

What the Bible teaches about spirits, death, and Hell

Abbreviations used:

"Heb." = Hebrew

"Gr." = Greek

"lit." = literally

1. Man was created in the image of God with an immaterial spirit/soul (within the material body):

Genesis 1:27: "God created [Heb. "*bara*"] man in His own image, in the image of God He created [Heb. "*bara*"] him; male and female He created [Heb. "*bara*"] them." (NASB.) cf. John 4:24: "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (NASB.) cf. Genesis 2:7: "Then the LORD God formed [Heb. "*yatsar*"] man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." (NASB.)

Genesis 2:16-17: "The LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.'" (NASB.)

Genesis 6:3: "Then the LORD said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.'" (NASB.)

Genesis 27:4 (also in verses 19, 25, 31): "and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die." (NASB.)

Genesis 34:3, 8: "And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. [...] But Hamor spoke with them, saying, 'The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him to be his wife.'" (ESV.)

Genesis 41:8: "Now in the morning his spirit was troubled, so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh." (NASB.)

Genesis 42:21: "Then they said to one another, 'Truly we are guilty concerning our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, yet we would not listen; therefore this distress has come upon us.'" (NASB.)

Genesis 45:27: "When they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived."

Genesis 49:6: "Let my soul not enter into their council;
Let not my glory be united with their assembly;
Because in their anger they slew men,
And in their self-will they lamed oxen." (NASB.)

Exodus 35:21: "Everyone whose heart stirred him and everyone whose spirit moved him came and brought the LORD'S contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments." (NASB.)

Leviticus 16:29, 31: "This shall be a permanent statute for you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble your souls and not do any work, whether the native, or

the alien who sojourns among you; [...] 'It is to be a sabbath of solemn rest for you, that you may humble your souls; it is a permanent statute.' (NASB.)

Leviticus 19:28 (also in 21:1): "'You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead [lit. "soul"] nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the LORD.'" (NASB.)

Leviticus 26:15-16: "if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant, I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a sudden terror, consumption and fever that will waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; also, you will sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies will eat it up." (NASB.)

Leviticus 26:43: "'For the land will be abandoned by them, and will make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They, meanwhile, will be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.'" (NASB.)

Numbers 16:22: "But they fell on their faces and said, 'O God, God of the spirits of all flesh, when one man sins, will You be angry with the entire congregation?'" (NASB.)

Numbers 21:4-5: "Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses: 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.'" (NKJV.)

Numbers 27:16: "May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation," (NASB.)

Deuteronomy 2:30: "But Sihon king of Heshbon was not willing for us to pass through his land; for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, in order to deliver him into your hand, as he is today." (NASB.)

Deuteronomy 4:29: "'But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.'" (NASB.)

Deuteronomy 6:5: "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.'" (NASB.)

Deuteronomy 10:12: "'Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,'" (NASB.)

Deuteronomy 11:13, 18: "'It shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to love the LORD your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul, [...] 'You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.'" (NASB.)

Deuteronomy 12:15, 20-21: "Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and as of the hart. [...] When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after. If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after." (KJV.)

Deuteronomy 13:3: "you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul." (NASB.)

Deuteronomy 14:26: "And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household," (KJV.)

Deuteronomy 26:16: "'This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul.'" (NASB.)

Deuteronomy 28:65: "'Among those nations you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul.'" (NASB.)

Deuteronomy 30:2, 6, 10: "and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, [...] 'Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live. [...] if you obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul.'" (NASB.)

Joshua 22:5: "'Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.'" (NASB.)

Joshua 23:14: "'Now behold, today I am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one word of all the good words which the LORD your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have been fulfilled for you, not one of them has failed.'" (NASB.)

Judges 5:21: "The torrent of Kishon swept them away,
The ancient torrent, the torrent Kishon.
O my soul, march on with strength." (NASB.)

Judges 16:16: "It came about when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him, that his soul was annoyed to death." (NASB.)

1 Samuel 1:10: "And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish." (NKVJ.)

1 Samuel 1:15: "But Hannah replied, 'No, my lord, I am a woman oppressed in spirit; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have poured out my soul before the LORD.'" (NASB.)

1 Samuel 2:16: "And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force." (KJV.)

1 Samuel 2:33: "'Yet I will not cut off every man of yours from My altar so that your eyes will fail from weeping and your soul grieve, and all the increase of your house will die in the prime of life.'" (NASB.)

1 Samuel 18:1: "Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself." (NASB.)

1 Samuel 20:4: "Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee." (KJV.)

1 Samuel 23:20: "'Now then, O king, come down according to all the desire of your soul to do so; and our part shall be to surrender him into the king's hand.'" (NASB.)

1 Samuel 30:6: "Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God." (NKJV.)

2 Samuel 1:9: "'And he saith unto me, Stand, I pray thee, over me, and put me to death, for seized me hath the arrow, for all my soul [is] still in me.'" (YLT.)

2 Samuel 3:21: "Abner said to David, 'Let me arise and go and gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may be king over all that your soul desires.' So David sent Abner away, and he went in peace." (NASB.)

2 Samuel 5:8: "David said on that day, 'Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him reach the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul, through the water tunnel.' Therefore they say, 'The blind or the lame shall not come into the house.'" (NASB.)

2 Samuel 11:11: "Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in temporary shelters, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? By your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing.'" (NASB.)

1 Kings 2:4: "so that the LORD may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons are careful of their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'" (NASB.)

1 Kings 8:48 (repeated in 2 Chronicles 6:38): "if they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who have taken them captive, and pray to You toward their land which You have given to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your name;" (NASB.)

1 Kings 11:37: "And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel." (KJV.)

1 Kings 21:5: "But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, 'How is it that your spirit is so sullen that you are not eating food?'" (NASB.)

2 Kings 4:27: "When she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to push her away; but the man of God said, 'Let her alone, for her soul is troubled within her; and the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me.'" (NASB.)

2 Kings 23:3 (repeated in 2 Chronicles 34:31), 25: "The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people entered into the covenant. [...] Before him there was no king like him who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him." (NASB.)

1 Chronicles 5:26: "So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul, king of Assyria, even the spirit

of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away into exile, namely the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara and to the river of Gozan, to this day." (NASB.)

1 Chronicles 22:19: "Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise, therefore, and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy vessels of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD." (NASB.)

2 Chronicles 15:12: "They entered into the covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and soul;" (NASB.)

2 Chronicles 36:22 (repeated in Ezra 1:1): "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia--in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah--the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying," (NASB.)

Ezra 1:5: "Then the heads of fathers' households of Judah and Benjamin and the priests and the Levites arose, even everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up and rebuild the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem." (NASB.)

Esther 4:13: "and Mordecai speaketh to send back unto Esther: 'Do not think in thy soul to be delivered [in] the house of the king, more than all the Jews," (YLT.)

Job 3:20: "Why is light given to him who suffers,
And life to the bitter of soul," (NASB.)

Job 4:15-19: "Then a spirit passed by my face;
The hair of my flesh bristled up.
'It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance;
A form was before my eyes;
There was silence, then I heard a voice:
'Can mankind be just before God?
Can a man be pure before his Maker?
'He puts no trust even in His servants;
And against His angels He charges error.
'How much more those who **dwelt in houses of clay**,
Whose foundation is in the dust,
Who are crushed before the moth!" (NASB.)

Job 6:4, 7: "For the arrows of the Almighty are within me,
Their poison my spirit drinks;
The terrors of God are arrayed against me. [...] 'My soul refuses to touch them;
They are like loathsome food to me." (NASB.)

Job 7:11, 15: "Therefore I will not restrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit,
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. [...] So that my soul would choose suffocation,
Death rather than my pains." (NASB.)

Job 10:1: "My soul loathes my life;
I will give free course to my complaint,
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul." (NKJV.)

Job 10:12: "You have granted me life and lovingkindness;
And Your care has preserved my spirit." (NASB.)

Job 14:22: "Only -- his flesh for him is pained, And his soul for him doth mourn." (YLT.)

Job 15:12-13: "Why does your heart carry you away?
And why do your eyes flash,
That you should turn your spirit against God
And allow such words to go out of your mouth?" (NASB.)

Job 19:2: "How long will you torment my soul,
And break me in pieces with words?" (NKJV.)

Job 21:25: "While another dies with a bitter soul,
Never even tasting anything good." (NASB.)

Job 24:12: "From the city men groan,
And the souls of the wounded cry out;
Yet God does not pay attention to folly." (NASB.)

Job 27:2: "As God lives, who has taken away my right,
And the Almighty, who has embittered my soul," (NASB.)

Job 30:16, 25: "And now my soul is poured out within me;
Days of affliction have seized me. [...] 'Have I not wept for the one whose life is hard?
Was not my soul grieved for the needy?" (NASB.)

Job 32:8, 18: "But there is a spirit in man,
And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding. [...] For I am full of words;
The spirit within me compels me." (NKJV.)

Job 33:18-22, 24, 28-30: "He keeps back his soul from the Pit,
And his life from perishing by the sword.
'Man is also chastened with pain on his bed,
And with strong pain in many of his bones,
So that his life abhors bread,
And his soul succulent food.
His flesh wastes away from sight,
And his bones stick out which once were not seen.
Yes, his soul draws near the Pit,
And his life to the executioners. [...] Then He is gracious to him, and says,
'Deliver him from going down to the Pit;
I have found a ransom'; [...] He will redeem his soul from going down to the Pit,
And his life shall see the light.
'Behold, God works all these things,
Twice, in fact, three times with a man,
To bring back his soul from the Pit,
That he may be enlightened with the light of life." (NKJV.)

Job 38:36: "Who has put wisdom in the innermost being
Or given understanding to the mind?" (NASB.)

Psalms 6:2-3: "Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak;
O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.
My soul also is greatly troubled;
But You, O LORD—how long?" (NKJV.)

Psalms 10:3: "Because the wicked hath boasted Of the desire of his soul, And a dishonest gainer

he hath blessed, He hath despised Jehovah." (YLT.)

Psalm 11:1: "In the LORD I take refuge;
How can you say to my soul, 'Flee as a bird to your mountain,'" (NASB.)

Psalm 13:2: "How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
Having sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long will my enemy be exalted over me?" (NASB.)

Psalm 16:10: "For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption." (NKJV.)

Psalm 19:7: "The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple." (NASB.)

Psalm 23:3: "He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake." (NASB.)

Psalm 24:4: "He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood
And has not sworn deceitfully." (NASB.)

Psalm 25:1, 13, 20: "To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. [...] His soul will abide in prosperity,
And his descendants will inherit the land. [...] Guard my soul and deliver me;
Do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in You." (NASB.)

