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To the Most High and Mighty Prince

JAMES

By the Grace of God

King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland,

Defender of the Faith, &c.

*The Translators of the Bible wish Grace, Mercy, and Peace
through JESUS CHRIST our Lord*

GREAT AND MANIFOLD were the blessings, most dread Sovereign, which Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, bestowed upon us the people of *England*, when first he sent Your Majesty's Royal Person to rule and reign over us. For whereas it was the expectation of many, who wished not well unto our *Sion*, that upon the setting of that bright *Occidental Star*, Queen *Elizabeth* of most happy memory, some thick and palpable clouds of darkness would so have overshadowed this Land, that men should have been in doubt which way they were to walk; and that it should hardly be known, who was to direct the unsettled State; the appearance of Your Majesty, as of the *Sun* in his strength, instantly dispelled those supposed and surmised mists, and gave unto all that were well affected exceeding cause of comfort; especially when we beheld the Government established in Your Highness, and Your hopeful Seed, by an undoubted Title, and this also accompanied with peace and tranquility at home and abroad.

But among all our joys, there was no one that more filled our hearts, than the blessed continuance of the preaching of God's sacred Word among us; which is that inestimable treasure, which excelleth all the riches of the earth; because the fruit thereof extendeth itself, not only to the time spent in this transitory world, but directeth and disposeth men unto that eternal happiness which is above in heaven.

Then not to suffer this to fall to the ground, but rather to take it up, and to continue it in that state, wherein the famous Predecessor of Your Highness did leave it: nay, to go forward with the confidence and resolution of a Man in maintaining the truth of Christ, and propagating it far and near, is that which hath so bound and firmly knit the hearts of all Your Majesty's loyal and religious people unto You, that Your very name is precious among them: their eye doth behold You with comfort, and they bless You in their hearts, as that sanctified Person who, under God, is the immediate Author of their true happiness. And this their contentment doth not diminish or decay, but every day increaseth and taketh strength, when they observe, that the zeal of Your Majesty toward the house of God doth not slack or go backward, but is more and more kindled, manifesting itself abroad in the farthest parts of *Christendom*, by writing in defence of the Truth, (which hath given such a blow unto that man of sin, as will not be healed,) and every day at home, by religious and learned discourse, by frequenting the house of God, by hearing the Word preached, by cherishing the Teachers thereof, by caring for the Church, as a most tender and loving nursing Father.

There are infinite arguments of this right Christian and religious affection in Your Majesty; but none is more forcible to declare it to others than the vehement and perpetuated desire of accomplishing and publishing of this work, which now with all humility we present unto Your Majesty. For when Your Highness had once out of deep judgment apprehended how convenient it was, that out of the Original Sacred Tongues, together with comparing of the labours, both in our own, and other foreign Languages, of many worthy men who went before us, there should be one more exact Translation of the holy Scriptures into the *English Tongue*; Your Majesty did never desist to urge and to excite those to whom it was commended, that the work might be hastened, and that the business might be expedited in so decent a manner, as a matter of such importance might justly require.

And now at last, by the mercy of God, and the continuance of our labours, it being brought unto such a conclusion, as that we have great hopes that the Church of *England* shall reap good fruit thereby; we hold it our duty to offer it to Your Majesty, not only as to our King and Sovereign, but as to the principal Mover and Author of the work: humbly craving of Your most Sacred Majesty, that since things of this quality have ever been subject to the censures of ill-meaning and discontented persons, it may receive approbation and patronage from so learned and judicious a Prince as Your Highness is, whose allowance and acceptance of our labours shall more honour and encourage us, than all the calumniations and hard interpretations of other men shall dismay us. So that if, on the one side, we shall be traduced by Popish Persons at home or abroad, who therefore will malign us, because we are poor instruments to make God's holy Truth to be yet more and more known unto the people, whom they desire still to keep in ignorance and darkness; or if, on the other side, we shall be maligned by self-conceited Brethren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing, but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their anvil; we may rest secure, supported within by the truth and innocency of a good conscience, having walked the ways of simplicity and integrity, as before the Lord; and sustained without by the powerful protection of Your Majesty's grace and favour, which will ever give countenance to honest and Christian endeavours against bitter censures and uncharitable imputations.

The Lord of heaven and earth bless Your Majesty with many and happy days, that, as his heavenly hand hath enriched Your Highness with many singular and extraordinary graces, so You may be the wonder of the world in this latter age for happiness and true felicity, to the honour of that great God, and the good of his Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour.

