concerns me...	
We shall see him as he is and we shall be like him.	1 John 3 v 2

## *19 / Rewards to those who overcome...*

Revelation 12 v 11 . And they overcame him ( Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death.

We shall see Jesus face to face His face. We shall meet with: Noah, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Joshua, King David, King

Solomon, Elijah. Elisha, Daniel, Ezekiel, Paul, Matthew. Mark, John, Luke. John, Stephen, Phillip,

We shall meet with the thousands and ten thousand, thousands who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.. Untold millions We shall be reunited with our saved family. There are no tears in Heaven, no pain. no walking sticks, no regrets. No sickness or suffering. No Sin, Many will hear the master say “ Well done thou good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of the Lord.

*We shall be crowned!!!*

## *A Crown of Rejoicing*

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? 1

Thessalonians 2 v 19

## *A Crown of life*

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 those who love Him.

James 1 v 12

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer. Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried, and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of Life.

Revelation 2 v 10

Henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of righteousness. 2

Timothy 4 v 8

which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me on that Day—  
and not to me only, but unto all those also who love His appearing.

And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear,

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Peter 5 v 4

## *A Crown of glory*

receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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

Revelation 3 v 11

## *An incorruptible Crown,*

1 Corinthians 9 v 25 And every man that strives for mastery is  
temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain but we an  
incorruptible.

Jesus Christ

Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple  
robe. And Pilate said unto them, "Behold the man!"

John 19 v 5

## *20/Promises to Over comers*

To eat of the tree of Life..

Revelation 2 7

Not to be hurt of the second death

Revelation 2 v 11

To eat of the hidden Manna

Revelation 2 v 17

A White stone and a new name.

Revelation 2 v 17

Power over Nations.

Revelation 2 v 8

The morning Star

Revelation 2 v 8

Clothed in White Raiment

Revelation 3 v 5

Walk with Me

Revelation 3 v 5

Not blot out his name

Revelation 3 v 5

Confess him

Revelation 3 v 5

Pillar in my Temple

Revelation 3 v 12

Sit with me on my throne

Revelation 3 v 12

## *21 / Listening to God*

Some years ago the headlines screamed out in large print, Chief Constable of Police says, “He heard God speak”. Of course the press were trying to ridicule his faith. A born again Christian can hear from God all the time, every day, every moment of the day, for he has Christ indwelling him, by the power of the Holy Spirit depending on his ability to be still and listen

A glorious mystery.



King David enquired of God, ...Shall I go up against the Philistines, and wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said unto him, "Go up for I will deliver them into thine hand".

1 Chronicles 14 v 10

The King then smote them there and God gave the victory but later they returned. David enquired again of the Lord? This time the answer was different. For God said..."Go not up after them, turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees".

1 Chronicles 14 v 14

Has God changed? Does God still speak today? Yes by His Spirit and through His Word. What does the Spirit say unto the churches?

Rev 2 v 1

One fine example of listening being in tune with God is found when the Spirit said unto Philip, "Go near", and he ran. How wonderful to respond to God like that!

Acts 8 v 29

Laban was told that Jacob had arrived, what did he do? And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. Gen 29 v 13

Some folks walk around with their ears covered by headphones. They are listening to a walkman, radio, or tape player. Of course they are completely cut off and isolated from other normal sounds. They are in a secluded world of their own. In one way they are drowning out the voice of their own conscience, obliterating that still small voice. They pass by the street preacher without hearing a word, And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying this is the way, walk ye in it.

Isaiah 30 v 21

Who says God does not speak? Even the heavens speak. 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 Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

Romans 1 v 2

Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

Isaiah 49 v 1

And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord.

...but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but God was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire, but God was not in the fire; and after the fire, a still small voice.                      1 Kings 19 v 13

Did you hear that? This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him.

Mark 9 v 7

**Dear reader,**

**These few notes are a taster, please forgive that they are so inadequate and incomplete. However I trust you will feel led to reach for your Bible and dig deep for those diamonds which are buried there.**

**May the Lord richly bless you as He has promised “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled “. Matthew 5 v 6**

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