Psalm 26:9: "Do not take my soul away along with sinners,
Nor my life with men of bloodshed," (NASB.)

Psalm 31:5, 7, 9: "Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
You have ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth. [...] I will rejoice and be glad in Your
lovingkindness,
Because You have seen my affliction;
You have known the troubles of my soul, [...] Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in
distress;
My eye is wasted away from grief, my soul and my body also." (NASB.)

Psalm 32:2: "How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no deceit!" (NASB.)

Psalm 33:19-20: "To deliver their soul from death
And to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waits for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield." (NASB.)

Psalm 34:2, 22: "My soul will make its boast in the LORD;
The humble will hear it and rejoice. [...] The LORD redeems the soul of His servants,
And none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned." (NASB.)

Psalm 35:3, 7-9, 12-13, 17: "Draw also the spear and the battle-axe to meet those who pursue
me;
Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.' [...] For without cause they hid their net for me;
Without cause they dug a pit for my soul.
Let destruction come upon him unawares,
And let the net which he hid catch himself;

Into that very destruction let him fall.
And my soul shall rejoice in the LORD;
It shall exult in His salvation. [...] They repay me evil for good,
To the bereavement of my soul.
But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth;
I humbled my soul with fasting,
And my prayer kept returning to my bosom. [...] Lord, how long will You look on?
Rescue my soul from their ravages,
My only life from the lions." (NASB.)

Psalm 41:4: "As for me, I said, 'O LORD, be gracious to me;
Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.'" (NASB.)

Psalm 42:1-2, 4-7, 11: "As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So my soul pants for You, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God;
When shall I come and appear before God? [...] These things I remember and I pour out my
soul within me
For I used to go along with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.
Why are you in despair, O my soul?
And why have you become disturbed within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him
For the help of His presence.
O my God, my soul is in despair within me;
Therefore I remember You from the land of the Jordan
And the peaks of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.
Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls;
All Your breakers and Your waves have rolled over me. [...] Why are you in despair, O my
soul?
And why have you become disturbed within me?
Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him,
The help of my countenance and my God." (NASB.)

Psalm 43:5: "Why are you in despair, O my soul?
And why are you disturbed within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him,
The help of my countenance and my God." (NASB.)

Psalm 44:25: "For our soul has sunk down into the dust;
Our body cleaves to the earth." (NASB.)

Psalm 51:6, 10: "Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being,
And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. [...] Create in me a clean heart, O
God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me." (NASB.)

Psalm 56:13: "For You have delivered my soul from death,
Indeed my feet from stumbling,
So that I may walk before God
In the light of the living." (NASB.)

Psalm 57:1, 6: "Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me,
For my soul takes refuge in You;
And in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge
Until destruction passes by. [...] They have prepared a net for my steps;

My soul is bowed down;
They dug a pit before me;
They themselves have fallen into the midst of it. Selah." (NASB.)

Psalm 62:1, 5: "My soul waits in silence for God only;
From Him is my salvation. [...] My soul, wait in silence for God only,
For my hope is from Him." (NASB.)

Psalm 63:1, 5, 8: "O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly;
My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You,
In a dry and weary land where there is no water. [...] My soul is satisfied as with marrow and
fatness,
And my mouth offers praises with joyful lips. [...] My soul clings to You;
Your right hand upholds me." (NASB.)

Psalm 69:10, 18: "When I wept in my soul with fasting,
It became my reproach. [...] Oh draw near to my soul and redeem it;
Ransom me because of my enemies!" (NASB.)

Psalm 71:23: "My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to You;
And my soul, which You have redeemed." (NASB.)

Psalm 77:2, 3, 6: "In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;
In the night my hand was stretched out [a]without weariness;
My soul refused to be comforted.
When I remember God, then I am disturbed;
When I sigh, then my spirit grows faint. Selah. [...] I will remember my song in the night;
I will meditate with my heart,
And my spirit ponders." (NASB.)

Psalm 78:8: "And not be like their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation that did not prepare its heart
And whose spirit was not faithful to God." (NASB.)

Psalm 84:2: "My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God." (NASB.)

Psalm 86:4: "Make glad the soul of Your servant,
For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul." (NASB.)

Psalm 94:19: "When my anxious thoughts multiply within me,
Your consolations delight my soul." (NASB.)

Psalm 103:1-2, 22: "Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget none of His benefits; [...] Bless the LORD, all you works of His,
In all places of His dominion;
Bless the LORD, O my soul!" (NASB.)

Psalm 104:1, 35: "Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, You are very great;
You are clothed with splendor and majesty, [...] Let sinners be consumed from the earth
And let the wicked be no more
Bless the LORD, O my soul

Praise the LORD!" (NASB.)

Psalm 107:18, 26: "Their soul abhorred all kinds of food,
And they drew near to the gates of death. [...] They rose up to the heavens, they went down
to the depths;
Their soul melted away in their misery." (NASB.)

Psalm 116:7-8: "Return to your rest, O my soul,
For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
For You have rescued my soul from death,
My eyes from tears,
My feet from stumbling." (NASB.)

Psalm 119:20, 25, 28, 81, 129, 167, 175: "My soul is crushed with longing
After Your ordinances at all times. [...] My soul cleaves to the dust;
Revive me according to Your word. [...] My soul weeps because of grief;
Strengthen me according to Your word. [...] My soul languishes for Your salvation;
I wait for Your word. [...] Your testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore my soul observes them. [...] My soul keeps Your testimonies,
And I love them exceedingly. [...] Let my soul live that it may praise You,
And let Your ordinances help me." (NASB.)

Psalm 123:4: "Our soul is greatly filled
With the scoffing of those who are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud." (NASB.)

Psalm 130:5-6: "I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait,
And in His word do I hope.
My soul waits for the Lord
More than the watchmen for the morning;
Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning." (NASB.)

Psalm 131:2: "Surely I have composed and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child rests against his mother,
My soul is like a weaned child within me." (NASB.)

Psalm 138:3: "On the day I called, You answered me;
You made me bold with strength in my soul." (NASB.)

Psalm 139:14: "I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well." (NASB.)

Psalm 142:3, 7: "When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,
You knew my path
In the way where I walk
They have hidden a trap for me. [...] Bring my soul out of prison,
So that I may give thanks to Your name;
The righteous will surround me,
For You will deal bountifully with me." (NASB.)

Psalm 143:3-4, 6-8: "For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
He has crushed my life to the ground;
He has made me dwell in dark places, like those who have long been dead.
Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;
My heart is appalled within me. [...] I stretch out my hands to You;

My soul longs for You, as a parched land. Selah.
Answer me quickly, O LORD, my spirit fails;
Do not hide Your face from me,
Or I will become like those who go down to the pit.
Let me hear Your lovingkindness in the morning;
For I trust in You;
Teach me the way in which I should walk;
For to You I lift up my soul." (NASB.)

Psalms 146:1: "Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!" (NASB.)

Proverbs 2:10: "For wisdom will enter your heart
And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;" (NASB.)

Proverbs 3:21-22: "My son, let them not vanish from your sight;
Keep sound wisdom and discretion,
So they will be life to your soul
And adornment to your neck." (NASB.)

Proverbs 11:17: "The merciful man does good for his own soul,
But he who is cruel troubles his own flesh." (NKJV.)

Proverbs 11:30: "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
And he who is wise wins souls." (NASB.)

Proverbs 13:19: "Desire realized is sweet to the soul,
But it is an abomination to fools to turn away from evil." (NASB.)

Proverbs 15:4, 13: "A soothing tongue is a tree of life,
But perversion in it crushes the spirit. [...] A joyful heart makes a cheerful face,
But when the heart is sad, the spirit is broken." (NASB.)

Proverbs 16:24, 32: "Pleasant words are a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. [...] He who is slow to anger is better than the
mighty,
And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city." (NASB.)

Proverbs 18:14: "The spirit of a man can endure his sickness,
But as for a broken spirit who can bear it?" (NASB.)

Proverbs 20:27, 30: "The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD,
Searching all the innermost parts of his being. [...] Stripes that wound scour away evil,
And strokes reach the innermost parts." (NASB.)

Proverbs 21:10: "The soul of the wicked desires evil;
His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes." (NASB.)

Proverbs 23:7: "For as he hath thought in his soul, so [is] he, 'Eat and drink,' saith he to thee, And
his heart [is] not with thee." (YLT.)

Proverbs 24:12-14: "If you say, 'See, we did not know this,'
Does He not consider it who weighs the hearts?
And does He not know it who keeps your soul?
And will He not render to man according to his work?
My son, eat honey, for it is good,

Yes, the honey from the comb is sweet to your taste;
Know that wisdom is thus for your soul;
If you find it, then there will be a future,
And your hope will not be cut off." (NASB.)

Proverbs 25:13, 28: "Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
Is a faithful messenger to those who send him,
For he refreshes the soul of his masters. [...] Like a city that is broken into and without walls
Is a man who has no control over his spirit." (NASB.)

Proverbs 28:25: "Whoso is proud in soul stirreth up contention, And whoso is trusting on Jehovah
is made fat." (YLT.)

Proverbs 29:17: "Correct your son, and he will give you comfort;
He will also delight your soul." (NASB.)

Ecclesiastes 3:21: "Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast
goes down into the earth?" (ESV.)

Ecclesiastes 6:2-3, 9: "a man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor so that his
soul lacks nothing of all that he desires; yet God has not empowered him to eat from them, for a
foreigner enjoys them. This is vanity and a severe affliction.
If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, however many they be, but his soul is
not satisfied with good things and he does not even have a proper burial, then I say, 'Better the
miscarriage than he, [...] What the eyes see is better than what the soul desires. This too is futility
and a striving after wind.'" (NASB.)

Ecclesiastes 7:8-9, 27-28: "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning,
and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
Be not quick in your spirit to become angry,
for anger lodges in the bosom of fools. [...] Behold, this is what I found, says the Preacher,
while adding one thing to another to find the scheme of things— which my soul has sought
repeatedly, but I have not found. One man among a thousand I found, but a woman among all
these I have not found." (ESV.)

Ecclesiastes 8:8: "No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit,
And no one has power in the day of death.
There is no release from that war,
And wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it." (NKJV.)

Song of Solomon 1:7: "'Tell me, O you whom my soul loves,
Where do you pasture your flock,
Where do you make it lie down at noon?
For why should I be like one who veils herself
Beside the flocks of your companions?'" (NASB.)

Song of Solomon 3:1-4: "'On my bed night after night I sought him
Whom my soul loves;
I sought him but did not find him.
'I must arise now and go about the city;
In the streets and in the squares
I must seek him whom my soul loves.'
I sought him but did not find him.
'The watchmen who make the rounds in the city found me,
And I said, 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
'Scarcely had I left them

When I found him whom my soul loves;
I held on to him and would not let him go
Until I had brought him to my mother's house,
And into the room of her who conceived me." (NASB.)

