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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.

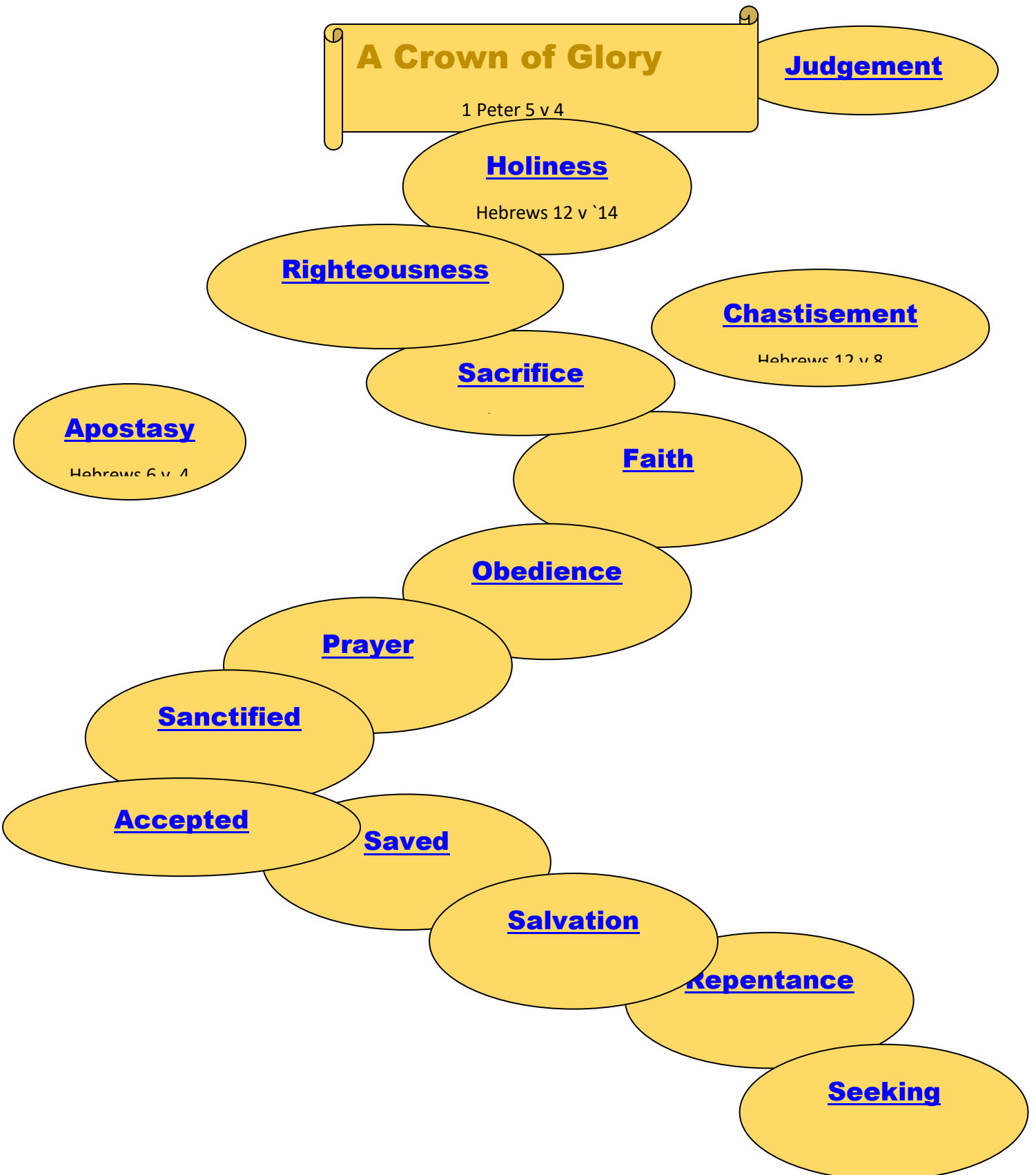
David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

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 stepping stones to Glory



Repentance

God commands all men everywhere to repent:

Acts 17 v 30

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

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Acts 3 v 19

Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Acts 8 v 22

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Revelation 3 v 19

Jesus said. Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 3 v 2

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

And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. **Matthew 16 v 6**

Seeking

Saved

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. **Jeremiah 8 v 20**

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. **Acts 2 v 21**

Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once. **Proverbs 28 v 18**

But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: **Isaiah 45 v 17**

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. **John 10 v 9**

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Isaiah 45 v 22

Sanctified

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26 v 18

That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. Romans 15 v 16

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: 1 Corinthians 1 v 2

Righteousness

Lord

For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

Psalm 11 v 7

Moses

For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Romans 10 v 5

Abraham

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Galatians 3 v 6

And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Genesis 15 v 6

Christians

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

1 Timothy 6 v 11

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

James 3 v 18

Jesus

And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

Psalm 9 v 8

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:
by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Peter 2 v 24

Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes
shall rule in judgment.

Isaiah 32 v 1

Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and
righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

Isaiah 32 v 16

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the
effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

Isaiah 32 v 17

Salvation

And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Luke 3 v 6

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

Revelation 7 v 10

Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon
thy people. Selah.

Psalms 3 v 8

For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your
prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation. Psalms 9 v 14

But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. Psalms 13 v 5

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Revelation 7 v 10

Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. Psalms 14 v 7

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Psalms 18 v 2

Sacrifice

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

And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer it at your own will. Leviticus 19 v 5

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.

Ephesian 5 v 2

Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

Jonah 1 v 16

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 speaketh.

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

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

Jonah 2 v 9

Accepted

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1 v 6

But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Acts 10 v 35

If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?