Old Testament

Genesis

The Account of Creation

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

³And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

⁴And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

⁵And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

⁶And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.*

⁷And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so.

⁸And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

⁹And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

¹⁰And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

¹¹And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

¹²And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

¹³And the evening and the morning were the third day.

¹⁴And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

¹⁵and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

¹⁶And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

¹⁷And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

¹⁸and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

¹⁹And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

²¹And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

²²And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

²³And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

²⁵And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

²⁹And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.*

³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life,

*Translation Notes 1:6 *firmament*: space. 1:29 *meat*: food.

I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

³¹And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was very good.* And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

²And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

³And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

The Man and Woman in Eden

⁴These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

⁵and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.

⁶But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

⁷And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

⁸And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

⁹And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

¹¹The name of the first *is* Pison: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold;

¹²and the gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone.

¹³And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

¹⁴And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

¹⁵And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good

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

¹⁸And the LORD God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.**

¹⁹And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

²⁰And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

²¹And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

²²and the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

²³And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

²⁴Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

²⁵And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

The Man and Woman Sin

3 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

²And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

³but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

⁴And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

⁵for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

⁶And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

⁷And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

⁸And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day:

and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

⁹And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

¹⁰And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

¹¹And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

¹²And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

¹³And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*

¹⁴And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

¹⁵and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

¹⁶Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

¹⁷And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

¹⁸thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

¹⁹in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Paradise Lost: God's Judgment

²⁰And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

²¹Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

²²And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

²³therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

²⁴So he drove out the man; and he placed at

the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

Cain and Abel

4 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.*

²And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

³And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

⁴And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

⁵but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.*

⁶And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

⁷If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

⁸And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

⁹And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am* I my brother's keeper?

¹⁰And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

¹¹And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand.

¹²When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

¹³And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.

¹⁴Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.

¹⁵And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

*Translation Notes 2:18 *help meet*: suitable helper. 2:24 *cleave*: be joined. 3:1 *subtil*: cunning. 3:13 *beguiled*: deceived. 3:15 *enmity*: hatred. 3:24 *Cherubims*: mighty angels. *keep*: guard. 4:1 *knew*: had sexual relations with. 4:5 *wroth*: angry.

¹⁶And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

The Descendants of Cain

¹⁷And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

¹⁸And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

¹⁹And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

²⁰And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and *of such as have* cattle.

²¹And his brother's name *was* Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.*

²²And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain *was* Naamah.*

²³And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

²⁴If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

The Birth of Seth

²⁵And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

²⁶And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

The Descendants of Adam

5 This *is* the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

²male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

³And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

⁴and the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

⁵and all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

⁶And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

⁷and Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

⁸and all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

⁹And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:

¹⁰and Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

¹¹and all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

¹²And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:

¹³and Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:

¹⁴and all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

¹⁵And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:

¹⁶and Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

¹⁷and all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

¹⁸And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:

¹⁹and Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

²⁰and all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

²¹And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

²²and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

²³and all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

²⁴and Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.

²⁵And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech:

²⁶and Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

²⁷and all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

²⁸And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:

²⁹and he called his name Noah, saying, This *same* shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

³⁰And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:

³¹and all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

³²And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

A World Gone Wrong

6 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

²that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.*

³And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

⁴There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

⁵And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

⁶And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

⁷And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

⁸But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

The Story of Noah

⁹These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

¹⁰And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

¹²And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

¹³And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

¹⁴Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

¹⁵And this *is* the *fashion* which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark *shall* be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

¹⁶A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.

¹⁷And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of

waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

¹⁸But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

²⁰Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.

²¹And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

²²Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

The Flood Covers the Earth

7 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

²Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female.

³Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

⁴For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

⁵And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

⁶And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

⁷And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

⁸Of clean beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

⁹there went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

¹⁰And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

*Translation Notes 4:21 organ: flute. 4:22 artificer: craftsman. brass: bronze. 6:2 fair: beautiful.

¹²And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

¹³In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;*

¹⁴they, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

¹⁵And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life.

¹⁶And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

¹⁸And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

¹⁹And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered.

²⁰Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

²¹And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

²²all in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died.