Song of Solomon 5:6: "I opened to my beloved,
but my beloved had turned and gone.
My soul failed me when he spoke. I sought him, but found him not;
I called him, but he gave no answer." (NASB.)

Isaiah 10:18: "And He will destroy the glory of his forest and of his fruitful garden, both soul and
body,
And it will be as when a sick man wastes away." (NASB.)

Isaiah 15:4: "Heshbon and Elealeh also cry out,
Their voice is heard all the way to Jahaz;
Therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud;
His soul trembles within him." (NASB.)

Isaiah 19:10: "And the pillars of Egypt will be crushed;
All the hired laborers will be grieved in soul." (NASB.)

Isaiah 26:8-9: "Indeed, while following the way of Your judgments, O LORD,
We have waited for You eagerly;
Your name, even Your memory, is the desire of our souls.
At night my soul longs for You,
Indeed, my spirit within me seeks You diligently;
For when the earth experiences Your judgments
The inhabitants of the world learn righteousness." (NASB.)

Isaiah 38:12-13, 15-16: "Like a shepherd's tent my dwelling is pulled up and removed from me;
As a weaver I rolled up my life
He cuts me off from the loom;
From day until night You make an end of me.
I composed my soul until morning.
Like a lion--so He breaks all my bones,
From day until night You make an end of me. [...] What shall I say?
For He has spoken to me, and He Himself has done it;
I will wander about all my years because of the bitterness of my soul.
O Lord, by these things men live,
And in all these is the life of my spirit;
O restore me to health and let me live!" (NASB.)

Isaiah 42:5 "Thus says God the LORD,
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,
Who spread out the earth and its offspring,
Who gives breath to the people on it
And spirit to those who walk in it," (NASB.)

Isaiah 53:11-12: "Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge
shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death

and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors." (ESV.)

Isaiah 55:2-3: "Why do you spend money for what is not bread,
And your wages for what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
And let your soul delight itself in abundance.
Incline your ear, and come to Me.
Hear, and your soul shall live;
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—
The sure mercies of David." (NKJV.)

Isaiah 57:15-16: "For thus says the high and exalted One
Who lives forever, whose name is Holy,
'I dwell on a high and holy place,
And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit
In order to revive the spirit of the lowly
And to revive the heart of the contrite.
'For I will not contend forever,
Nor will I always be angry;
For the spirit would grow faint before Me,
And the breath of those whom I have made." (NASB.)

Isaiah 61:10: "I will rejoice greatly in the LORD,
My soul will exult in my God;
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation,
He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,
As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." (NASB.)

Isaiah 65:14: "Behold, My servants will shout joyfully with a glad heart,
But you will cry out with a heavy heart,
And you will wail with a broken spirit." (NASB.)

Isaiah 66:3: "'But he who kills an ox is like one who slays a man;
He who sacrifices a lamb is like the one who breaks a dog's neck;
He who offers a grain offering is like one who offers swine's blood;
He who burns incense is like the one who blesses an idol
As they have chosen their own ways,
And their soul delights in their abominations," (NASB.)

Jeremiah 4:19, 31: "O my soul, my soul!
I am pained in my very heart!
My heart makes a noise in me;
I cannot hold my peace,
Because you have heard, O my soul,
The sound of the trumpet,
The alarm of war. [...] 'For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor,
The anguish as of her who brings forth her first child,
The voice of the daughter of Zion bewailing herself;
She spreads her hands, saying,
'Woe is me now, for my soul is weary
Because of murderers!' (NKJV.)

Jeremiah 6:16: "Thus says the LORD,

'Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths,
Where the good way is, and walk in it;
And you will find rest for your souls.
But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" (NASB.)

Jeremiah 13:17: "But if you will not listen to it,
My soul will sob in secret for such pride;
And my eyes will bitterly weep
And flow down with tears,
Because the flock of the LORD has been taken captive." (NASB.)

Jeremiah 15:9: "Languished hath the bearer of seven, She hath breathed out her spirit, Gone in
hath her sun while yet day, It hath been ashamed and confounded, And their residue to the sword
I give up before their enemies, An affirmation of Jehovah." (YLT.)

Jeremiah 22:27: "And to the land whither they are lifting up their soul to return, Thither they do not
return." (YLT.)

Jeremiah 31:14: "'I will fill the soul of the priests with abundance,
And My people will be satisfied with My goodness,' declares the LORD." (NASB.)

Jeremiah 38:16: "So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, 'As the LORD lives,
who made our very souls, I will not put you to death, nor will I give you into the hand of these men
who seek your life.'" (NKJV.)

Jeremiah 42:20: "for ye have shewed yourselves perverse in your souls, for ye sent me unto
Jehovah your God, saying, Pray for us unto Jehovah our God, and according to all that Jehovah
our God saith, so declare to us, and we have done [it];" (YLT.)

Jeremiah 44:14: "and there is not an escaped and remaining one of the remnant of Judah, who
are entering into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, even to turn back to the land of Judah,
whither they are lifting up their soul to return to dwell, for they do not turn back, except those
escaping." (YLT.)

Lamentations 1:16: "'For these things I weep;
My eyes run down with water;
Because far from me is a comforter,
One who restores my soul.
My children are desolate
Because the enemy has prevailed.'" (NASB.)

Lamentations 3:17, 20, 24, 51, 58: "My soul has been rejected from peace;
I have forgotten happiness. [...] Surely my soul remembers
And is bowed down within me. [...] 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul,
'Therefore I have hope in Him.' [...] My eyes bring pain to my soul
Because of all the daughters of my city. [...] O Lord, You have pleaded my soul's cause;
You have redeemed my life." (NASB.)

Ezekiel 3:14: "So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away; and I went embittered in the rage of
my spirit, and the hand of the LORD was strong on me." (NASB.)

Ezekiel 11:19: "And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the
heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh," (NASB.)

Ezekiel 13:3: "'Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Woe to the foolish prophets who are following their own
spirit and have seen nothing.'" (NASB.)

Ezekiel 21:7: "And when they say to you, 'Why do you groan?' you shall say, 'Because of the news that is coming; and every heart will melt, all hands will be feeble, every spirit will faint and all knees will be weak as water. Behold, it comes and it will happen,' declares the Lord GOD." (NASB.)

Ezekiel 23:17, 22: "And come in unto her do sons of Babylon, To the bed of loves, And they defile her with their whoredoms, And she is defiled with them, And her soul is alienated from them. [...] Therefore, O Aholibah, thus said the Lord Jehovah: Lo, I am stirring up thy lovers against thee, From whom thy soul hath been alienated, And have brought them in against thee from round about." (YLT.)

Ezekiel 24:21, 25: "Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power, the delight of your eyes, and the yearning of your soul, and your sons and your daughters whom you left behind shall fall by the sword. [...] 'As for you, son of man, surely on the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and glory, the delight of their eyes and their soul's desire, and also their sons and daughters," (ESV.)

Ezekiel 25:6, 15: "For thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have clapped your hands and stamped your feet and rejoiced with all the malice within your soul against the land of Israel, [...] 'Thus says the Lord GOD: Because the Philistines acted revengefully and took vengeance with malice of soul to destroy in never-ending enmity," (ESV.)

Ezekiel 27:31: "Also they will make themselves bald for you
And gird themselves with sackcloth;
And they will weep for you in bitterness of soul
With bitter mourning." (NASB.)

Ezekiel 36:5, 26: "therefore thus says the Lord GOD, 'Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who appropriated My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey.' [...] Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." (NASB.)

Daniel 2:1, 3: "Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him. [...] The king said to them, 'I had a dream and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream.'" (NASB.)

Daniel 5:20: "But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit became so proud that he behaved arrogantly, he was deposed from his royal throne and his glory was taken away from him." (NASB.)

Daniel 7:15 **"I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body [lit. "sheath"]**, and the visions of my head troubled me." (KJV.)

Hosea 4:8: "The sin of My people they do eat, And unto their iniquity lift up their soul." (YLT.)

Jonah 4:8: "When the sun came up God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, 'Death is better to me than life.'" (NASB.)

Micah 6:7: "Does the LORD take delight in thousands of rams,
In ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" (NASB.)

Micah 7:1, 3: "Woe is me! For I have become
as when the summer fruit has been gathered,
as when the grapes have been gleaned:
there is no cluster to eat,
no first-ripe fig that my soul desires. [...] Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well;
the prince and the judge ask for a bribe,
and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul;
thus they weave it together." (ESV.)

Habakkuk 2:4: "Behold, as for the proud one,
His soul is not right within him;
But the righteous will live by his faith." (NASB.)

Haggai 1:14: "So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God," (NASB.)

Zechariah 11:8: "I dismissed the three shepherds in one month. My soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me." (NKJV.)

Zechariah 12:1: "The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. Thus declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and **forms the spirit of man within him,**"

Malachi 2:15-16: "'But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did that one do while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth.
'For I hate divorce,' says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'and him who covers his garment with wrong,' says the LORD of hosts. 'So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 5:3: "'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 10:28: "'Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 11:29: "'Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 16:26 (repeated in Mark 8:36-37): "'For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?'" (NASB.)

Matthew 22:37 (repeated in Mark 12:30): "'And He said to him, 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 26:38 (repeated in Mark 14:34): "'Then He said to them, 'My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 26:41 (repeated in Mark 14:38): "'Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'" (NASB.)

Mark 8:12: "Sighing deeply in His spirit, He said, 'Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.'" (NASB.)

Luke 1:46-47, 80: "And Mary said:

'My soul exalts the Lord,

And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. [...] And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel." (NASB.)

Luke 2:34-35: "And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, 'Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed--
35and a sword will pierce even your own soul--to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.'" (NASB.)

Luke 10:27: "And he answered, 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'" (NASB.)

Luke 12:18-20: "'Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.
'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry."
'But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'" (NASB.)

John 3:6-7: "'That which is born of the flesh is flesh, **and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**
'Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'" (NASB.)

John 4:23-24: "'But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.
'God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.'" (NASB.)

John 7:38: "'He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" (NASB.)

John 10:24: "the Jews, therefore, came round about him, and said to him, 'Till when our soul dost thou hold in suspense? if thou art the Christ, tell us freely.'" (YLT.)

John 12:27: "'Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.'" (NASB.)

John 11:33: "When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled," (NASB.)

John 13:21: "When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.'" (NASB.)

John 19:30: "Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit." (NASB.)

Acts 4:32: "And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them." (NASB.)