Genesis 4 v 7

That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; Romans 15 v 31

For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 2 Corinthians 8 v 12

Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 2 Corinthians 5 v 9

Obedience

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land;

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken. Isaiah 1 v 19 +20

For if there be first a willing mind it is accepted; 2 Corinthians 8 v 12

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power: Psalm 110 v 3

Blessings for obedience

I will bless thee. Genesis 22 v 16

Jesus answered and said unto him,

"If a man love Me, he will keep My words; (obedience)

My Father will love him, and We will come unto him
and make Our abode with him.

John 14 v 23

That is Father and Son dwelling in us!!!!

Rewards for faithful obedience

Well done thou good and faithful servant
Enter thou into the joy – Lord;

Matthew 25 v 21

The Need for Total Obedience

Partial obedience is disobedience..

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 heareth 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 stumblingblock before him, he shall die, **Romans 11 v 21**
Be not high minded but fear, for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee **Ezekiel 3 v 20**

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 9**
He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness even till now **1 John 1 v 6**

Disobeying the Gospel.

The Lord Jesus will come in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not his Gospel; **2 Thessalonians 1 v 8**

What if a soldier said “No” to his officer.
Many modern day armies have soldiers who refuse to die..

They send a drone overhead or rockets
How can you win a battle with soldiers reluctant to die.
Parable of the two sons. **Matthew 21 v 28**
Did God say “No” ?
I will not let my Son go to a cross?

Did Jesus say “No”?
I will go to the garden but not to a cross

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". Hebrews 10 V 29
Can there be an un sanctified believer?

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

Hebrews 6 v 4

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....

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. **John 15 v 5**

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

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. **Hebrews 6 v 7/8**

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
Matthew 13 v 22

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

The test of Christianity is fruit, for by their fruits ye shall know them.
Matthew 7 v 20

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

Some disciples who walked away

John 6 v 66 And from that time many of the disciples went back and walked no more with Him....

Phil 3 v 18 "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"

Luke 9 v 62

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

Jude 1 v 5

"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

Heb 3 v 19

That they could not enter because of unbelief...

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. Math 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 Cor 11 v 14

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

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

Last days- Endurance required

Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall grow cold but he that endureth 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 1 v 19

Folk's who are ever learning and never come to a knowledge of the truth, are reprobate concerning the faith.

2 Timothy 3 v 8

But Christ as a son over his own house, who's 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 speaketh, for if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall we not escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.

Hebrews 12 v

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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 walketh in dry places seeking rest and findeth none. Then said he, "I will return to my house from whence he is come, and findeth it empty swept and garnished. Then goeth 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.*

Matthew 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. *Hebrews 12 v 16*

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; *1 Thessalonians 5 v 23*

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

Hebrews 4 v 14

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.

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

Children of the Kingdom cast out?

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.

Mathew 8 v 12

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

Prayer

O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Psalm 5 v 3

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Matthew 5 v 44

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. **Luke 6 v 12**

And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. **Acts 10 v 31**

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. **Acts 12 v 5**

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. **Matthew 26 v 41**

Jesus

Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? **Matthew 26 v 53**

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. **James 5 v 15**

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. **James 5 v 16**

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. **1 Peter 4 v 7**

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

King Herod

And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.

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

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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.

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.

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

16

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. 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.

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.

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

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.

SACRIFICE

A most neglected subject in Christianity today

The first sacrifice

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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. **Philippians 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**

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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. fit, 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**

Yeild 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 firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD. **Jeremiah 2 v 32**

Aaron 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. And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4 v 24

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Ex 20:8

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 21

His throne

God reign'eth 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 stand is holy ground

Exodus 3 v 5

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 8

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 seethe 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

FAITH

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

Mark 2 v 5

And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Luke 7 v 50

When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Luke 7 v 9

Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Mark 4 v 40

And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

Luke 5 v 20

And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Mark 5 v 34

And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Mark 10 v 52

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

Mark 11 v 22

CHASTENING

The purpose of Chastening

“Those whom I love I rebuke

So be earnest and repent.

Revelation 3 v 19

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 chastens his son, so the LORD thy God chasten'eth thee.

Deuteronomy 8 v 5

Of course in these days of liberalism and human right; 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 7

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

Matthew 5 v 48 Be ye therefore perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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 chasten'est, O LORD, and teaches him out of thy law; That thou may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be dug for the wicked. **Psalm 94 v 12**

Are you Murmuring? Moaning ? Complaining ?

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 13**

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

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 of War
Three Months of Famine
Three Days of Pestilence

David chose to be punished by the Lord.

1 Chronicles 21 v15

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 v18

Hosea 12 v 2 The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

Blessed is the man that endures 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 weight of glory;

2 Corinthians 4 v 17

A weight of Glory

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APOSTASY

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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 remains 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

Hebrews 6 v 4

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....

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 does not bear fruit is gathered and burned. Christians are those branches abiding in the vine! God requires fruit! John 15 v 5

For the earth which drinks in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and brings forth herbs, meet for them buy whom it is dressed receives blessing from God... But them which bears thorns and briers is rejected and is nigh unto cursing, who's end is to be burned. Hebrews 6 v 7/8

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.

Matthew 13 v 22

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

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

The Danger of Falling

Wherefore, let him that thinks he stand'eth, 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.....

Matthew 7 v 21

He that saith I know him, and keeps 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;

Ezekiel 3 v 20

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

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 3v 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.

Matthew 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 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.

Matthew 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.

Hebrew 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

Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.

Hebrews 12 v 14

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;

1Thessalonians 5 v 23

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 reward 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 v11

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 v17

God has a perfect plan for our lives...

The LORD will perfect that which concerns 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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