²³And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

²⁴And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

The Flood Recedes

8 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;*

²the fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

³and the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

⁴And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

⁵And the waters decreased continually until

the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

⁶And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

⁷and he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

⁸Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

⁹but the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

¹⁰And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

¹¹and the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.*

¹²And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

¹³And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

¹⁴And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

¹⁵And God spake unto Noah, saying,

¹⁶Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

¹⁷Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

¹⁸And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

¹⁹every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

²⁰And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

²¹And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

John

Prologue: Christ, the Eternal Word

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

²The same was in the beginning with God.*
³All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

⁴In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

⁵And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

⁸He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

⁹That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

¹¹He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

¹²But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:*

¹³which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

¹⁵John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.*

¹⁶And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.*

¹⁷For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

¹⁸No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.*

The Testimony of John the Baptist

¹⁹And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?*

²⁰And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

²¹And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.*

²²Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

²³He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.*

²⁴And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

²⁵And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

²⁶John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

²⁷he it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.*

²⁸These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.*

Jesus, the Lamb of God

²⁹The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

³⁰This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

³¹And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.*

³²And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.*

³³And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me,

***Translation Notes** 24:22 *were early at the sepulchre*: went to the tomb early. 24:25 *O fools*: how foolish you are. 24:27 *expounded unto*: explained to. 24:28 *drew nigh*: drew near. *made as though*: acted as if. 24:29 *constrained him*: held him back. *abide*: stay. *far spent*: almost over. *tarry*: stay. 24:30 *at meat*: at the table. 24:31 *knew*: recognized. 24:32 *by the way*: on the road. 24:37 *terrified and affrighted*: started and frightened. *spirit*: ghost. 24:38 *thoughts arise in your hearts*: doubts come up in your minds. 24:39 *behold*: see. *handle*: touch. 24:41 *meat*: food. 24:45 *opened he their understanding*: he opened their minds. 24:46 *behoved*: was necessary for. 24:47 *remission*: forgiveness. 24:49 *tarry ye*: stay. *be endued*: have been clothed. **John 1:2** *the same*: He. 1:5 *comprehended it not*: has not overcome it. 1:12 *the sons*: children. 1:15 *cried*: cried out. *preferred before*: greater than. 1:16 *and grace for grace*: one blessing after another. 1:18 *in the bosom*: at the side. *declared him*: made him known. 1:19 *record*: testimony. 1:21 *Elias*: Elijah. 1:23 *Esaias*: Isaiah. 1:27 *shoe's latchet*: shoelace. *unloose*: untie. 1:28 *Bethabara beyond*: Bethany on the other side of the. 1:31 *made manifest*: revealed. 1:32 *bare record*: gave testimony. *abode upon*: remained on.

Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

³⁴And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

The First Disciples

³⁵Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;*

³⁶and looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

³⁷And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, **What seek ye?** They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?*

³⁹He saith unto them, **Come and see.** They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.*

⁴⁰One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

⁴¹He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.*

⁴²And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, **Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas,** which is by interpretation, A stone.*

⁴³The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, **Follow me.***

⁴⁴Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

⁴⁶And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, **Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!***

⁴⁸Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, **Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.***

⁴⁹Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

⁵⁰Jesus answered and said unto him, **Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.**

⁵¹And he saith unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.***

The Miracle at Cana

2 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

²and both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.*

³And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.*

⁴Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.**

⁵His mother saith unto the servants, **Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.**

⁶And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.*

⁷Jesus saith unto them, **Fill the waterpots with water.** And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸And he saith unto them, **Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast.** And they bare it.*

⁹When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,*

¹⁰and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: **but** thou hast kept the good wine until now.*

¹¹This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.*

¹²After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.*

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹³And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

¹⁴and found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

¹⁵and when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;*

¹⁶and said unto them that sold doves, **Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.***

¹⁷And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.*

¹⁸Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

¹⁹Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**

²⁰Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

²¹But he spake of the temple of his body.

²²When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Jesus and Nicodemus

²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day*, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.*

²⁴But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*,*

²⁵and needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

3 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

²the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

³Jesus answered and said unto him, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

⁴Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

⁵Jesus answered, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷Marvel not that I said unto thee, *Ye must be born again.**

⁸The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

⁹Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

¹⁰Jesus answered and said unto him, *Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?**

¹¹Verily, verily, I say unto thee, *We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.*

¹²If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

¹³And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even the Son of man which is in heaven.*

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

¹⁵that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

¹⁸He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

¹⁹And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

²⁰For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.*

²¹But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

John the Baptist Exalts Jesus

²²After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.*

²³And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

²⁴For John was not yet cast into prison.

²⁵Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.*

²⁶And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all *men* come to him.

²⁷John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

²⁸Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

*Translation Notes 1:35 *stood, and*: was standing with.

1:38 *Master*: Teacher. *dwellst thou*: are you staying.