Acts 14:12: "and the unbelieving Jews did stir up and made evil the souls of the nations against the brethren;" (YLT.)

Acts 14:21-22: "After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples,

they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." (NASB.)

Acts 15:24: "Since we have heard that some of our number to whom we gave no instruction have disturbed you with their words, unsettling your souls," (NASB.)

Acts 17:16: "Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols." (NASB.)

Acts 23:8: "For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all." (ESV.)

Romans 1:9: "For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you," (NASB.)

Romans 2:9: "There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek," (NASB.)

Romans 7:22: "For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man," (NASB.)

Romans 8:10: "If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness." (NASB.)

Romans 8:16: "**The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit** that we are children of God," (NASB.)

1 Corinthians 2:11: "**For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him**? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God." (NASB.)

1 Corinthians 5:3-5: "For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." (NKJV.)

1 Corinthians 6:16-17: "Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For He says, 'THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.'
But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him." (NASB.)

1 Corinthians 7:34: "and his interests are divided. The woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband." (NASB.)

1 Corinthians 14:14-16: "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. What is the outcome then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.
Otherwise if you bless in the spirit only, how will the one who fills the place of the ungifted say the 'Amen' at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?" (NASB.)

1 Corinthians 14:32: "And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets." (NKJV.)

1 Corinthians 16:18: "For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men." (NASB.)

2 Corinthians 2:13: "I had no rest for my spirit, not finding Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I went on to Macedonia." (NASB.)

2 Corinthians 4:6-7, 16-18: "For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; [...] Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (NASB.)

2 Corinthians 5:16-17: "Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." (NASB.)

2 Corinthians 7:1, 13: "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. [...] For this reason we have been comforted. And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all." (NASB.)

2 Corinthians 12:2-4: "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows--such a man was caught up to the third heaven.

And I know how such a man--whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows--

was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak." (NASB.)

Galatians 6:18: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen." (NASB.)

Ephesians 3:16: "that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man," (NASB.)

Ephesians 4:20-24: "But you did not learn Christ in this way,

if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth." (NASB.)

Ephesians 6:6: "not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but as servants of the Christ, doing the will of God out of soul," (YLT.)

Philippians 1:27: "Only worthily of the good news of the Christ conduct ye yourselves, that, whether having come and seen you, whether being absent I may hear of the things concerning you, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one soul, striving together for the faith of the good news," (YLT.)

Colossians 3:9-11: "Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,

and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image

of the One who created him--

a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all." (NASB.)

Colossians 3:23: "and all, whatever ye may do -- out of soul work -- as to the Lord, and not to men," (YLT.)

1 Thessalonians 5:23: "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (NASB.)

2 Timothy 4:22: "The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you." (NASB.)

Philemon 1:25: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." (NASB.)

Hebrews 4:12: "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (NASB.)

Hebrews 6:19: "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil," (NASB.)

Hebrews 10:39: "But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul." (NASB.)

Hebrews 12:3: "For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls." (NKJV.)

Hebrews 12:9: "Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; **shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?"** (NASB.)

Hebrews 13:17: "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you." (NASB.)

James 1:21: "Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls." (NASB.)

James 2:26: "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." (NASB.)

James 5:20: "let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins." (NASB.)

1 Peter 1:9, 22: "obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls. [...] Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart," (NASB.)

1 Peter 2:11, 25: "Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. [...] For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls." (NASB.)

1 Peter 3:4: "but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God." (NASB.)

1 Peter 4:19: "Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their

souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right." (NASB.)

2 Peter 2:8, 14: "(for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), [...] having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;" (NASB.)

3 John 1:2: "Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers." (NASB.)

Revelation 18:11-14: "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all." (NKJV.)

Revelation 20:4: "Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years." (NASB.)

2. The Bible never teaches that spirits (including human spirits) ever cease to exist.

3. The Bible does teach that the spirits/souls of saved people continue in conscious existence after physical death:

Genesis 25:8-10: "Abraham breathed his last and died in a ripe old age, an old man and satisfied with life; **and he was gathered to his people.**

Then his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, facing Mamre, the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth; there Abraham was buried with Sarah his wife." (NASB.)

Genesis 25:17: "These are the years of the life of Ishmael, one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, **and was gathered to his people.**" (NASB.)

Genesis 35:18: "It came about as her soul was departing (for she died), that she named him Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin." (NASB.)

Genesis 35:29: "Isaac breathed his last and died **and was gathered to his people**, an old man of ripe age; and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him." (NASB.)

Genesis 37:35: "All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be

comforted and said, 'No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.' Thus his father wept for him." (ESV.)

Genesis 49:29-50:6: "Then he charged them and said to them, **'I am about to be gathered to my people**; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought along with the field from Ephron the Hittite for a burial site.

'There they buried Abraham and his wife Sarah, there they buried Isaac and his wife Rebekah, and there I buried Leah--

the field and the cave that is in it, purchased from the sons of Heth.'

When Jacob finished charging his sons, he drew his feet into the bed and breathed his last, **and was gathered to his people**.

Then Joseph fell on his father's face, and wept over him and kissed him.

Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.

Now forty days were required for it, for such is the period required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

When the days of mourning for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, 'If now I have found favor in your sight, please speak to Pharaoh, saying,

'My father made me swear, saying, 'Behold, I am about to die; in my grave which I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me.' Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father; then I will return.'

Pharaoh said, 'Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear.'" (NASB.)

Numbers 20:23-26: "Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron at Mount Hor by the border of the land of Edom, saying,

'Aaron will be gathered to his people; for he shall not enter the land which I have given to the sons of Israel, because you rebelled against My command at the waters of Meribah.

'Take Aaron and his son Eleazar and bring them up to Mount Hor;

and strip Aaron of his garments and put them on his son Eleazar. **So Aaron will be gathered to his people, and will die there.**" (NASB.)

Numbers 27:12-14: "Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Go up to this mountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the sons of Israel.

'When you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was;

for in the wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My command to treat Me as holy before their eyes at the water.' (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying,

'May the LORD, **the God of the spirits of all flesh**, appoint a man over the congregation, who will go out and come in before them, and who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the LORD will not be like sheep which have no shepherd.'" (NASB.)

Numbers 31:1-2: "Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

'Take full vengeance for the sons of Israel on the Midianites; **afterward you will be gathered to your people.**'" (NASB.)

Deuteronomy 32:48-52: "The LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying,

'Go up to this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab opposite Jericho, and look at the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a possession.

'Then die on the mountain where you ascend, **and be gathered to your people**, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor **and was gathered to his people**,

because you broke faith with Me in the midst of the sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, because you did not treat Me as holy in the midst of the sons of Israel.

'For you shall see the land at a distance, but you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving the sons of Israel.'" (NASB.)

Ruth 2:20: "Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, 'May he be blessed of the LORD who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead.' Again Naomi said to her, 'The man is our relative, he is one of our closest relatives.'" (NASB.)

1 Samuel 2:6: "The LORD kills and makes alive;
He brings down to Sheol and raises up." (NASB.)

1 Samuel 28:3, 7-20: "Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land. [...] Saul then said to his attendants, 'Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her.'

'There is one in Endor,' they said.

So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. 'Consult a spirit for me,' he said, 'and bring up for me the one I name.'

But the woman said to him, 'Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?'

Saul swore to her by the LORD, 'As surely as the LORD lives, you will not be punished for this.' Then the woman asked, 'Whom shall I bring up for you?'

'Bring up Samuel,' he said.

When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, 'Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!'

The king said to her, 'Don't be afraid. What do you see?'

The woman said, 'I see a spirit coming up out of the ground.'

'What does he look like?' he asked.

'An old man wearing a robe is coming up,' she said.

Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

Samuel said to Saul, 'Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?'

'I am in great distress,' Saul said. 'The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned away from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do.'

Samuel said, 'Why do you consult me, now that the LORD has turned away from you and become your enemy? The LORD has done what he predicted through me. The LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbors—to David. Because you did not obey the LORD or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the LORD has done this to you today. **The LORD will hand over both Israel and you to the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me**. The LORD will also hand over the army of Israel to the Philistines.'

Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of **Samuel's** words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and night." (NIV.)

2 Samuel 12:22-23: "He said, 'While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.'

'But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.'" (NASB.)

1 Kings 17:21-22: "And he stretcheth himself out on the lad three times, and calleth unto Jehovah, and saith, 'O Jehovah my God, let turn back, I pray Thee, the soul of this lad into his midst;' and Jehovah hearkeneth to the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the lad turneth back into his midst, and he liveth." (YLT.)

Job 3:9-23: "Let the stars of its dawn be dark;
let it hope for light, but have none,
nor see the eyelids of the morning,

because it did not shut the doors of my mother's womb,
nor hide trouble from my eyes.

'Why did I not die at birth,
come out from the womb and expire?

Why did the knees receive me?

Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?

For then I would have lain down and been quiet;

I would have slept; then I would have been at rest,
with kings and counselors of the earth
who rebuilt ruins for themselves,
or with princes who had gold,
who filled their houses with silver.

Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child,
as infants who never see the light?

There the wicked cease from troubling,
and there the weary are at rest.

There the prisoners are at ease together;
they hear not the voice of the taskmaster.

The small and the great are there,
and the slave is free from his master.

'Why is light given to him who is in misery,
and life to the bitter in soul,
who long for death, but it comes not,
and dig for it more than for hidden treasures,
who rejoice exceedingly
and are glad when they find the grave?

Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden,
whom God has hedged in?" (ESV.)

Job 14:10-15, 20-22: "But man dies and lies prostrate

Man expires, and where is he?

'As water evaporates from the sea,
And a river becomes parched and dried up,
So man lies down and does not rise.

Until the heavens are no longer,
He will not awake nor be aroused out of his sleep.

'Oh that You would hide me in Sheol,
That You would conceal me until Your wrath returns to You,
That You would set a limit for me and remember me!

'If a man dies, will he live again?
All the days of my struggle I will wait
Until my change comes.

'You will call, and I will answer You;
You will long for the work of Your hands. [...] 'You forever overpower him and he departs;
You change his appearance and send him away.

'His sons achieve honor, but he does not know it;
Or they become insignificant, but he does not perceive it.

'But his body pains him,
And he mourns only for himself.'" (NASB.)

Job 30:23: "For I know that you will bring me to death
and to the house appointed for all living." (ESV.)

Psalms 30:3, 9: "O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;

You have kept me alive, that I would not go down to the pit. [...] 'What profit is there in my
blood, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your faithfulness?" (NASB.)

Psalm 48:14: "That this God [is] our God -- To the age and for ever, He -- he doth lead us over death!" (YLT.)

Psalm 49:7-19: "No man can by any means redeem his brother
Or give to God a ransom for him--
For the redemption of his soul is costly,
And he should cease trying forever--
That he should live on eternally,
That he should not undergo decay.
For he sees that even wise men die;
The stupid and the senseless alike perish
And leave their wealth to others.
Their inner thought is that their houses are forever
And their dwelling places to all generations;
They have called their lands after their own names.
But man in his pomp will not endure;
He is like the beasts that perish.
This is the way of those who are foolish,
And of those after them who approve their words. Selah.
As sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
Death shall be their shepherd;
And the upright shall rule over them in the morning,
And their form shall be for Sheol to consume
So that they have no habitation.
But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol,
For He will receive me. Selah.
Do not be afraid when a man becomes rich,
When the glory of his house is increased;
For when he dies he will carry nothing away;
His glory will not descend after him.
Though while he lives he congratulates himself--
And though men praise you when you do well for yourself--
He shall go to the generation of his fathers;
They will never see the light." (NASB.)

Psalm 71:20: "You who have shown me many troubles and distresses
Will revive me again,
And will bring me up again from the depths of the earth." (NASB.)

Psalm 73:3-4, 16-28: "For I was envious of the arrogant
As I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
For **there are no pains in their death,**
And their body is fat. [...] When I pondered to understand this,
It was troublesome in my sight
Until I came into the sanctuary of God;
Then I perceived their end.
Surely You set them in slippery places;
You cast them down to destruction.
How they are destroyed in a moment!
They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors!
Like a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when aroused, You will despise their form.
When my heart was embittered
And I was pierced within,

Then I was senseless and ignorant;
I was like a beast before You.
Nevertheless I am continually with You;
You have taken hold of my right hand.
With Your counsel You will guide me,
And afterward receive me to glory.
Whom have I in heaven but You?
And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
For, behold, those who are far from You will perish;
You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to You.
But as for me, the nearness of God is my good;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
That I may tell of all Your works." (NASB.)

Psalms 86:13: "For Your lovingkindness toward me is great,
And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol." (NASB.)

Psalms 88:3-7, 10: "For my soul has had enough troubles,
And my life has drawn near to Sheol.
I am reckoned among those who go down to the pit;
I have become like a man without strength,
Forsaken among the dead,
Like the slain who lie in the grave,
Whom You remember no more,
And they are cut off from Your hand.
You have put me in the lowest pit,
In dark places, in the depths.
Your wrath has rested upon me,
And You have afflicted me with all Your waves. Selah. [...] Will You perform wonders for the
dead?
Will the departed spirits rise and praise You? Selah." (NASB.)

Psalms 89:48: "What man can live and not see death?
Can he deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah." (NASB.)

Psalms 90:10: "As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years,
Or if due to strength, eighty years,
Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow;
For soon it is gone and we fly away." (NASB.)

Psalms 116:3: "The cords of death encompassed me
And the terrors of Sheol came upon me;
I found distress and sorrow." (NASB.)

Psalms 139:7-8: "Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there." (NASB.)

Proverbs 1:11-12: "If they say, 'Come with us,
Let us lie in wait for blood,
Let us ambush the innocent without cause;
Let us swallow them alive like Sheol,
Even whole, as those who go down to the pit;" (NASB.)

Ecclesiastes 4:1-3: "So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.

Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive.

Yea, better is he than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun." (KJV.)

Ecclesiastes 12:5-7: "Furthermore, men are afraid of a high place and of terrors on the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags himself along, and the caperberry is ineffective. For man goes to his eternal home while mourners go about in the street.

Remember Him before the silver cord is broken and the golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the well is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed;

then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it." (NASB.)

Isaiah 26:4, 14, 19: "Trust in the LORD forever,

For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock. [...] The dead will not live, the departed spirits will not rise;

Therefore You have punished and destroyed them,

And You have wiped out all remembrance of them. [...] Your dead will live;

Their corpses will rise

You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy,

For your dew is as the dew of the dawn,

And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits." (NASB.)

Isaiah 38:10-11: "I said, In the middle of my days

I must depart;

I am consigned to the gates of Sheol

for the rest of my years.

I said, I shall not see the LORD,

the LORD in the land of the living;

I shall look on man no more

among the inhabitants of the world." (ESV.)

Lamentations 3:52-58: "My enemies without cause

Hunted me down like a bird;

They have silenced me in the pit

And have placed a stone on me.

Waters flowed over my head;

I said, 'I am cut off!'

I called on Your name, O LORD,

Out of the lowest pit.

You have heard my voice,

'Do not hide Your ear from my prayer for relief,

From my cry for help.'

You drew near when I called on You;

You said, 'Do not fear!'

O Lord, You have pleaded my soul's cause;

You have redeemed my life." (NASB.)

Ezekiel 31:1-3, 14-18: "In the eleventh year, in the third [month], on the first [day] of the month, the word of the LORD came to me: 'Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his hordes:

Who are you like in your greatness?

Think of Assyria, a cedar in Lebanon,

with beautiful branches and shady foliage,

and of lofty height.

Its top was among the clouds. [...] [This happened] so that no trees [planted] beside water would become great in height and set their tops among the clouds, and so that no [other] well-watered trees would reach them in height. For they have all been consigned to death, to the underworld, among the people who descend to the Pit.

'This is what the Lord GOD says: I caused grieving on the day the cedar went down to Sheol. I closed off the underground deep because of it: I held back the rivers of the deep, and [its] abundant waters were restrained. I made Lebanon mourn on account of it, and all the trees of the field fainted because of it. I made the nations quake at the sound of its downfall, when I threw it down to Sheol [to be] with those who descend to the Pit. Then all the trees of Eden, all the well-watered trees, the choice and best of Lebanon, were comforted in the underworld. They too descended with it to Sheol, to those slain by the sword. As its allies they had lived in its shade among the nations.

'Who then are you like in glory and greatness among Eden's trees? You also will be brought down to the underworld [to be] with the trees of Eden. You will lie among the uncircumcised with those slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his hordes'—the declaration of the Lord GOD .' (HCSB.)

Hosea 13:14: "I will ransom them from the power of Sheol.

I will redeem them from death.

Death, where are your barbs?

Sheol, where is your sting?

Compassion is hidden from My eyes." (HCSB.)

Jonah 2:1-10: "Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the stomach of the fish, and he said,

'I called out of my distress to the LORD,

And He answered me

I cried for help from the depth of Sheol;

You heard my voice.

'For You had cast me into the deep,

Into the heart of the seas,

And the current engulfed me

All Your breakers and billows passed over me.

'So I said, 'I have been expelled from Your sight

Nevertheless I will look again toward Your holy temple.'

'Water encompassed me to the point of death

The great deep engulfed me,

Weeds were wrapped around my head.

'I descended to the roots of the mountains

The earth with its bars was around me forever,

But You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.

'While I was fainting away,

I remembered the LORD,

And my prayer came to You,

Into Your holy temple.

'Those who regard vain idols

Forsake their faithfulness,

But I will sacrifice to You

With the voice of thanksgiving

That which I have vowed I will pay

Salvation is from the LORD.'

Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land." (NASB.)

Jonah 4:8: "When the sun came up God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, 'Death is

better to me than life." (NASB.)

Matthew 4:12-16: "Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee;
and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.

This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:

'THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI,
BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES--
'THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT,
AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH,
UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.'" (NASB.) cf. Luke 1:78-79: "Because of the tender mercy of our God,

With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,
TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
To guide our feet into the way of peace.'" (NASB.) cf. Isaiah 9:1-2: "But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

The people who walk in darkness
Will see a great light;
Those who live in a dark land,
The light will shine on them." (NASB.)

Matthew 10:28: "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (NASB.)

Matthew 12:39-40: "But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights **in the heart of the earth.**" (NASB.)

Matthew 17:2-4: "And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.

And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 22:31-32: "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God:

'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? **He is not the God of the dead but of the living.**" (NASB.) cf. Romans 14:9: "For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be **Lord both of the dead and of the living.**" (NASB.)

Matthew 27:50: "And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit." (NASB.)

Mark 9:2-5: "Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them;
and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'" (NASB.)

Mark 12:25-27: "For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage,

but are like angels in heaven.

'But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, and the God of Jacob'?

'He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken.'" (NASB.)

Luke 8:54-55: "He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, 'Child, arise!'

And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He gave orders for something to be given her to eat." (NASB.)

Luke 9:29-33: "And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming.

And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

And as these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah'--not realizing what he was saying." (NASB.)

Luke 9:31: "who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure [Gr. *exodus*--used of the Israelites' Exodus in Hebrews 11:22] which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem." (NASB.)

Luke 12:4-5: "I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do.

'But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!'" (NASB.)

Luke 16:9, 19-31: "'And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings. [...] 'Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day.

'And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

'Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

'In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.

'And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'

'But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.

'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'

'And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house--

for I have five brothers--in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

'But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

'But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone **goes to them from the dead**, they will repent!'

'But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone **risers from the dead**.'" (NASB.)

Luke 20:37-38: "'But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the burning bush, where he calls the Lord THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC,

AND THE GOD OF JACOB.

'Now He is not the God of the dead but of the living; for all live to Him.'" (NASB.)

Luke 23:43: "And He said to him, 'Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.'" (NASB.)

Luke 23:46: "And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, 'Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.' Having said this, He breathed His last." (NASB.)

Luke 24:36-39: "While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be to you.'

But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit.

And He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?

'See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'" (NASB.)

John 2:19-22: "Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'

The Jews then said, 'It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?'

But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken." (NASB.)

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (NASB.)

John 3:36: "'He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.'" (NASB.)

John 4:13-14: "Jesus answered and said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.'" (NASB.)

John 5:24-25, 28-29: "'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. [...] 'Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,

and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.'" (NASB.)

John 6:27-29, 40, 47-51, 54, 57-58, 63, 68: "'Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.'

Therefore they said to Him, 'What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?'

Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.' [...] 'For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.' [...] 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

'I am the bread of life.

'Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

'This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

'I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.' [...] 'He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. [...] 'As the

living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me.

'This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever. [...] 'It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. [...] Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.'" (NASB.)

John 7:32-34: "The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him.

Therefore Jesus said, 'For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me. 'You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.'" (NASB.)

John 8:21-23: "Then He said again to them, 'I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.'

So the Jews were saying, 'Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?"

And He was saying to them, 'You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.'" (NASB.)

John 8:51-55: "verily, verily, I say to you, If any one may keep my word, death he may not see -- to the age.'

The Jews, therefore, said to him, 'Now we have known that thou hast a demon; Abraham did die, and the prophets, and thou dost say, If any one may keep my word, he shall not taste of death -- to the age!

Art thou greater than our father Abraham, who died? and the prophets died; whom dost thou make thyself?'