1:39 *abode*: stayed. 1:41 *Messias*: Messiah. 1:42 *Jona*:

John. 1:43 *would*: decided to. 1:47 *no guile*: nothing false.

1:48 *whence knowest thou*: how do you know. 1:51 *verily*:

truly. 2:2 *called*: invited. 2:3 *wanted*: ran out of. 2:6 *after the*

manner of: of the kind used for. *purifying*: ceremonial washing.

two or three firkins: twenty or thirty gallons. 2:8 *bear unto*:

take it to. *governor*: master. 2:9 *ruler*: master. *whence it was*:

where it came from. 2:10 *worse*: inferior. 2:11 *manifested*

forth: revealed. 2:12 *continued*: stayed. 2:15 *scourge*: whip.

2:16 *hence*: away. *house of merchandise*: market. 2:17 *eaten*

me up: consumed me. 2:23 *in the feast day*: during the feast.

2:24 *commit*: trust. 3:3 *verily*: truly. 3:7 *marvel not*: do not be

surprised. 3:8 *listeth*: wishes. *whence*: where. *whither*: where.

3:10 *master*: teacher. 3:16 *whosoever believeth*: whoever

believes. 3:20 *reproved*: exposed. 3:21 *doeth truth*: does what

is true. *made manifest*: clearly seen. *wrought in*: done through.

3:22 *tarried*: remained. 3:25 *purifying*: ceremonial washing.

²⁹He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

³⁰He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

³¹He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

³²And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

³³He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.*

³⁴For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

³⁵The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

³⁶He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

4 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

²(though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

³he left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

⁴And he must needs go through Samaria.*

⁵Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.*

⁶Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.*

⁷There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, *Give me to drink*.

⁸(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)*

⁹Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

¹⁰Jesus answered and said unto her, *If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water*.

¹¹The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

¹²Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?*

¹³Jesus answered and said unto her, *Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:*

¹⁴*but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

¹⁵The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

¹⁶Jesus saith unto her, *Go, call thy husband, and come hither*.*

¹⁷The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, *Thou hast well said, I have no husband:*

¹⁸*for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.*

¹⁹The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

²⁰Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

²¹Jesus saith unto her, *Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.*

²²*Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

²³*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

²⁴*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

²⁵The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.*

²⁶Jesus saith unto her, *I that speak unto thee am he*.

²⁷And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?*

²⁸The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

²⁹Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

³⁰Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

³¹In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.*

³²But he said unto them, *I have meat to eat that ye know not of*.*

³³Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him *ought* to eat?*

³⁴Jesus saith unto them, *My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*

³⁵*Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

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ABANDONMENT

And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil. (1 Kings 9:9)

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (Hebrews 13:5)

God will never abandon those who love and seek him.

God will not abandon those who trust him (Deuteronomy 31:6-8)

God will never abandon his people (1 Samuel 12:22)

God may abandon those who abandon him (1 Samuel 16:4)

Suffering doesn't mean that God has abandoned you (1 Peter 5:10)

ABILITIES (see also SPIRITUAL GIFTS)

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)

God has given each of us special abilities. If you use your gifts wisely, life will be better not only for you, but for everyone around you too.

We are responsible to use the gifts given to us (Matthew 25:14-30)

God is the true source of any gift; all success comes from him (2 Corinthians 3:5)

God loves us no matter what our gifts (Ephesians 3:18-20)

Using God's gifts brings him glory (1 Peter 4:10-11)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 2:11)

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. (Ephesians 3:20)

Only those things achieved in God's strength have lasting value.

Two people can accomplish more than one (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

Obedying God is one of life's greatest accomplishments (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

All our accomplishments are actually gifts from God (1 Corinthians 4:7)

ACCOUNTABILITY

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. (Matthew 12:36)

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. (Romans 14:12-13)

You will have to give an account for your every word and action, so live each day for the Lord.

God will hold us accountable for our sin (Ezekiel 18:30)

Confronting others with their sins should be done in private (Matthew 18:15)

We should hold each other accountable (Luke 17:3)

God will examine our actions (2 Corinthians 5:10)

ACCUSATIONS (see also CRITICISM)

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (Revelation 12:10)

Satan always accuses us of sin before God, but we are forgiven through the work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. Because of Jesus, Satan's accusations are meaningless.

Satan accuses God's people of doing wrong (Zechariah 3:1)

Jesus was falsely accused (Matthew 26:59-60)

Accusations must come from more than one person (1 Timothy 5:19)

ADOPTION (see SPIRITUAL ADOPTION)**ADULTERY** (see also SEXUALITY)

Thou shalt not commit adultery. (Exodus 20:14)

But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. (Proverbs 6:32)

God is very clear on adultery. It is expressly forbidden by God because it will destroy your life.