Jesus answered, 'If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; it is my Father who is glorifying me, of whom ye say that He is your God;

and ye have not known Him, and I have known Him, and if I say that I have not known Him, I shall be like you -- speaking falsely; but I have known Him, and His word I keep;" (YLT.)

John 9:4-5: "'We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

'While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.'" (NASB.)

John 10:17-18: "'For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

'No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.'" (NASB.)

John 10:27-28: "according as I said to you: My sheep my voice do hear, and I know them, and they follow me,

and life age-during I give to them, and they shall not perish -- to the age, and no one shall pluck them out of my hand;" (YLT.)

John 11:23-27, 43-44: "Jesus saith to her, 'Thy brother shall rise again.'

Martha saith to him, 'I have known that he will rise again, in the rising again in the last day;'

Jesus said to her, 'I am the rising again, and the life; he who is believing in me, even if he may die, shall live;

and every one who is living and believing in me shall not die -- to the age;

believest thou this?' she saith to him, 'Yes, sir, I have believed that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming to the world.' [...] And these things saying, with a loud voice he cried out, 'Lazarus, come forth;'

and he who died came forth, being bound feet and hands with grave-clothes, and his visage with a napkin was bound about; Jesus saith to them, 'Loose him, and suffer to go.'" (YLT.)

John 12:23-25: "And Jesus answered them, saying, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

'He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal." (NASB.)

John 13:1-4, 33, 36-38: "Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him,

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God,

got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. [...]

'Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' [...] Simon Peter said to Him, 'Lord, where are You going?' Jesus answered, 'Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later.'

Peter said to Him, 'Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You.'

Jesus answered, 'Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times." (NASB.)

John 14:12, 19, 28-29: "'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father. [...] 'After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. [...] 'You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

'Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe." (NASB.)

John 14:16: "and I will ask the Father, and another Comforter He will give to you, that he may remain with you -- to the age;" (YLT.)

John 16:4-5, 16-22, 28: "'But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

"But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' [...] 'A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me.'

Some of His disciples then said to one another, 'What is this thing He is telling us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father?'

So they were saying, 'What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is talking about.'

Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, 'Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'?

'Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy.

'Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.

'Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. [...] 'I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father.'" (NASB.)

John 17:11-15: "I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.

'While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

'But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

'I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

'I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.'" (NASB.)

John 19:30: "Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit." (NASB.)

Acts 2:27, 30-32: "For You will not leave my soul in Hades,

Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. [...] Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses." (NKJV.)

Acts 7:55-59: "But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; and he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'

But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse. When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!'" (NASB.)

Acts 10:40-42: "God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

'And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.'" (NASB.)

Acts 13:34: "'And that He did raise him up out of the dead, no more to return to corruption, he hath said thus -- I will give to you the faithful kindnesses of David;'" (YLT.)

Romans 8:10-11, 35-39: "If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. [...]

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, **or sword?**

Just as it is written,

'FOR YOUR SAKE **WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;**
WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.'

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

For **I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God,** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NASB.)

Romans 10:6-9: "But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: 'DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down), or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO **THE ABYSS**?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).' But what does it say? 'THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART'-- that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him **from the dead**, you will be saved;" (NASB.)

Romans 14:7-9: "For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living." (NASB.)

2 Corinthians 4:6-7, 16-5:10: "For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; [...] Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked.

For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.

Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.

Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord--

for we walk by faith, not by sight--

we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." (NASB.)

2 Corinthians 12:2-4: "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows--such a man was caught up to the third heaven.

And I know how such a man--whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows--

was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak." (NASB.)

Ephesians 4:8-10: "Therefore it says,
WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH,
HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES,
AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.'

(Now this expression, 'He ascended,' what does it mean except that **He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth**?

He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might

fill all things.)" (NASB.)

Philippians 1:21-24: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.

But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;

yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake." (NASB.)

1 Thessalonians 4:14: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring [lit. "lead"] with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus." (NASB.)

1 Thessalonians 5:10: "who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him." (ESV.)

1 Thessalonians 5:23: "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (NASB.)

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17: "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word." (NASB.)

2 Timothy 4:1: "I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:" (NASB.)

2 Timothy 4:6-7: "for I am already being poured out, and the time of my release hath arrived; the good strife I have striven, the course I have finished, the faith I have kept," (YLT.)

Hebrews 2:14-15: "Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives." (NASB.)

Hebrews 11:39-12:1, 12:22-24: "And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [...] But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel." (NASB.)

Hebrews 13:20: "And the God of the peace, who did bring up out of the dead the great shepherd of the sheep -- in the blood of an age-during covenant -- our Lord Jesus," (YLT.)

1 Peter 1:3: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," (NASB.)

1 Peter 3:18-20: "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

19in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison,
20who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah,
during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely
through the water." (NASB.)

1 Peter 4:5-6: "They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For
this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged
according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." (NKJV.)

1 Peter 5:9-10: "But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering
are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory
in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you." (NASB.)

2 Peter 1:13-15: "I consider it right, **as long as I am in this earthly dwelling**, to stir you up by
way of reminder,

knowing that **the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent**, as also our Lord Jesus
Christ has made clear to me.

And I will also be diligent that at any time **after my departure** (Gr. *exodus*) you will be able to
call these things to mind." (NASB.)

1 John 2:17: "and the world doth pass away, and the desire of it, and he who is doing the will of
God, he doth remain -- to the age." (YLT.)

1 John 2:24-25: "What you have heard from the beginning must remain in you. If what you have
heard from the beginning remains in you, then you will remain in the Son and in the Father. And
this is the promise that He Himself made to us: eternal life." (HCSB.)

1 John 3:15: "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has
eternal life abiding in him." (NASB.)

1 John 5:11-13: "And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His
Son.

He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may
know that you have eternal life." (NASB.)

2 John 1:1-3: "The Elder to the choice Kyria, and to her children, whom I love in truth, and not I
only, but also all those having known the truth,

because of the truth that is remaining in us, and with us shall be to the age,

there shall be with you grace, kindness, peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus
Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love." (YLT.)

Revelation 1:17-18: "When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right
hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,

and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of
death and of Hades.'" (NASB.)

Revelation 6:9-11: "When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of
those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they
had maintained;

and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain
from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?'

And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a
little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed
even as they had been, would be completed also." (NASB.)

Revelation 14:13: "And I heard a voice out of the heaven saying to me, 'Write: Happy are the dead who in the Lord are dying from this time!' 'Yes, (saith the Spirit,) That they may rest from their labours -- and their works do follow them!'" (YLT.)

Revelation 20:4: "Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years." (NASB.)

4. The Bible also teaches that the spirits/souls of unsaved people continue in conscious existence after physical death:

1 Samuel 28:3, 7-20: "Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land. [...] Saul then said to his attendants, 'Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her.'

'There is one in Endor,' they said.

So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. 'Consult a spirit for me,' he said, 'and bring up for me the one I name.'

But the woman said to him, 'Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?'

Saul swore to her by the LORD, 'As surely as the LORD lives, you will not be punished for this.' Then the woman asked, 'Whom shall I bring up for you?'

'Bring up Samuel,' he said.

When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, 'Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!'

The king said to her, 'Don't be afraid. What do you see?'

The woman said, 'I see a spirit coming up out of the ground.'

'What does he look like?' he asked.

'An old man wearing a robe is coming up,' she said.

Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

Samuel said to Saul, 'Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?'

'I am in great distress,' Saul said. 'The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned away from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do.'

Samuel said, 'Why do you consult me, now that the LORD has turned away from you and become your enemy? The LORD has done what he predicted through me. The LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbors—to David. Because you did not obey the LORD or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the LORD has done this to you today. **The LORD will hand over both Israel and you to the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me.** The LORD will also hand over the army of Israel to the Philistines.'

Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of **Samuel's** words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and night." (NIV.)

Job 3:9-23: "Let the stars of its dawn be dark;

let it hope for light, but have none,

nor see the eyelids of the morning,

because it did not shut the doors of my mother's womb,

nor hide trouble from my eyes.

'Why did I not die at birth,
come out from the womb and expire?
Why did the knees receive me?
Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?
For then I would have lain down and been quiet;
I would have slept; then I would have been at rest,
with kings and counselors of the earth
who rebuilt ruins for themselves,
or with princes who had gold,
who filled their houses with silver.
Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child,
as infants who never see the light?
There the wicked cease from troubling,
and there the weary are at rest.
There the prisoners are at ease together;
they hear not the voice of the taskmaster.
The small and the great are there,
and the slave is free from his master.
'Why is light given to him who is in misery,
and life to the bitter in soul,
who long for death, but it comes not,
and dig for it more than for hidden treasures,
who rejoice exceedingly
and are glad when they find the grave?
Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden,
whom God has hedged in?' (ESV.)

Job 11:20: "But the eyes of the wicked shall look [for relief] in vain, and they shall not escape [the justice of God]; and their hope shall be to give up the ghost." [lit. "soul"] (Amplified Bible.) "And the eyes of the wicked are consumed, And refuge hath perished from them, And their hope [is] a breathing out of soul!" (YLT.)

Job 21:13: "They wear out in good their days, And in a moment [to] Sheol go down." (YLT.)

Job 24:19: "Drought and heat consume the snow waters,
So does Sheol those who have sinned." (NASB.)

Job 26:5-6: "'The departed spirits tremble
Under the waters and their inhabitants.
'Naked is Sheol before Him,
And Abaddon has no covering.'" (NASB.)

Job 30:23: "For I know that you will bring me to death
and to the house appointed for all living." (ESV.)

Psalms 9:17: "The wicked will return to Sheol,
Even all the nations who forget God." (NASB.)

Psalms 49:7-19: "No man can by any means redeem his brother
Or give to God a ransom for him--
For the redemption of his soul is costly,
And he should cease trying forever--
That he should live on eternally,
That he should not undergo decay.
For he sees that even wise men die;
The stupid and the senseless alike perish

And leave their wealth to others.
Their inner thought is that their houses are forever
And their dwelling places to all generations;
They have called their lands after their own names.
But man in his pomp will not endure;
He is like the beasts that perish.
This is the way of those who are foolish,
And of those after them who approve their words. Selah.
As sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
Death shall be their shepherd;
And the upright shall rule over them in the morning,
And their form shall be for Sheol to consume
So that they have no habitation.
But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol,
For He will receive me. Selah.
Do not be afraid when a man becomes rich,
When the glory of his house is increased;
For when he dies he will carry nothing away;
His glory will not descend after him.
Though while he lives he congratulates himself--
And though men praise you when you do well for yourself--
He shall go to the generation of his fathers;
They will never see the light." (NASB.)

Psalm 55:15, 23: "Let death come deceitfully upon them;
Let them go down alive to Sheol,
For evil is in their dwelling, in their midst. [...] But You, O God, will bring them down to the pit
of destruction;
Men of bloodshed and deceit will not live out half their days
But I will trust in You." (NASB.)

Psalm 63:9: "But those who seek my life, to destroy it,
Shall go into the lower parts of the earth." (NKJV.)

Psalm 73:3-4, 16-28: "For I was envious of the arrogant
As I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
For **there are no pains in their death,**
And their body is fat. [...] When I pondered to understand this,
It was troublesome in my sight
Until I came into the sanctuary of God;
Then I perceived their end.
Surely You set them in slippery places;
You cast them down to destruction.
How they are destroyed in a moment!
They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors!
Like a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when aroused, You will despise their form.
When my heart was embittered
And I was pierced within,
Then I was senseless and ignorant;
I was like a beast before You.
Nevertheless I am continually with You;
You have taken hold of my right hand.
With Your counsel You will guide me,
And afterward receive me to glory.
Whom have I in heaven but You?

And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

For, behold, those who are far from You will perish;

You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to You.

But as for me, the nearness of God is my good;

I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,

That I may tell of all Your works." (NASB.)

Psalms 89:48: "What man can live and not see death?

Can he deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah." (NASB.)

Psalms 90:10: "As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years,

Or if due to strength, eighty years,

Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow;

For soon it is gone and we fly away." (NASB.)

Psalms 140:9-11: "The chief of my surrounders, The perverseness of their lips covereth them.

They cause to fall on themselves burning coals, Into fire He doth cast them, Into deep pits -- they arise not.

A talkative man is not established in the earth, One of violence -- evil hunteth to overflowing." (YLT.)

Psalms 140:9-11: "As for the heads of those who surround me,

let the trouble their lips cause overwhelm [them].

Let hot coals fall on them.

Let them be thrown into the fire,

into the abyss, never again to rise.

Do not let a slanderer stay in the land.

Let evil relentlessly hunt down a violent man." (HCSB.)

Proverbs 2:18: "For her house leads down to death

and her paths to the spirits of the dead." (NIV.)

Proverbs 9:18: "But he does not know that the dead [lit. *Rephaim*, "departed spirits"] are there,

That her guests are in the depths of Sheol." (NASB.)

Proverbs 15:24: "The path of life leads upward for the wise

That he may keep away from Sheol below." (NASB.)

Proverbs 21:16: "The man who strays from the way of wisdom

will come to rest

in the assembly of the departed spirits." (HCSB.)

Proverbs 23:13-14: "Do not hold back discipline from the child,

Although you strike him with the rod, he will not die.

You shall strike him with the rod

And rescue his soul from Sheol." (NASB.)

Song of Solomon 8:6: "Put me like a seal over your heart,

Like a seal on your arm

For love is as strong as death,

Jealousy is as severe as Sheol;

Its flashes are flashes of fire,

The very flame of the LORD." (NASB.)

Isaiah 5:4: "Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself
And opened its mouth beyond measure;
Their glory and their multitude and their pomp,
And he who is jubilant, shall descend into it." (NKJV.)

Isaiah 14:9-17: "Sheol from beneath is excited over you to meet you when you come;
It arouses for you the spirits of the dead, all the leaders of the earth;
It raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones.
'They will all respond and say to you,
'Even you have been made weak as we,
You have become like us.
'Your pomp and the music of your harps
Have been brought down to Sheol;
Maggots are spread out as your bed beneath you
And worms are your covering.'
'How you have fallen from heaven,
O star of the morning, son of the dawn!
You have been cut down to the earth,
You who have weakened the nations!
'But you said in your heart,
'I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God,
And I will sit on the mount of assembly
In the recesses of the north.
'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.'
'Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol,
To the recesses of the pit.
'Those who see you will gaze at you,
They will ponder over you, saying,
'Is this the man who made the earth tremble,
Who shook kingdoms,
Who made the world like a wilderness
And overthrew its cities,
Who did not allow his prisoners to go home?' (NASB.)

Isaiah 24:21-22: "So it will happen in that day,
That the LORD will punish the host of heaven on high,
And the kings of the earth on earth.
They will be gathered together
Like prisoners in the dungeon,
And will be confined in prison;
And after many days they will be punished." (NASB.)

Isaiah 26:14, 19: "The dead will not live, the departed spirits will not rise;
Therefore You have punished and destroyed them,
And You have wiped out all remembrance of them. [...] Your dead will live;
Their corpses will rise
You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy,
For your dew is as the dew of the dawn,
And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits." (NASB.)

Ecclesiastes 12:5-7: "Furthermore, men are afraid of a high place and of terrors on the road; the
almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags himself along, and the caperberry is ineffective.
For man goes to his eternal home while mourners go about in the street.
Remember Him before the silver cord is broken and the golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by

the well is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed;
then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it."
(NASB.)

Ezekiel 26:19-20: "For thus says the Lord GOD: When I make you a city laid waste, like the cities that are not inhabited, when I bring up the deep over you, and the great waters cover you, then I will make you go down with those who go down to the pit, to the people of old, and I will make you to dwell in the world below, among ruins from of old, with those who go down to the pit, so that you will not be inhabited; but I will set beauty in the land of the living." (ESV.)

Ezekiel 31:1-3, 14-18: "In the eleventh year, in the third [month], on the first [day] of the month, the word of the LORD came to me: 'Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his hordes:

Who are you like in your greatness?
Think of Assyria, a cedar in Lebanon,
with beautiful branches and shady foliage,
and of lofty height.

Its top was among the clouds. [...] [This happened] so that no trees [planted] beside water would become great in height and set their tops among the clouds, and so that no [other] well-watered trees would reach them in height. For they have all been consigned to death, to the underworld, among the people who descend to the Pit.

'This is what the Lord GOD says: I caused grieving on the day the cedar went down to Sheol. I closed off the underground deep because of it: I held back the rivers of the deep, and [its] abundant waters were restrained. I made Lebanon mourn on account of it, and all the trees of the field fainted because of it. I made the nations quake at the sound of its downfall, when I threw it down to Sheol [to be] with those who descend to the Pit. Then all the trees of Eden, all the well-watered trees, the choice and best of Lebanon, were comforted in the underworld. They too descended with it to Sheol, to those slain by the sword. As its allies they had lived in its shade among the nations.

'Who then are you like in glory and greatness among Eden's trees? You also will be brought down to the underworld [to be] with the trees of Eden. You will lie among the uncircumcised with those slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his hordes'—the declaration of the Lord GOD ."
(HCSB.)

Ezekiel 32:17-32: "In the twelfth year, on the fifteenth of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

'Son of man, wail for the hordes of Egypt and bring it down, her and the daughters of the powerful nations, to the nether world, with those who go down to the pit;

'Whom do you surpass in beauty?

Go down and make your bed with the uncircumcised.'

'They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword. She is given over to the sword; they have drawn her and all her hordes away.

'The strong among the mighty ones shall speak of him and his helpers from the midst of Sheol, 'They have gone down, they lie still, the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.'

'Assyria is there and all her company; her graves are round about her. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword,

whose graves are set in the remotest parts of the pit and her company is round about her grave. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword, who spread terror in the land of the living.

'Elam is there and all her hordes around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth, who instilled their terror in the land of the living and bore their disgrace with those who went down to the pit.

'They have made a bed for her among the slain with all her hordes. Her graves are around it, they are all uncircumcised, slain by the sword (although their terror was instilled in the land of the living), and they bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit; they were put in the midst of the slain.

'Meshech, Tubal and all their hordes are there; their graves surround them. All of them were slain by the sword uncircumcised, though they instilled their terror in the land of the living.

'Nor do they lie beside the fallen heroes of the uncircumcised, who went down to Sheol with their weapons of war and whose swords were laid under their heads; but the punishment for their iniquity rested on their bones, though the terror of these heroes was once in the land of the living.

'But in the midst of the uncircumcised you will be broken and lie with those slain by the sword.

'There also is Edom, its kings and all its princes, who for all their might are laid with those slain by the sword; they will lie with the uncircumcised and with those who go down to the pit.

'There also are the chiefs of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who in spite of the terror resulting from their might, in shame went down with the slain. So they lay down uncircumcised with those slain by the sword and bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit.

'These Pharaoh will see, and he will be comforted for all his hordes slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his army,' declares the Lord GOD.

'Though I instilled a terror of him in the land of the living, yet he will be made to lie down among the uncircumcised along with those slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his hordes,' declares the Lord GOD." (NASB.)

Matthew 10:28: "'Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 11:23-24: "'And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.

'Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 24:48-51: "'But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,'

and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;

the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know,

and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" (NASB.)

Luke 10:12-15: "'I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city.

'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had been performed in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

'But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you.

'And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to Hades!'" (NASB.)

Luke 12:4-5, 18-21, 45-46: "I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do.

'But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him! [...]' Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

'And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'

'But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'

'So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.' [...]' But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk;

the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.'" (NASB.)

Luke 16:19-31: "'Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen,

joyously living in splendor every day.

'And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

'Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

'In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.

'And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'

'But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.

'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'

'And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers--in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

'But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

'But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!'

'But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'" (NASB.)

John 5:25, 28-29: "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. [...] 'Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.'" (NASB.)

Acts 10:42: "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead." (NASB.)

Philippians 2:9-11: "For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth **and under the earth**, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (NASB.)

2 Timothy 4:1: "I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:" (NASB.)

1 Peter 3:18-20: "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 19in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, 20who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water." (NASB.)

1 Peter 4:4-5: "In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you; but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead." (NASB.)

2 Peter 2:1-9: "But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but **cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;**

and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, **and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,**" (NASB.)

Revelation 5:3, 13: "And no one in heaven or on the earth **or under the earth** was able to open the book or to look into it. [...] And every created thing which is in heaven **and under the earth** and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, 'To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.'" (NASB.)

Revelation 9:1-2, 11: "Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of **the bottomless [lit. "abyss"] pit** was given to him.

He opened **the bottomless [lit. "abyss"] pit**, and **smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace**; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. [...] They have as king over them, the angel of **the abyss**; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon." (NASB.) cf. Revelation 20:1-3: "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of **the abyss** and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

and he threw him into **the abyss**, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time." (NASB.) cf. Matthew 8:29: "And they cried out, saying, 'What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to **torment us before the time?**'" (NASB.) cf. Luke 8:28, 30-31: "Seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, 'What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not **torment** me.' [...] And Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him.

They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into **the abyss**." (NASB.) cf. Romans 10:7: "or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO **THE ABYSS?**' (that is, to bring Christ up from **the dead**)." (NASB.)

Revelation 11:7: "When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them." (NASB.)