Adultery has consequences (Proverbs 6:26)

Adultery is disgusting to God (Jeremiah 7:9-10)

God considers lust to be as sinful as adultery (Matthew 5:27-28)

God will forgive an adulterer (John 8:1-11)

ADVICE (see also GUIDANCE)

Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.
(Proverbs 11:14)

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.
(Proverbs 12:15)

Wise people understand that they cannot know everything, and they demonstrate their wisdom by seeking good advice.

Leaders should consider the advice of others (Exodus 18:13-26)

Older people often give wise advice (1 Kings 12:1-11)

God's advice is best (Psalm 73:24)

Wise people seek advice (Proverbs 1:5)

ALCOHOL

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.
(Proverbs 20:1)

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. (Romans 13:13)

Alcohol used to excess can destroy a person's life. Avoid abusing it at all costs.

God hates drunkenness (Galatians 5:19-21)

Drinking too much alcohol can lead to immoral behavior (Ephesians 5:18)

Church leaders should not be controlled by alcohol (Titus 1:7)

AMBITION (see also PRIDE, SELF-ESTEEM)

And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. (James 3:14-16)

If our highest ambition is to love God and our neighbour, we will live lives of quiet integrity with the goal of bringing glory to God.

Selfish ambition destroys relationships (Mark 10:35-45)

An important ambition is to spread God's Good News (Romans 15:20)

Making a good impression shouldn't be our highest goal (Philippians 2:3)

ANGER

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil. (Ephesians 4:26-27)

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.
(James 1:19)

Don't let anger get a foothold in your life—let go of it for your own good.

Anger leads to evil actions (Psalm 37:8)

Gentle words can soothe anger (Proverbs 15:1)

Being quick-tempered is foolish (Ecclesiastes 7:9)

God considers anger to be as sinful as murder (Matthew 5:21-22)

APPEARANCE (see also BEAUTY)

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. (Proverbs 31:30)

Our inner character is far more important to God than our outward appearance.

Physical beauty fades (Proverbs 31:30)

Clothing should not be a constant concern (Matthew 6:25-34)

Believers should not judge others by their appearance (James 2:2-4)
 Inner beauty is more important than physical beauty (1 Peter 3:1-6)

ARGUMENTS (see also CONFLICT)

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. (Proverbs 15:1)
It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.
 (Proverbs 20:3)

Arguments destroy relationships between family members, friends, and fellow believers. Do what you can to avoid them, and seek peace.

Loving to argue is a sin (Proverbs 17:19)
 We should avoid arguments (Philippians 2:14)
 Arguments between Christians are useless (Titus 3:9)

ARMOUR (see SPIRITUAL ARMOUR)

ASSURANCE

I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul. (Jeremiah 32:40-41)

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 (Romans 8:38-39)

For those who trust God, the Bible is packed with promises of his everlasting love. In times of doubt, we can cling to these promises.

God always holds on to his children (Psalm 37:23-24)
 No one can take us away from God (John 10:27-29)
 Salvation cannot be canceled (Romans 11:29)
 God will guard those entrusted to him (2 Timothy 1:12)

ATTITUDE

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

God's loving care allows us to live with a positive attitude no matter what circumstances we face.

Bad attitudes lead to poor decisions (Numbers 14:1-4)
 God gives Christians a new attitude (Philippians 1:20-25)
 Jesus demonstrated the right attitude (Philippians 2:5-6)
 Believers should replace anxiety with thankfulness and prayer (Philippians 4:6-7)

BEAUTY (see also APPEARANCE)

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Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. (1 Peter 3:3-4)

Beauty begins inside a person. We should spend more of our time cultivating our character than worrying about our outward appearance.

Physical beauty fades (Proverbs 31:30)
 Beauty comes in many different forms (1 Corinthians 15:41)
 Inner beauty should be our priority (1 Timothy 2:9-10)
 Believers should not judge people by their outward appearance (James 2:2-4)

BELIEF (see also FAITH, TRUST)

And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. (Genesis 15:6)
If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Romans 10:9)

Right belief about God and his love for us, and about our desperate need for him, is essential to having a true relationship with God.

Belief in God should be accompanied by action (Deuteronomy 27:10)
 Belief affects the way we live (Mark 1:15)
 Believing is more than acknowledging truth (James 2:21-24)