Revelation 11:16-18: "And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

saying, 'We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

'And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.'" (NASB.)

Revelation 17:8: "'The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.'" (NASB.)

Revelation 20:12-14: "And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire." (NASB.)

5. The Bible teaches that the spirits/souls of saved people will return to their bodies and they will be resurrected and be with the Lord Jesus forever:

1 Kings 17:21-22: "And he stretcheth himself out on the lad three times, and calleth unto Jehovah, and saith, 'O Jehovah my God, let turn back, I pray Thee, the soul of this lad into his midst;' and Jehovah hearkeneth to the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the lad turneth back into his midst, and he liveth." (YLT.)

Isaiah 26:19: "Your dead will live;

 Their corpses will rise

 You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy,

 For your dew is as the dew of the dawn,

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Matthew 10:28: "'Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.'" (NASB.)

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And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He gave orders for something to be given her to eat." (NASB.)

Luke 16:30-31: "'But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone **goes to them from the dead**, they will repent!'

'But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone **riser from the dead**.''" (NASB.)

Acts 20:9-10: "And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead.

But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, 'Do not be troubled, for his life [lit. "soul"] is in him.'" (NASB.)

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring [lit. "lead"] with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore comfort one another with these words." (NASB.)

Revelation 20:4: "Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years." (NASB.)

6. The Bible teaches that the spirits/souls of unsaved people will also return to their bodies and they will be resurrected and be punished eternally:

[Point 6, part A:]

1 Kings 17:21-22: "And he stretcheth himself out on the lad three times, and calleth unto Jehovah, and saith, 'O Jehovah my God, let turn back, I pray Thee, the soul of this lad into his midst;' and Jehovah hearkeneth to the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the lad turneth back into his midst, and he liveth." (YLT.)

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[Point 6, part B:]

Exodus 34:7: "keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, **but who will by no means clear the guilty**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." (ESV.)

Numbers 14:18: "'The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, **but he will by no means clear the guilty**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.'" (ESV.)

1 Chronicles 28:9: "'As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.'" (NASB.)

Psalms 83:17-18: "Let them be ashamed and dismayed forever,
And let them be humiliated and perish,
That they may know that You alone, whose name is the LORD,
Are the Most High over all the earth." (NASB.)

Isaiah 1:27-31: "Zion will be redeemed with justice,
her penitent ones with righteousness.
But rebels and sinners will both be broken,
and those who forsake the LORD will perish.
'You will be ashamed because of the sacred oaks
in which you have delighted;
you will be disgraced because of the gardens
that you have chosen.

You will be like an oak with fading leaves,
like a garden without water.
The mighty man will become tinder
and his work a spark;
both will burn together,
with no one to quench the fire." (NIV.)

Isaiah 33:14: "The sinners in Zion are afraid;
trembling has seized the godless:
'Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire?
Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?'" (ESV.)

Isaiah 34:10: "Night and day it shall not be quenched;
its smoke shall go up forever.
From generation to generation it shall lie waste;
none shall pass through it forever and ever." (ESV.)

Isaiah 66:23-24: "'And it shall be from new moon to new moon
And from sabbath to sabbath,
All mankind will come to bow down before Me,' says the LORD.
'Then they will go forth and look
On the corpses of the men
Who have transgressed against Me
For their worm will not die
And their fire will not be quenched;
And they will be an abhorrence to all mankind.'" (NASB.)

Jeremiah 23:39-40: "Therefore, I will surely forget you and cast you out of my presence along
with the city I gave to you and your fathers. I will bring upon you everlasting disgrace—everlasting
shame that will not be forgotten." (NIV.)

Jeremiah 31:33-34: "'But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those
days,' declares the LORD, 'I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will
be their God, and **they shall be My people.**
'They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the
LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,' declares the
LORD, '**for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.**'" (NASB.)

Daniel 12:1-3: "'Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of
your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there
was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the
book, will be rescued.
'Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will **awake**, these to everlasting life, but the
others **to disgrace and everlasting contempt.**
'Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and
those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.'" (NASB.) Daniel 12:2:
"'And the multitude of those sleeping in the dust of the ground do awake, some to life age-during,
and some to reproaches -- to abhorrence age-during.'" (YLT.)

Matthew 3:10-12: "Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does
not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
'I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose
sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing
fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the
chaff he will burn with unquenchable [Gr. *asbestos*] fire.'" (ESV.)

Matthew 5:21-30: "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.'

'But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.

'Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

'Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

'Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent.

'You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY';

but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

'If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 8:11-12: "I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven;

but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 10:28: "Do not fear those who **kill** the body but are unable to **kill** the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to **destroy** both soul and body in hell." (NASB.)

Matthew 12:31-32: "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit **shall not be forgiven**.

'Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, **it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.**" (NASB.)

Matthew 13:40-42, 47-50: "So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.

'The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,

and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [...] 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering fish of every kind;

and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away.

'So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous,

and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 18:4-9, 30-35: "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

'And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;

but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, **it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.**

'Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come;

but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!

'If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be **cast into the eternal [lit. "perpetual"] fire**.

'If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than to have two eyes and be **cast into the fiery hell**. [...] 'But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.

'So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.

'Then summoning him, his lord said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?'

'And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.

'My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 22:11-13: "'But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And the man was speechless.

'Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 23:15, 33: "'Wo to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye go round the sea and the dry land to make one proselyte, and whenever it may happen -- ye make him a son of gehenna twofold more than yourselves. [...] 'Serpents! brood of vipers! how may ye escape from the judgment of the gehenna?'" (YLT.)

Matthew 24:48-51: "'But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,'

and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;

the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know,

and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" (NASB.)

Matthew 25:10-12, 23-46: "'And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.

'Later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.'

'But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' [...] 'His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

'And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed.

'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'

'But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed.

'Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest.

'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'

'For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

'Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and

gnashing of teeth.

'But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

'All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;

and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

'Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'

'Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?

'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?

'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

'The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'

'Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal [lit. "perpetual"] fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;

I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'

'Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?'

'Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

'These will go away into eternal [lit. "perpetual"] punishment, but the righteous into eternal [lit. "perpetual"] life.'" (NASB.)

Mark 3:28-30: "'Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter;

but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit **never has [lit. "has not--unto the age [forever]"] forgiveness**, but **is guilty of an eternal [lit. "perpetual"] sin'**--

because they were saying, 'He has an unclean spirit.'" (NASB.)

Mark 9:42-50: "'Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, **it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea.**

'If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, **to go into hell, into the unquenchable [Gr. *asbestos*] fire**, [where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED [Gr. *sbennymi*, Present **Passive** Indicative].]

'If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than, having your two feet, **to be cast into hell**, [where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED [Gr. *sbennymi*, Present **Passive** Indicative].]

'If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, **to be cast into hell, where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED** [Gr. *sbennymi*, Present **Passive** Indicative].]

'For everyone will be salted with fire.

'Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'" (NASB.) cf. Matthew 25:8: "'The foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out [Gr. *sbennymi*, Present **Passive** Indicative].'" (NASB.) cf. Matthew 12:20: "'A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK

OFF,

AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT PUT OUT [Gr. *sbennymi*, Future **Active** Indicative],
UNTIL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY." (NASB.)

Luke 3:16-17: "John answered them all, saying, 'I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable [Gr. *asbestos*] fire.'" (ESV.)

Luke 12:4-5, 10, 45-46, 58-59: "I say to you, My friends, **do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do.**

'But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him! [...] 'And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him. [...] 'But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk; the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers. [...] 'For while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on your way there make an effort to settle with him, so that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

'I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent.'" (NASB.)

Luke 13:23-30: "And someone said to Him, 'Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?' And He said to them,

'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

'Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.'

'Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets'; and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.'

'In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out.

'And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God.

'And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.'" (NASB.)

Luke 17:1-2: "He said to His disciples, 'It is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but woe to him through whom they come!

'It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he would cause one of these little ones to stumble.'" (NASB.)

John 3:36: "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." (ESV.)

John 5:28-29: "'Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,

and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.'" (NASB.)

Romans 2:5-13, 3:5: "But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:
to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;

but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

For there is no partiality with God.

For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;

for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified. [...] But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.)" (NASB.)

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16: "For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans, who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost." (NKJV.)

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10: "For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

These will pay the penalty of eternal [lit. "perpetual"] destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed--for our testimony to you was believed." (NASB.)

Hebrews 2:2-3: "For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,

how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard," (NASB.)

Hebrews 6:1-2: "Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, **and the resurrection of the dead and eternal [lit. "perpetual"] judgment.**" (NASB.)

Hebrews 8:10-12: "FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:

I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS,

AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS.

AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,

AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

'AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN,

AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,'

FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME,

FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.

**'FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES,
AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.'**" (NASB.)

Hebrews 10:15-18: "And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,
'THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM
AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:
I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART,
AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,'
He then says,

**'AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS
I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE.'**

Now where there is **forgiveness** of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin." (NASB.)

Hebrews 10:26-31, 39: "For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth,
there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME
THE ADVERSARIES.

Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

For we know Him who said, 'VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.' And again, 'THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.'

It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God. [...] But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul." (NASB.)

2 Peter 2:1-9, 15-19: "But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter;

and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds),

then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, [...] forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, **for whom the black darkness has been reserved** [Gr. perfect tense--"once and forever"].

For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved." (NASB.)

Jude 1:4-7, 12-13: "For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into

licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, **He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness** for the judgment of the great day, just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing **the punishment of eternal [lit. "perpetual"] fire**. [...] These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, **for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.**" (NASB.)

Revelation 14:9-11: "Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; **and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.**

'And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.'" (NASB.)

Revelation 17:8-18: "**The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction.** And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.

'Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,

and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

'The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and **he goes to destruction.**

'The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

'These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

'These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.'

And he said to me, 'The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

'And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.

'For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.

'The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.'" (NASB.)

Revelation 19:3: "And a second time they said, 'Hallelujah! HER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER.'" (NASB.)

Revelation 19:11-21:8: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.

He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He

will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, 'KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.'

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, 'Come, assemble for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great.'

And I saw **the beast** and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

And **the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet** who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; **these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.**

And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, **and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.**

And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. **This is the second death, the lake of fire.**

And **if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a

bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

and **He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain;** the first things have passed away.'

And He who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' And He said, 'Write, for these words are faithful and true.'

Then He said to me, 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

'He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

'But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.'" (NASB.)

Revelation 21:21-27: "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed;

and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;

and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life." (NASB.)

Revelation 22:5: "And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign **forever and ever.**" (NASB.)

Revelation 22:14-20: "Blessed are those who wash their robes, **so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.**

Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

'I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book;

and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city,** which are written in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." (NASB.)